

2019-2020 **S\*W\*AG\*G\***

*Teen Leaders & Debutante Program*



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## Informational Packet

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# S\*W\*A\*G\*G\*

*S*ophisticated, *W*ise, *A*ccomplished, *G*raceful, *G*irlz

Ages: 13-19 years' old

~ 14-16 week course ~

The Teen Leadership program is designed to empower girls with self-esteem, elegance and promise. Our goal is to make an impact on our members, while helping them understand the importance of their future.

S.W.A.G.G. is devoted to helping our members become young woman of substance. Each session highlights ways to master social skills, improve educational skills, understand how to maintain and identify positive, nurturing relationships, build self-esteem, and develop life skills.

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Through S.W.A.G.G. young ladies will gain self-confidence, make better grades, improve their attitudes at home, school and within their community.

Above all, each young lady learns she is destined for greatness!!!

*Esther 4:14*



Greetings Teen Leader & Debutante Candidates and Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 S.W.A.G.G. Teen Leaders & Debutante Program, where we are raising a generation of ladies & leaders!

Participating in the S.W.A.G.G. program exposes girls to crucial leadership skills necessary in today's very competitive world. Our members will learn social graces needed in a diverse scope of social environments as well as basic skills related to educational development, relationships, self-worth and community service.

The following weeks will challenge our girls to become leaders and community change agent. Our members will be supported by LadyPamela and Mentors who will work closely with our girls during the duration of the program.

3 This package will answer questions regarding the program which includes our commitment and your daughter's responsibilities. Please take some time to read this informational packet thoroughly to prepare to register for the Teen Leaders & Debutante Program.

Once again welcome to the "Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette & Leadership" family and a time of great discovery.

Living, Leading & Loving with S.W.A.G.G.



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**Program Title:** Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy

**Division Title:** S.W.A.G.G.- Sophisticated, Wise, Accomplished, Graceful, Girlz

**Program Division:** Teen Leaders & Mentors

**Course Description:** The S.W.A.G.G. Teen Leaders program is designed to build leadership skills, character, confidence and self-worth in girls.

**Mission Statement:**

To equip girls with the tools needed to walk in leadership with poise, elegance and grace through professional, personal, educational and social development. We strive to inspire our ladies, assisting them to dream big and realize their goals can become reality. Through our unique training programs, we are transforming girls into ladies and leaders.

**Statement of Objective**

- ✿ Empower young girls with a strong foundation
- ✿ Assist young girls in developing a positive self-image
- ✿ Learn social graces related to charm and etiquette
- ✿ Improve self-esteem and self-worth
- ✿ Recognize healthy and unhealthy relationships
- ✿ Be encouraged to maintain good health
- ✿ Recognize the part they play in their school, family community and politics
- ✿ Develop leadership skills

Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette & Leadership Academy is bringing ELEGANCE, GRACE, and STYLE back en Vogue by meeting a growing demand for etiquette, social skills, leadership training and mentorship programming.

We are more than your average etiquette course: We are S.W.A.G.G.

### **Course Highlights:**

Self-Esteem	Etiquette (dining, social, school, business)	Conflict Resolutions
Poise & Grace	Job Preparedness	Bullying
Leadership Skills	Image Development	Cultural Outings
Financial Management	Penmanship	Time Management
Personal Growth	Public Speaking	Preparing for Higher Education
Improving Study Habits	Positive Relationships	Time Management

### **VISION STATEMENT**

*Transforming Girlz into Ladies & Leaders!*  
*Talitha Cumi we are S.W.A.G.G.*



*Program Information*

**I. Tuition Fee:**

Registration fee: \$150.00

Session fee: \$10 per session

**Additional Program Requirements:**

Academy Shirt: \$25.00 (estimate)

**The Program Fee includes:**

16-Week Training Program

Student Program Manual

Course supplies

Academy Tote Bag

Academy Patch

Session Refreshments

Leadership Luncheon

Select Trips

Certificates(s)

Graduation/Debutante Ceremony

**II. Sessions:**

Sessions: TBC Bi-weekly

Additional special sessions and rehearsals will be scheduled as required

Student manuals and a pen must be brought to each session

Guest speakers will join us on various days.

Exciting cultural outings, community service and special events

**Meeting Attire:**

Academy Top

Black Pants or Skirt (no jeans or leggings!!!)

