



*Lexington (KY) Alumnae*  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

# Delta Debutante Scholarship Experience: ReDesigned & ReImagined



## 2023-2024 Application Packet

**Deadline Date for return of completed  
application: September 9, 2023**



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*"You may not always have a comfortable life. And you will not always be able to solve all the world's problems at once. But don't ever underestimate the impact you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own."- Michelle Obama*

Greetings from the Women of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Lexington (KY) Alumnae** chapter:

Thank you for attending our **Delta Debutante Scholarship Experience: ReDesigned & Relmaged** informational session. As the **PREMIER**, longest running, African American Debutante Program in Kentucky, we aspire to **P**repare **E**ducated **A**nd **R**adiant **L**adies to **S**erve our Central Kentucky community.

The Delta Debutante Scholarship experience seeks to:

- Motivate higher academic achievement;
- Encourage participants to envision & set lofty educational goals;
- Develop business and social etiquette skills;
- Expose students to life changing workshops and college & career prep information,

This six-month developmental experience begins in October and culminates in our elegantly formal **Debutante Scholarship Ball** where Debutantes are presented to society and awarded earned scholarships and program awards.

We look forward to working with you and for you!



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2019-2023 Chapter President



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2023-2025 Chapter President Elect



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Debutante Scholarship Committee Co-Chair



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## Debutante Scholarship Experience: ReDesigned & ReImagined

### CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Current Female High School Junior or Senior within the Lexington or Central Kentucky area during the program year, with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, accompanied by an official transcript.
  - a. Transcripts may be printed or sent to [DeltaDebKY@gmail.com](mailto:DeltaDebKY@gmail.com).
2. Submit completed application packet (typed or neatly printed) by the official deadline.
3. Participants shall be neither married, an expectant mother, or a parent.
4. Have plans of acquiring post-secondary education.
5. Active in school, religious, civic, or community-based organizations, verified and accompanied by two submitted letters of recommendation (1 from current school counselor or teacher and 1 from community organization, religious entity, or mentor).
6. Shall always display appropriate and respectable behavior befitting a Delta debutante and abide by all other criteria as noted in the official Debutante Handbook (provided at Fall orientation session).
  - a. Grievous misbehavior, cursing, disrespect, etc. will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the scholarship program **without financial repayment**.
7. 75-100 word essay on why applicant wants to participate in the program.

## PROGRAM COSTS

The cost per Delta Debutante participant is \$650 which includes all program activities listed below and other activities or events organized by the committee. Additionally, each Deb will receive a set of pearls, tickets for mothers to attend the Talent show/Luncheon, headshots at Holifield Photography and other photo shoots, and an etiquette workshop.

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

### **Enrichment Workshops**

Four Workshops to enhance the participant's experience:

- Branding Your Best You
- Etiquette Workshop (Business, dining, social etiquette training, etc.)
- College & Career Prep
- Other workshops & activities as designed by the program

### **Public Service**

Monthly scheduled participation, to deliver the importance of giving back to the community.

### **Social**

Multiple social events to engage the participants in fun filled activities:

- Get Acquainted & Scrapbooking Session
- Holiday Party
- Debutante Participants' Choice
- Wrap Up Party

### **Special Activities**

- Talent Show/ Luncheon (Debutantes & Mother or Mother Figure)
- Professional photo shoots (Headshots, Dress Preview, etc.)
- Formal dance lessons (Debutantes, escorts, and Fathers or Father Figure)
- One activity selected by participants

# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

## **THIS IS A COMPETITION!**

The title of Miss Delta Debutante 2024 will be **awarded to the young lady who sells the most booklet ads and Grand Finale tickets. Miss Delta Debutante winner must have also attended a minimum of 80 percent of all activities.** Attendance records will be kept.

First and Second Runner-up scholarships will be also be awarded based on the total monies raised and submitted from advertisements and ticket sales from each Debutante.

Examples of additional participant awards presented include:

1. Miss Academic Achievement
2. Miss Congeniality
3. Scrapbook Award
4. Participant Awards
5. Book Awards

We strive to provide additional scholarships and awards to allow EVERY participant the ability to receive a scholarship/award.

## SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS

Debutante participants are **REQUIRED** to sell Debutante Scholarship Ball tickets and souvenir booklet advertisements. This is the primary source of our scholarship funding. Failure to sell tickets and advertisements will result in the reduction of scholarships being presented. Participation or book awards may only be presented in this instance.

Solicitation for advertisements and sponsors are as follows:

1. Full page ads
2. One-half page ads
3. One-fourth page ads
4. All advertisements and sponsors to appear in the souvenir booklet must be submitted by the announced date.

## SCRAPBOOK GUIDELINES

- Each Debutante participant is required to submit a physical scrapbook featuring **their Debutante Experience**. This is NOT a childhood photo journal. Therefore, take lots creative pictures for each of the activities attended.
- When making your scrapbook, keep in mind that your scrapbook is a keepsake and an example of your creativity and creative artistic expression.
- Awards will be given to participants for exceptional scrapbook entries. Scrapbook awards for the best entry (s) will be decided by a panel of judges outside the Debutante Scholarship committee.
- Scrapbooks may be displayed at the Debutante Scholarship Ball.

### **Criteria for Evaluating Scrapbooks:**

- Implementation of a Theme
- Debutante identification (Include your name)
- Organization and Originality
- Neatness
- Ownership (created ONLY by the debutante)

## DEBUTANTE SCHOLARSHIP BALL ATTIRE

### ***Debutante Participants***

Formal white gown with straps or sleeves approved by the committee. White shoes (open toe is acceptable), long (above the elbow) white formal gloves. Pearl necklace will be provided.

### ***Mothers/Mother Figures***

Formal gowns. NOT RED or WHITE

### ***Female Guests***

Formal or After-Five attire.  
NOT RED OR WHITE.

### ***Presenters***

**Black** Tuxedo with the appropriate formal accessories.

### ***Escorts***

Attire arrangements will be determined by Debutante Scholarship Committee.

### ***Male Guests***

Appropriate formal attire or black suit.

### ***Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc.***

Formal red gowns

**No casual clothing will be permitted. No Exceptions.**

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Application Instructions**

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Fill out the application and upload documents online by  
visiting **[www.dstlexky.org/DebApplication23](http://www.dstlexky.org/DebApplication23)**

**OR**

Mail all documents to:  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Lexington (KY) Alumnae Chapter  
PO Box 1229, Lexington, KY 40588

**Application Packet Checklist**

- Official Transcript (may be emailed to [DeltaDebKY@gmail.com](mailto:DeltaDebKY@gmail.com))
- Signed Participation Agreement
- Two Letters of Recommendation (not family members)
  - One from current school counselor or teacher and 1 from community organization, religious entity, or mentor
- 75-word essay on why you want to participate in the program

For any questions or concerns: [DeltaDebKY@gmail.com](mailto:DeltaDebKY@gmail.com)

**Delta Debutante Scholarship Experience:  
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Participation Agreement**  
**(Please print clearly)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian (circle one) of high school Junior/Senior (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name), acknowledge that I have thoroughly read the application packet which outlines the requirements, expectations, and guidelines to be met for the Delta Debutante Scholarship Program, and agree to allow my daughter's participation in the Delta Debutante Scholarship Program.

I agree to remit the required participation fees as outlined in the Information Meeting (deposit = \$200; total fees = \$650. Balance of fee (\$450 to be paid in 2 additional installments for a total of three installment payments).

I understand that failure to meet the requirements set forth in the application, withdrawal from the program, or unacceptable, grievous behavior may result in possible dismissal from the scholarship program, forfeiture of paid fees, and possible failure to receive scholarship dollars.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student's printed name), also acknowledge that I have thoroughly read the application packet which outlines the requirements, expectations, and guidelines to be met for the Delta Debutante Scholarship Program and I wish to participate in the program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Debutante)

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

Deposit Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Application must accompany your paid deposit for your position to be reserved.**
- **Payments must be via PayPal, cash, certified check, or money order only. No personal checks.**