



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
Psi Beta Zeta Chapter
Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship
Program
November 2018



Please Mail all Completed Application Materials To:

Zeta Phi Beta, Incorporated – Psi Beta Zeta Chapter

Attn: Debutante Coordinator

P.O. Box 442

Southaven, MS 38671

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Dear Prospective Applicants,

Thank you for your interest in our 2018 Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program. The Program consists of community service projects, cultural activities, educational workshops and monthly meetings that culminate into our debutante presentation event, where you are presented.

Before applying, please consider the following minimum requirements.

A Debutante Participant:

- Must have a classification of high school Junior or Senior as of August 2018.
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (C+) or better on a 4.0 scale as of May 2018.
- Must exhibit high moral and ethical standards.
- Must not be married, nor become married during the program.
- Must not have any children, be pregnant, or become pregnant during the program.
- Must not participate in any other Debutante program in Desoto County or Shelby County during this program.
- Must not have a criminal record of any kind.
- Must not use any illicit drugs.

Once these minimum requirements are met, applicant must:

1. Complete attached application (including sealed official transcript, essay, and two (2) letters of recommendations). Letters may be provided by the following:
 - a. Academic – i.e. teacher, principal, counselor, etc.
 - b. Character – i.e. pastor, employer, neighbor, etc.
2. Mail application packets must be received on or before February 10, 2018 (postmarked by February 8) to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Psi Beta Zeta Chapter at the address below.

Incomplete packets will not be accepted.

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Program Objective:

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority has a history of working with young ladies through the Blue Revue program that was originated in 1933. The program's goal is to promote higher education and scholarship and to encourage and inspire young ladies to uphold and practice the ideals of finer womanhood, as well as cultivate and practice acceptable social behavior. The idea was adopted as a national program and implemented by chapters of the sorority across the country.

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for young women, who are Junior and Senior high school students to participate in a wide range of activities that will enhance their personal, educational and career growth. The program activities will consist of workshops in social, personal, financial and career development and participation in community service projects.

Psi Beta Zeta Chapter will accept a maximum of twenty (20) Junior/Senior high school girls in their Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program. There will be an in person interview for all applicants to accommodate interest exceeding the maximum. The accepted young ladies will receive communication with the date, time, and location of the orientation. During this meeting Psi Beta Zeta Debutante and Scholarship committee members will provide a complete overview of the program in greater detail.

Being a debutante in the Psi Beta Zeta and Scholarship Program provides opportunities for scholarships and requires work and dedication that will reap rewards. However, there are some significant expectations for each young lady.

Expectations:

Participants are expected to:

- Pay the non-refundable \$50.00 application fee to be considered for the program.
- Upon acceptance into the program you must raise \$250 to be considered for the scholarship.

These include, but are not limited to...

- sell event tickets
- recruit sponsors and patrons
- sell advertisements for the Souvenir display



- Purchase a gown to wear during the presentation. Whatever amount you choose to spend is your call, as long as it is a white, full flowing formal floor length ball gown that passes committee approval.
- Select Escorts:
 - An adult escort for the presentation (typically a father or father figure).
 - A *young male escort for the waltz (we recommend a close friend, classmate or family member).
- Attend all scheduled events: workshops, special project/events.
- Submit essay

The conclusion of this program will be on November 2018 when our young ladies will make their societal debut.

Essay:

(Must be 400-600 words and MUST be typewritten and double-spaced in an Arial, Helvetica or Times 12-point font.) Use the Title Below.

“What Inspires Me to Excel”

Young Male Escorts*

- Approximately your age
- Will participate in the program and other activities, including learning the Waltz.
- Will be required to attend the rehearsal on the days designated during the schedule of rehearsal for the program.
- Will be required to secure (rent or purchase) a tuxedo for the event.
- Must be neat, trustworthy, dependable and committed to your success as a debutante.

We recommend you select a close friend or family member rather than your boyfriend/significant other, but the choice is yours so please choose wisely

Awards/Payments:

- A Scholarship will be awarded to the debutante who fully participates in all of the 2018 Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship program activities and events and raises the most funds. She will be crowned Psi Beta Zeta’s 2018 Debutante.

- A Scholarship will be awarded to the participant with the second best record of participation and fund raising effort.
- Other Awards:
 - Community Service
 - Miss Congeniality
 - Best Essay

Scholarship payments will be made directly to the graduating recipient upon official proof of enrollment in a college or university within one (1) year of completion of the program unless the recipient is a Junior. Juniors will receive their scholarship after graduation and official proof of enrollment in a college or university.

