

Welcome

On behalf of the ladies of the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, it is our distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to what is expected to be a rewarding and challenging journey.

A Debutante is a young lady who has been prepared, through loving guidance and training, to enter into adult society. As a Debutante candidate, you possess the qualities that have been upheld and promoted throughout the Delta Sisterhood.

Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service is the essence of every Delta woman; thus the essence of every Delta Debutante. Our hope is that through this journey you will discover true sisterhood, establish long lasting bonds and develop into women of distinction.

We are excited about taking this journey with you and honored that you have chosen to be part of our program.

Enjoy the journey,

The Crimson Jewel Committee

General Information

Cotillion Fee

The Cotillion Fee is \$1200.00. This fee includes:

- Souvenir program picture page
- Full family page opposite Debutante picture page
- Mother-Daughter Tea (Debutante ticket)
- Debutante- Escort Event
- Debutante and Escort ball ticket
- Cultural Event (Debutante only)
- Father-Daughter Event (Debutante only)
- Debutante Sleepover
- Debutante Flowers
- Debutante Tiara
- Professional Make-up (Photos and ball)
- Professional dance lessons
- Professional etiquette lessons
- All educational sessions

Application Deadline – Must be postmarked by

May 29, 2009

\$100.00 **non-refundable** fee due with application

\$1200.00 Program fee due in three (3) payments

\$400 due at time of acceptance into program

\$400 due at 1st session (August 16, 2009)

\$400 due at 5th session (October 10, 2009)

All funds must be in the form of a money order or cashiers check made payable to: Delta Associates Foundation

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Education Award Competition

All Debutantes are eligible to participate in the Education Awards competition. Awards will be based on the following criteria:

- Ad and tickets sales
- Overall participation
- GPA
- Outstanding achievement

Attendance/Participation

Attendance and participation in all aspects of the program is a requirement. Please adjust your schedule so that nothing will prevent you from attending the sessions and other events. **Failure to participate in at least 90% of the program may result in your exclusion from the program.**

Community Service

Each Debutante is required to complete 32 hours of individual community service through an approved organization. In addition, the Debutantes will perform one (1) group community service project.

Each Debutante must submit their proposed individual community service as well as a contact person name and phone number to the Community Service committee for approval.

Debutantes will propose a group community service project and present for approval.

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Escort Requirement

Selecting an escort is a very important part of your Cotillion experience. Ideally you will select someone you can depend on being available and committed to his part of the program; in addition, you want to select someone with whom you can be comfortable with and someone who will enhance your experience.

All Escorts are required to complete the Escort application and submit a one (1) page essay. In addition, all Escorts are required to attend all scheduled sessions, dance lessons and rehearsals.

Escorts' conduct deemed inappropriate/unacceptable by the Crimson Jewel Ambassadors or Committee will result in immediate removal from the program.

Attire

Debutantes are expected to adhere to the attire guidelines. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please address them with the Attire committee.

Debutantes will be present with four (4) gown options from which to choose from. **Gown selection must be made no later than November 23, 2009.** The Crimson Jewel attire will meet the following criteria:

- All White
- A-line or ball type
- 1 ½ inches from the floor with ball shoes
- Full skirt with full slip; no form fitting, “mermaid” type gowns
- Sleeveless, short or cap sleeved bodice, or strapless.
- 2 ½ inch or lower heeled white strapped or closed toed dress shoes
- White or flesh toned panty hose

All Debutantes will be required to wear an “up-do” hairstyle. Make up will be done by professional make-up artist.

Mothers Attire

Mothers should be dressed in formal evening wear.

Attire for Escorts and Fathers

Fathers and escorts will wear “white tie” formal attire consisting of the following and provided by Tuxedos Plus (Vendor information will be provided)

- Black tuxedo coat with tails
- Black formal trousers
- White pique vest and shirt
- White bow tie
- White gloves
- Black dress shoes

Ball Invitations and Tickets

Invitations will be provided to each debutante for their distribution. Ball tickets will be approximately \$70.00 each.

Each debutante will be required to sell a minimum of two (2) tables – twenty (20) tickets.

Tickets sold are tax deductible to the purchaser.

Souvenir Journal

The souvenir journal is a pictorial history of the Crimson Jewel experience. The ads are the expressions of love, congratulations, pride and friendship for a lifetime of memories from family, friends, businesses and professional associates. Proceeds from the ad sales support the program.

Ad Pages

Debutantes are encouraged to obtain as many ads as possible. **Each Debutante is required to secure a minimum of \$2,000 in ad sales.**

All ad forms must be accompanied by payment in full. Checks and money orders are preferred, however cash will be accepted. Receipts will be issued immediately. **Checks and money orders are to be made payable to Delta Associates Foundation with the Debutante's name indicated clearly on the payment.** All ad sales are tax deductible to the advertiser.

Debutante Portrait

A professional portrait of each debutante is required for the souvenir journal. A photographer will be provided for this purpose. You will be informed in advance of the photo shoot. Proofs will be provided and you will be involved in the selection of the photo to be placed in the souvenir journal. You will have the option of purchasing additional photos at your cost.

Debutante Commitment To Excellence Contract

I _____ as a participant in the 2009-2010
Crimson Jewel Cotillion program (The program) fully commit in the following ways:

- I will actively participate in every aspect of the program;
- I will conduct myself in a positive manner at all times;
- I will meet all financial requirements and other obligations throughout the program;
- I will respect other members of the program, as well as program facilitators;
- I understand that failure to participate in at 90% of the program may result in my removal from the program;
- I understand that I cannot be absent, arrive late, or depart early on no more than 2 occasions. Failure to comply may result in my removal from the program;
- I understand that any inappropriate behaviors, as defined by the program facilitators will result in my removal from the program;
- I understand that if I am removed or resign from the program for any reason after November 30, 2009, no program fees paid will be refunded.

Debutante Signature

Date

Parent Commitment To Excellence Contract

I _____ as a parent of a participant in the 2009-2010 Crimson Jewel Cotillion program (The program) fully commit in the following ways:

- I will actively participate in every aspect of the program;
- I will conduct myself in a positive manner at all times;
- I will meet all financial requirements, deadlines and other obligations throughout the program;
- I will respect other members of the program, as well as program facilitators;
- I understand that I must inform the Crimson Jewel Committee of any medical condition, my daughter may have that will prohibit her from participating in any aspects of the program;
- I will provide necessary transportation to and from program activities, unless other arrangements are made by the program facilitators;
- I understand that failure to participate in at 90% of the program may result in my daughter's removal from the program;
- I understand that my daughter cannot be absent, arrive late, or depart early on no more than 2 occasions. Failure to comply may result in my removal from the program;
- I understand that any inappropriate behaviors of my daughter, as defined by the program facilitators will result in my removal from the program;
- I understand that the \$100 application fee is non-refundable;
- I understand that if my daughter is removed or resigns from the program for any reason after November 30, 2009, no program fees paid will be refunded.

Parent Signature

Date