

# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.



*Upsilon Epsilon Omega (UEO) Chapter*  
*and*  
*Ladies of Vision Charities (LCV), Inc.*  
*The Charitable Arm of Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter*  
**Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion**  
**Application Packet**

Dear Prospective Debutante and Parents, Guardians or Sponsors,

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Upsilon Epsilon Omega Graduate Chapter and the Ladies of Vision Charities, Incorporated is currently accepting applications for its **2018-2019 Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion Program**. The Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion Program is an excellent opportunity for young ladies in the Baltimore County and surrounding areas to experience a wide array of cultural, academic and social activities, while at the same time obtaining scholarship funds to support their future endeavors. The Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion Program is seeking high school juniors and seniors, who demonstrate exemplary academic achievement, possess exceptional character and have outstanding involvement in extracurricular activities and community service.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University is the first Greek-lettered organization established by African American college women. Alpha Kappa Alpha has a membership of over 200,000 members and has more than 950 chapters located throughout the United States, West Africa, the United Kingdom, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Korea, Germany and Dubai.

Over the past 24 years, with support from the community, the Upsilon Epsilon Omega Graduate Chapter has awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships and has been involved in numerous community service projects within the Baltimore County community and surrounding areas.

*Please* read all the attached materials carefully and be mindful of all rules and regulations as outlined in this packet of information. Please ensure that all forms are **completed in their entirety**. Also, please be sure to include the \$50 application fee (cashier's check or money order ONLY) with the application. All materials must be returned together and postmarked **no later than October 28, 2018** to the address below. Applications that are not postmarked by October 28, 2018 and/or incomplete **will not be** reviewed. NO exceptions.

Ladies of Vision Charities, Incorporated  
Attn: Precious Pearls Debutante  
Cotillion Program  
P.O. Box 47085  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244

We look forward to an expeditious return of all forms. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Robyn Lyles via email at [Cotillion@AKAUpsilonepsilonomega.org](mailto:Cotillion@AKAUpsilonepsilonomega.org).

*Ronisa Chambers*  
President  
Upsilon Epsilon Omega

*Robyn Lyles*  
Cotillion Chairman

*Leslie Lyles Smith*  
President  
Ladies of Vision Charities, Inc.

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## General Information

Please **KEEP** the following three (3) pages for your records.

### Kick-Off Welcome Orientation & Workshop:

There will be a Debutante Kick-off Welcome Orientation and Fundraising & Community Service Workshop for all accepted young ladies and their parents. It will be held **November 17, 2018, from 10am-1pm, LOCATION TBD**. Debutantes are asked to wear **business attire**. This meeting will offer the young ladies and their parents' detailed information about the program which will begin in December 2018.

### Things to consider:

The applicant must attend the **Precious Pearls Cotillion Ball on Sunday, May 19, 2019** (*Alternative Date: May 26, 2018*). If this date does not work for you, please consider applying next year.

Being a debutante in the 2018-2019 Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion Program requires hard work and will reap great rewards- including scholarship money to all participants. Therefore, there are some significant expectations for each young lady.

### Expectations of all Debutantes:

- Pay a \$500 non-refundable program fee to be paid in monthly installments by March 2, 2019
- Raise a minimum of \$500
- Sell at least 10 Ball tickets (one table at a cost of \$70 per ticket) to friends, family and other supporters
- Attend all scheduled program events
- Have an adult escort for the presentation (typically a father or father figure) and an escort for the waltz (we recommend a close friend or family member)
- Attend all dance rehearsals
- Learn and perform, with a partner, simple to moderate dance routines
- Respectfully participate in all dance sessions approximately twice a month for two (2) hours
- Follow the direction of the Cotillion staff/instructor/volunteer
- Stay with the group while on site and on outings

### Financial Requirements:

- Program Fee= \$500 which includes all activities workshops, pictures, dance rehearsals, mother/daughter tea and Cotillion T-shirt
- Table Sales= Each Debutante will be required to sell 10 tickets (one table) to the Ball at \$70/ticket
- Patron Ads= Each debutante will be required to raise a minimum of \$500

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## **Application Checklist:**

All applications must be completed in their entirety to be reviewed and considered. Applications must be typed or printed legibly in blue or black ink. Before submitting your application, be sure that the following items in the checklist below have been enclosed.

