

Cotillion Royal Court

Application for Consideration: Candidate for the Royal Court

The New Orleans Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is dedicated to the educational, social, and cultural enrichment of young African-American ladies as they move forward to assume leadership roles in the community. The Chapter sponsors an Annual Cotillion in which young ladies make their debuts and are presented to society in grand tradition.

A Debutante is defined as a female who is a high school senior or college freshman whose age is within the range of sixteen (16) to twenty (20) years old by Dec. 31st of the year that she is presented. The Chapter will accept not more than 31 Debutantes including the Queen-Select. Each Debutante must have a Sponsor who is a Member of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter.

The honor of being a part of the Cotillion Royal Court is bestowed upon the Daughter(s) or Dependent(s) of Members of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter who are selected as Debutantes, using the eligible Members' continuous years of membership in the Chapter to establish the ranking. In addition, a Member's parental status shall be proven by submitting a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate or court order at the time of application.

The Queen-Select shall be the Daughter or Dependent, as defined by the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, of the Member having the longest continuous membership in the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter. (Refer to the *Constitution and Bylaws* of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for the definition of **Member** and the Cotillion glossary for the definition of **Dependent**.) The Member must have two (2) years of continuous membership in the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter preceding the year in which her Daughter or Dependent is presented except:

If a Member has previously presented her Daughter or Dependent as Queen, then she shall yield to the next eligible Member meeting the requirements. However, if no other eligible Member presents her Daughter or Dependent that year, then she will have the privilege of presenting a second Daughter or Dependent as Queen.

If a tie exists, then a drawing will be held to determine the Queen-Select.

Note: If a Member has paid her dues in any year after June 30th, a reinstatement fee was due; therefore, her years of continuous service have been interrupted.

In addition to the amenities granted to all Debutantes, the Queen-Select will be granted:

- ▲ The Privilege of Wearing the Queen's Regalia provided by the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter at the Cotillion Ball.
- ▲ Additional invitations to the Cotillion Ball (the number of which will be determined by the Cotillion Chairperson in consultation with the Chapter President and the Chairperson of the Invitations Subcommittee)
- ▲ A Commemorative Trophy and Bouquet in Recognition of Her Reign
- ▲ Recognition of Her Mother by Name During the Cotillion Ball Introductions

- ▲ A Feature-Page in The Souvenir Program
- ▲ Recognition with Her Mother (Sponsor) In the Souvenir Program
- ▲ Inclusion in the Souvenir Program in the Year Following Her Presentation
- ▲ Participation in the Cotillion Ball in the Year Following Her Presentation
- ▲ Inclusion in the Chronology of Queens in Perpetuity

A Member's Daughter or Dependent, as defined by the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, who is not serving as the Queen-Select may serve as Princess Royale. In order for the Member's Daughter or Dependent to serve as a Princess Royale, the Member must be either:

- (1) A Member of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter for two (2) years prior to the year in which her Daughter or Dependent is to make her debut, or
- (2) A Member who transferred into the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter less than two years prior to the year in which her Daughter/Dependent is to make her debut, the sum of her time as a Member in the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter combined with the membership in her previous Chapter(s) must equal at least two continuous years, or
- (3) A Member, who was initiated within the two-year period preceding the year in which her Daughter or Dependent is eligible to be presented, shall submit the name of her Daughter or Dependent for consideration as a Princess Royale. A newly initiated Member, who transfers to the Chapter, must have continuous membership from the point of initiation.

The Parents/Legal Guardians of the Queen-Select shall host a reception to which all Chapter Members are invited. The Parents/Legal Guardians of Princess(es) Royale shall host a reception or special event to which all Chapter Members are invited. In both instances, planning for the reception/special event shall be done in consultation with the Cotillion Committee and in accordance with the *Party Planning Guide*.

An initial deposit of \$300.00 must be submitted via money order or cashier's check with the *Application for Consideration: Candidate for Cotillion Royal Court* which includes the *Debutante Application* to:

**New Orleans Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Attn: Financial Secretary
Post Office Box 52862
New Orleans, LA 70152**

Applications for the Royal Court must be postmarked no later than April 16th. **Members submitting applications agree to be bound by the terms noted in this Application, the *Debutante Agreement*, and the *Cotillion Handbook*.**

Debutante Information

Please note that in addition to this form, Applicants shall also submit a completed *Debutante Application* and a certified copy of the Applicant's birth certificate or court order which establishes the Member's parental status.

Please state the name of the prospective Debutante.

NAME			
	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST

Desired Consideration

Please check the category for which the Debutante listed above should be considered:

Cotillion Queen

If the prospective Debutante is not selected as the Cotillion Queen, do you wish for her to be considered for Cotillion Princess Royale? Yes No

Cotillion Queen Only

Cotillion Princess Royale Only

Sponsor/Member Information

NAME			
	FIRST	MIDDLE/MAIDEN	LAST
Membership Number			
Chapter and Year of Initiation			
Please state the year you affiliated with the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter.			
Please state the number of years of <u>continuous</u> membership in the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter.			
Please state the total number of years you affiliated with the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter.			
Have you previously presented a Daughter/Dependent as Cotillion Queen?		Yes	No

▲ Note, if a Member paid her dues in any year after June 30th, a reinstatement fee was due. Therefore, her years of continuous membership in the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter have been interrupted.

I agree to be bound by the terms noted in this Application, the *Debutante Agreement*, and the *Cotillion Handbook*.

Signature:

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Verification of Member Status

Financial Secretary	
Treasurer	
Chapter President	