

A Budding Rose ...
Debutante Program Application

12th Annual Debutante Program & Cotillion



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Debutante Program Overview

Each year, The Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated sponsors its annual Debutante Program and Cotillion. The Debutante Program and Cotillion represent two of the chapter's signature and most pristine events. The overarching goal of the program is to enrich selected young ladies' knowledge and appreciation of leadership, scholarship, volunteerism, as well as to expand their cultural and social horizons. *Our mission* is to instruct and successfully mentor high school young ladies in preparation for college, career, and various aspects of adult life. *Our vision* is to formally present balanced, well rounded young ladies into society who are polished, poised and prepared to reach their goals. We assist young ladies through various workshops which provide them with the tools needed to become articulate speakers, to know their identity, to understand the importance of gracious attire and attitude, to understand their purpose, and to know what is necessary to reach their goals.

For additional information, please contact one of the following:

Ms. Debra Brooks (Debutante Program Recruitment Sub-Committee Chairperson)

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Mrs. M. Evette Peters (Chairperson, Debutante Program and Cotillion)

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Debutante Program Application Requirements

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicants must be young ladies in the Class of 2011 or 2012
- ✓ Applicants must have a GPA of 2.85 or better

1. Application requirements:

- ✓ A complete and signed application
- ✓ One letter of recommendation from a school official (administrator, teacher, or counselor)
- ✓ One letter of recommendation from a person not associated with your school and not a family member; **preferred sources are from your church, a community organization, a previous teacher, or a counselor.**
- ✓ A copy of an official transcript indicating mandatory 2.85 GPA or better

*****APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK*****

2. **Application must be postmarked no later than March 4th, 2010.**

**Mail to: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter
 Attn: Debutante Program
 P.O. Box 1184
 Stone Mountain, GA 30086-1184**

***** MAIL ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION IN THE SAME ENVELOPE*****

*****INCOMPLETE AND/OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED*****

*****HAND DELIVERED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS*****

3. Every applicant with a COMPLETED application will be granted an interview. Applicants will be contacted by no later than March 22, 2010 to schedule an interview
4. Young ladies selected as Debutantes (Class of 2011) and Ladies-in-Waiting (Class of 2012) will be notified by April 25, 2010.

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Type or print in black ink.

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Your **professional** email address (e.g., your_name@gmail.com): _____

Your telephone number(s): _____ (h) _____ (c)

Address: _____
(street)

(city, state, zip)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

___ Mom's/ ___ Dad's phone numbers: _____ (w) _____ (c)

___ Mom's/ ___ Dad's email address: _____

Academic Information:

Your present high school: _____ Grade: _____

Please indicate if your high school is public or private (check one)

Your current numerical average (if applicable): _____ GPA: ____/____ (e.g. 2.85/4.0)

Student Involvement:

<u>School-Related Activities</u>	<u>Grade Level (s)</u>	<u>Accomplishments, offices held, honors received</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<u>Honors/Awards/Achievements</u>	<u>Grade Level (s)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Special Talents and Hobbies

<u>Church and Community-Related Services & Activities</u>	<u>Grade Level (s)</u>	<u>Accomplishments, offices held, honors received</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work Experience and Brief Description of Responsibilities:

1. Name of company: _____

Title: _____

From _____ to _____

Brief Description of work related duties:

2. Name of company: _____

Title: _____

From _____ to _____

Brief Description of work related duties:

Essay Question (Must be typed and attached to application):

Essay should be 200 words in length

Please discuss how your participation in the Debutante or Ladies In Waiting Program will enhance your growth, and development as a productive citizen in today's society. (i.e. political, economic, emotional, cultural and education).

Statement: I affirm that all statements made in this application are true.

Signed: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

(Applicant Signature)

Parent/Guardian Statement: If selected, I give permission for my daughter, _____, to participate in the Debutante Program. I understand that it will be my financial responsibility to provide the fees necessary to cover the cost of participation for my daughter.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **(Please Print)**

Signed: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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School Official Recommendation Form

The applicant below has applied to participate in the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Debutante Program. The selection committee is seeking a frank appraisal of the applicant’s qualifications. The student’s demonstrated academic ability, scholarship, leadership, character, and other pertinent facts are welcome evidence.