- \$50.00 Program Fee Deposit (*The deposit must in the form of a cashier's check or money order made out to Ladies of Vision Charities, Inc.*)
- One (1) Original COMPLETED application package
- One (1) Official (sealed) Transcript
- One (1) Required typed Essay
- One (1) Sealed Recommendation Form
- Proof of Community Service hours

*The Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion Program Committee reserves the right to eliminate any incomplete, unsigned, late or illegible applications.*

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## Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed below in order to participate as a part of the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program.

All applicants must (be):

- Currently enrolled as a junior or senior in high school
- 15-17 years of age on or before August 1, 2018
- Be of good character and reputation
- Hold a minimum academic average of 2.7 cumulative GPA
- Plan to attend a post-secondary school within one year of high school graduation
- Demonstrate completion of at least thirty (30) hours of community service
- Complete the Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion Program Application
- Provide an official transcript
- Provide a 300-400 word essay
- Provide one (1) letter of recommendation form from a non-family member
- Sign, along with Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), the Participant Contract
- Sign, along with Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), the Participant Certification Form
- Sign, along with Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), the Media Release Form
- Attend the Kick Off Welcome Orientation & Fundraising & Community Service Workshop
- Pay a non-refundable participant fee of \$500.00 (in installments, if needed)

**Please submit ALL of the application components in the same envelope. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. To be considered, applications must be postmarked on or before October 28, 2018.**

**Mail to:**

Ladies of Vision Charities, Incorporated  
Attn: Precious Pearls Cotillion Program  
P.O. Box 47085  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244

**If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Robyn Lyles via email at: [Cotillion@AKAupsilonepsilonomega.org](mailto:Cotillion@AKAupsilonepsilonomega.org).**

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**Applicant Information\***

*Please type or print legibly.*

**Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**First**

**Middle**

**Last**

**Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:**

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**Home Phone:**

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**Cell Phone:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:**

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**Check your T-shirt size:**

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

XX-Large

**How did you hear about the Cotillion?**

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**Favorite Quote or Personal Motto:**

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\*Please note that many of the items from the Application Information section will be used within the Cotillion Journal and/or as a part of the debutante's introduction on the Day of the Cotillion Ball.

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**Parent/Guardian Information**

*Please type or print legibly.*

**Mother/ Guardian Name:**

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**First**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Middle**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Last**

**If Guardian, indicate relationship to applicant.**

**Home Address:**

(if different from above)

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

**Father/ Guardian Name:**

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**First**

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**Middle**

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**Last**

**If Guardian, indicate relationship to applicant.**

**Home Address:**

(if different from above)

**City:**

**Sate:**

**Zip Code:**

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

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**Academic/Community Information**

*Please type or print legibly.*

**Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (3.7/4.0) or \_\_\_\_% (90%)

**High School Honors, Awards and Achievements (Include past and present):**

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**High School Extracurricular Activities (Include past and present, as well as offices held):**

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**Hobbies, Special Interests and Talents:**

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**High School Community Service (Include timeframes):**

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**Employment History**

You may include activities such as babysitting or tutoring if you received payment.  
*Please type or print legibly.*

**Name of Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position Held:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of Duties:**  
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**Name of Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position Held:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of Duties:**  
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## **Essay Information**

Application must include a 300-400 word essay on the question below. Your essay should not exceed two pages and should be **typed, double-spaced, 12 font (Arial Font), with 1" margins**. Please complete your essay on the form below or attach to your application a separate sheet of paper including your name, email address and your essay response to the following question.

