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A Debutante Ball is formal presentation of young ladies, debutante's polite society. Debutantes are usually recommended by a distinguished committee or sponsored by an established member of society. Wearing white gowns and long satin gloves, the Debutantes are introduced individually to the audience, perform a curtsy, and promenade the center floor with original showmanship.

Youth involved in debuts serve as a mark of their popularity. The Debutante Year is the year of philanthropic, cultural, and social training welcoming the debutante into a world of civic responsibility and social awareness.

### **Criteria for Debutantes**

Candidates must fit the criteria below:

- 1. Female between the ages of 16-18
- 2. Achieve a high academic standing
- 3. Must be active in sports, the arts, equestrian, and employment
- 4. Demonstrate outstanding leadership, dependability, and service, school and/or community.
- 5. Possess outstanding character as demonstrated by references.

## Completed application must be submitted with the following:

• Two letters of reference from a teacher, organization, reputable business or religious affiliation in which you are currently involved. Business leaders, past Debutantes, dignitary or political leader letters must be prepared on the organization's official letterhead.

- A one-page, typed letter from parent or guardian stating the reason why their daughter should participate in the Miss Debutante Program.
- A one-page, typed letter from the debutante nominee explaining why she believes becoming a debutante is important, and how she will use it to her advantage.
- A typed document that describes your interest, hobbies, and aspirations.
- A current 3x5 headshot photograph.
- A non-refundable application-processing fee of \$50.00.

Prior to the final selection and announcement of the debutantes, each candidate will be notified personally with a formal invitation and floral bouquet. Inside you will find a scheduled interview date with a designated member of the Miss Debutante Program Committee.

Please note: All applications must be complete before interview will be scheduled. Incomplete packets will not be accepted.

# **Program Implementation**

- Debutantes are expected to be prompt and attend all sessions planned for their development. Excused absence must be approved in advance.
- Each Debutante should be properly groomed including appropriate hair, makeup, and general appearance.
- Monthly sessions will be held twice per month.
- Location will be determined by hosting organization or auxiliary.
- Planned social functions will require a signed permission slip that will be provided.

#### **Sessions Planned**

• Itineraries will be distributed during Debutante orientation.

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