Black shoes (No Sneakers, No Flipflops, No slippers)

**III. Fund Raisers:**

All members must participate in all our scheduled fund-raising events:

Annual Tea Celebration

Donation Scratch Off

Debutante Tickets

Journal Sales

**IV. Teen Leader/Debutante Graduation Events**

Upon the completion of the S.W.A.G.G. course Teen Leaders will celebrate the graduation in a number of ways

\*Surprise Leadership Outing

\*2019 S.W.A.G.G. Debutante Cotillion (free to members)

\*Participate in the Leadership Luncheon & Award Ceremony (free to members)

**V. Teen Leader/Debutante Attire:** Full Debutante information will follow

Two outfits –

Leadership Luncheon: white dress blouse, black skirt/black slacks, academy tie and black shoes

Cotillion: Debutantes – White gown, white shoes or sandals, pink gloves



## *Meetings*

### **Attendance:**

Teen Leaders/Debutantes are expected to attend all sessions and arrive on time. If your girl is going to be late or absent, please contact LadyPamela immediately. All missed assignments must be completed upon members return.

Depending on how engaged the girls are some sessions may run a little beyond end time, parents please be patient.

### **Assignments:**

The success of our members depends a great deal on their full participation in the program. All assignments must be completed and handed in on time.

### **Meeting Behavior:**

During meetings members must treat everyone with respect.

Negative attitudes should not be displayed

Teasing and Bullying will not be accepted

Everyone must maintain a friendly, respectable attitude within and beyond our meetings.

Foul language and speaking to one another harshly will not be tolerated. Parents will be notified immediately if belligerent and disrespectful behavior is displayed.

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### **Community Service:**

All Teen Leaders/Debutantes are expected to participate in all community service activities.

## *Program Criteria*

**Age:** 13 - 19 years of age

**Grades:** We encourage our members to work hard in school. All Teen Leaders & Pre-Debs should strive to pass all their school classes. If our member is failing, we will work closely to help her achieve passing grades.

**Community Service:** Our members are not required to have previous community service experience, however, those who have some background in community service is helpful. Each Teen Leader must complete at least 10 hours of community service before the Debutante Cotillion.

**Essay:** Teen Leaders must submit a one-page essay titled "I would like to be a part of the Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership S.W.A.G.G. program because...."

**Three References:** Recommendation letter speaking of the applicants character and potential for your acceptance into the 2019 Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Teen Leader program.



## *Enrichment Activities*

In addition to meeting the academy criteria, to participate in the Debutante ceremony the following three Developmental criteria must be completed

### **Developmental Criteria 1: Outreach Enrichment**

Maturing emotionally is a focus of the Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership program. Teen Leaders must collectively take part in an event where they impact the lives of other young ladies, example fashion show, talent night, career day, etc. Each member must bring a guest to one of our special meetings/ event and attend a girl's activity will meet the Outreach enrichment criteria. Activities that lead young ladies to look beyond their self is the goal of this activity.

### **Development Criteria 2: Personal Enrichment**

Teen Leaders will put to practice their social graces during an evening of elegance. The girls will host the Academy's annual tea party, where our members will utilize the social graces learned during the program.

### **Development Criteria 3: Social Enrichment**

Teen Leaders will participate in local community service events in which they have selected and designed. Impacting the community in which we live and serve is a priority of the Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership S.W.A.G.G. program.

Helping others is a covenant step of obedience as we vow as Leaders to reach out and touch the communities in which we live. Community service fosters compassion, creativity and faith in the lives of participants and staff.



*2020 Teen Leader Application*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

What do you do in your free time \_\_\_\_\_

Describe one of your best days \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your role model? Why \_\_\_\_\_

What are your 2 top concerns in your life right now? \_\_\_\_\_

If you could do one thing to improve the life of a young girl what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

Use the back of this page to describe why you want to participate in the S.W.A.G.G. Teen Leadership Program.

**Parent or Legal Guardian Information:**

Parent/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## **PARTICIPANT RELEASE AND INDEMINITY AGREEMENT**

We (or I) requests that you accept the participation of my child (please legibly print child(ren) name) \_\_\_\_\_ for activities associated with the Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy Teen Program. In consideration of acceptance, we (or I) hereby release Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy agents and all persons associated with Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy from all claims or causes of actions arising from damage or injury to the person or property of my child resulting from participation in field trips and classes, whether such damage or injury is the result of negligence or some other cause. We (or I) hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless proceedings of every kind and character which may be presented or initiated by any other persons or organizations and which arise directly or indirectly from my child's participation in Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy activities, including, but not limited to field trips, dance instruction, exercise sessions. If medical attention is required for injury or illness while participating in field trips or classes, we (or I) give our (or my) permission for such medical care. In the event of illness or injury requiring treatment, hospitalization and/or surgery, we (or I), the child's family or their medical insurance is responsible for the cost. We (or I) will accept all expenses for such treatment.

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We (or I) give permission for Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy representatives to use photographs of my child for publicity, advertising or other commercial purposes. We (or I) have read and understand the Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy Indemnity policy and release agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Parent or Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Teen Leader & Debutante Program  
Reference**

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the following space to describe why you feel the candidate should participate in the Teen Leader & Debutante Cotillion.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