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Application

(Please print)

Applicant's Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Cell Phone () _____

Applicant's Email Address _____

(An active Email address is required)

School Grade _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Email address _____

Prospective college wanting to attend (if known) _____

Intended Major/Concentration (if known) _____

Please attach

2x3

Color photo here

Applicant's Information (con't)

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Are any relatives members of Psi Beta Zeta, Inc.? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered "Yes", please write their name(s) and relationship to you. _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided on this application is true.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

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Applicant's Consent to Participate and Liability Release

I _____
(Parent(s)/guardian(s) name), for myself and on behalf of my child
_____ (debutante name), hereby
agree to and accept the requirements and criteria outlined in the 2018 Debutante
process, and hereby give permission for my child, to participate in the Debutante
Cotillion and Scholarship Program sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,
Incorporated - Psi Beta Zeta Chapter. I hereby irrevocably and unconditionally
release, discharge, and waive any and all claims or causes of action of any nature
now or hereafter existing, whether known or unknown against the Sponsors, their
agents employees, officers, members, volunteers, or representatives from any
and all responsibility for any injuries or damage sustained by myself or my child
arising from any act or omission, negligent or otherwise, of the Sponsors, their
agents, employees, officers, members, volunteers or representatives or in
connection with the Event.

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Debutante Scholarship Program Recommendation Form

Name of Applicant **(Please Print)**

First

Middle

Last

The above candidate has submitted an application to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated - Psi Beta Zeta Chapter to become a participant for the 2018 Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program and asks that you serve as a character and or academic reference. This Program is highly competitive and while we wish we had room for all applicants, only those with outstanding qualifications will be considered.

Your answers should be related to the qualification of the applicant to maintain high academic standards, strive for exceptional personal achievement, and exemplify high moral and attitudes. Please complete and return this form to us in the envelope provided by the applicant.

1. How long have you known applicant? _____
2. In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____
3. What is the applicant's greatest asset? _____

Recommendation Form (con't)

A Word Document can be attached with this application if this essay template does not provide enough space for writing

Name (**Please Print**)

Contact Number

Signature

Date

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Extra-Curricular/Community Involvement Form

Name _____ School _____ GPA _____

Please list specific details for the areas below:

School Activities

Extracurricular Activities

Hobbies

Community Service/Volunteer Experience

Honors/Awards

My signature below indicates that I have provided truthful and complete information in this application.
I understand that I may be contacted if there are questions or concerns about my application packet.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Photo Release Form

I _____ (printed name), am the parent or legal guardian of minor indicated herein. By affixing my signature below, I hereby grant permission to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Psi Beta Zeta Chapter to use the name and likeness of my daughter, _____ (hereinafter “minor”), for any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute publications featuring the name and likeness of the minor for purposes of publicizing the Zeta Phi Beta programs and scholarships, or for any other lawful purpose. Zeta Phi Beta shall not use the name and/or likeness of the minor in any derogatory or demeaning manner. In addition, I hereby waive the right to inspect or approve the finish product, including written or electronic copy, wherein such likeness of the minor appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the name and/or likeness of the minor.

Further, I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf, on behalf of my estate, or on behalf of the minor, have or may have by reason of this authorization.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read this release and fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. A fully executed faxed or scanned copy of this release shall be acceptable.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Parent's Grade Release Form

I _____ Authorize _____
(School)

To release the grades of _____ for the purpose of
(Debutante Name)

determining eligibility for participation in the Psi Beta Zeta Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program. All grades are held in the strictest of confidence, and are used for the sole purpose of determining the Debutante's eligibility.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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Debutante Scholarship Program Requirements

1. Upon acceptance into the Psi Beta Zeta Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program, a \$250 Activity Fee must be paid by or on March 16, 2018 to be considered for the scholarship.
2. The Psi Beta Zeta Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program will run throughout Spring and Fall of 2018. Schedule of activities will be provided.

Do you think you have time to commit to the program? Yes _____ No _____
(Attendance to all programs/activities is mandatory. There will only be one excused absence allowed.)

3. As part of its fundraising efforts, Psi Beta Zeta requires each Debutante to commit to fundraising goals during the Debutante Program.

Do you think you will be able to raise funds as a participant in the Debutante Program?
Yes _____ No _____

4. As part of its community service efforts, Psi Beta Zeta Sorority committee requires each Debutante to complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service during the Program.

Do you think that you will be able to complete the requirement?
Yes _____ No _____

5. Have you been involved in any criminal incidents at school or in the community?

Yes _____ No _____

If answer is "yes", please explain the cause and the outcome.

6. Do you anticipate being employed during the upcoming school year? Yes _____ No _____

If answer is "yes", please estimate the number of hours and days you will be working.

Number of hours _____ Days of Week _____

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

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Participation Requirements

- Must be a high school junior or senior as of Fall 2018
- Must have a 2.5 or above grade point average (Sealed Transcript from counselor or administrator is acceptable).
- Must submit two letters or recommendation from individuals (i.e. teacher, principal, counselor, pastor, employer, etc.)
- Must submit a completed Debutante application and biography.
- Must not be pregnant or become pregnant during the program.
- Must not use any illicit drugs
- Must not have a criminal record of any kind.
- Must submit a photo liability release signed by parent and guardian
- Must pay the \$250 participation fee to be considered for the scholarship.
- Must complete all application forms
- Application packets must be received by **February 10, 2018**
- Must attend scheduled events: workshops, special functions, dance rehearsal, etc.

Items to submit checklist:

- Completed Debutante Application and Biography
- Two letters of recommendation
- Proof of grade point average – Transcript or Progress Report in a sealed envelope from school counselor or administrator
- Photo release, liability release, grade release signed by parent or guardian
- Other completed items contained in the packet.

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