Specifically, you are asked to:

- (1) indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity
- (2) assess the applicant’s character
- (3) highlight the applicant’s involvement in school related activities, indicating leadership positions where applicable
- (4) provide examples of applicant’s demonstration of strong academic ability/potential
- (5) provide any other pertinent information that will help the selection committee in making its final decision

This appraisal is confidential and will not be seen by the applicant. Please attach your typed recommendation to this form.

(Name)

(Title)

(Signature)

____/____/____
(Date)

PLEASE RETURN TO THE STUDENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE

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I, _____, request that you complete this recommendation form, a requirement for my application for the Debutante Program. I understand that by signing this form I waive my right to access this information. However, I am not required to sign this waiver in order to be considered for the Debutante Program.

(Applicant Signature)

____/____/____
(date)

Applicant’s Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Personal Recommendation Form

The applicant below has applied to participate in the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Debutante Program. The selection committee is seeking a frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The applicant's demonstrated academic ability, community service, scholarship, leadership, character, and other pertinent facts are welcome evidence.

Specifically, you are asked to:

- (1) indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity,
- (2) assess the applicant's character,
- (3) highlight the applicant's involvement in community organizations such as church, school, etc., indicating leadership positions where applicable
- (4) provide any other pertinent information that will help the selection committee in making its final decision

This appraisal is confidential and will not be seen by the applicant. Please attach your type recommendation to this form.

(Name)

(Title)

(Signature)

____/____/____
(Date)

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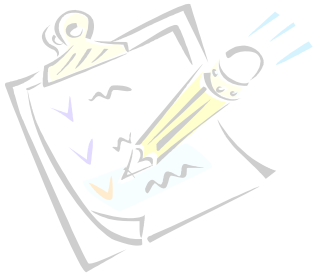
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(Applicant Signature)

____/____/____
(Date)

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter Application Checklist

Ensure the application is complete by verifying each item on the list below. Submit all elements of the application in the same envelope.

- Ladies-in-Waiting applicants: You must be a junior by Fall, 2010.**
- Debutante applicants: You must be a senior by Fall, 2010.**
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.85 on a 4.0 scale.**
- Have you attached an official copy of your high school transcript?**
- Have you enclosed one sealed letter of recommendation from a school official?**
- Have you enclosed one sealed letter of recommendation from a non-school official?**

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 4, 2010.

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Debutante Program Frequently Asked Questions

- ***What is the participation fee for the Ladies in Waiting Program?***

The overall cost for Ladies-in-Waiting is \$950. This cost includes a participation fee of \$750, and a required minimum of \$200 in ad sales.

- ***What is the participation fee for the Debutante Program?***

The overall cost for Debutantes is \$2280. This cost includes participation fee of \$1000, \$180 escort fee, and a required minimum of \$1000 in ad sales.

- ***When is my deposit expected to be paid?***

Debutantes and Ladies-in-Waiting are expected to submit a \$200 non-refundable deposit at the Welcome Reception scheduled for May 2010.

- ***What are the acceptable forms of payment for my participation fee and ad sales?***

Credit cards, cashiers checks, and money orders made out to SM-LAC are the ONLY acceptable forms of payment for fees and ad sales. Personal checks are not accepted.

- ***Where are the workshops and events held?***

The majority of activities and workshops sponsored by the SM-LAC Debutante Committee will take place in Dekalb County in the Stone Mountain-Lithonia area. However, there are a few activities that could potentially be in other counties in the metro area. Transportation to and from these events is the sole responsibility of the parent/sponsor.

- ***What are my obligations as a parent?***

Primarily, we need parents to ensure that their child attends all of the scheduled activities and that she is committed to all of the expectations defined in the program. Parents should assist their daughter with ad solicitation. They should also be in attendance at the two scheduled parent meetings (one scheduled in the fall and one schedule in the spring).