**How can the Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion be an important part of my personal development?**

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## Participation Contract

### Applicant

By signing this form below, I affirm that all contents of the 2018-2019 Precious Pearls Debutante Cotillion Program application are accurate and complete (as submitted) to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements and misrepresentations will result in immediate dismissal from the program and that any fees paid up to that point are non-refundable. I authorize representatives of the 2018-2019 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program committee to verify statements made in the attached application packet.

I agree that, as a debutante, I will:

- Pay a \$50 non-refundable Program Deposit fee at the time of application (postmarked by October 28, 2018);
- Pay a total \$500 non-refundable Program fee by the established deadline (March 2, 2019);
- Raise a minimum of \$500 and \$700 in ticket sales; and
- Participate to my fullest in all events and programs relating to the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program and represent myself, my family and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter with the utmost of courtesy and respect.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian

By signing this form below, I affirm that all contents of the 2018-2019 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program application are accurate and complete (as submitted) to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements and misrepresentations will result in my daughter's immediate dismissal from the program and that the Program Fee is non-refundable. I authorize representatives of the 2018-2019 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program committee to verify statements made in the attached application packet.

I agree that, as a parent of a debutante, I will:

- Pay a \$50 non-refundable Program Deposit fee at the time of application (postmarked by October 28, 2018);
- Pay a total \$500 non-refundable Program fee by the established deadline (March 2, 2019);
- Help my daughter raise a minimum of \$500 and \$700 in ticket sales; and
- Participate to my fullest in all events and programs relating to the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program and represent myself, my family and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter with the utmost of courtesy and respect.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Recommendation Form

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to participate in the 2018-2019 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter. Please complete the following form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope (signed on the closure) so that she may submit it to us for consideration before the deadline of **October 28, 2018**.

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your experience with the applicant, please check the box below that best represents the applicant's ability or character.

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Opportunity to Observe
Leadership ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to be personable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall Impression of Applicant:

- Enthusiastically Recommended                       Recommended  
 Recommend with some reservations                       Do not recommend

**Please provide any additional relevant information about the applicant below:**

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Recommendation given by (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Media Release Form

I hereby grant Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter permission to use my or my child/children's likeness in a photograph/video in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo/video for purposes of publicizing Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein I or my child/children's likeness appears.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and do hereby give my consent with- out reservation to the foregoing on behalf of myself and this person.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name)

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## Participation Certification Form

It is the expectation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter that participants in the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program adhere to the tenets of high ethical standards, moral behavior and those attributes that are uplifting in mind, body and spirit. She shall refrain from inappropriate use of the social networks, i.e., Facebook, Instagram, Vine, Snapchat, YouTube, Tumbler, etc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter retains the right to exercise exclusive control, regarding the participation of any applicant in the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program by: declining an applicant's participation; withdrawing the privilege of participation; and by further declining any participant's participation in the Debutante Cotillion.

Each participant is requested to certify and affirm the truthfulness of each of the following statements by initialing each block and signing at the bottom of this certification.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am neither married, nor have I ever been married, nor will I become married prior to the date of the Precious Pearls Cotillion 2018-2019.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not pregnant, neither have I ever given birth to a child, nor will I become pregnant prior to the date of the Precious Pearls Cotillion 2018-2019.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not currently the subject of an arrest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have neither been charged, nor convicted of a criminal violation, nor have I ever been the subject of any prior criminal violation, or any other violation of a rule or policy that reflects poor moral character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol while participating in the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am neither the subject of a pending suspension or expulsion, nor have I ever been suspended or expelled from any school for any reason.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In the event of a change of circumstance after the date of this certification regarding any matter contained herein, I will immediately and forthrightly notify the Cotillion Chairman of the details of any such matter, with the full understanding that the Upsilon Epsilon Omega retains the exclusive rights, at any time, to decline my participation for failure to adhere to all participation criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

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(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name)

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(Date)

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(Date)