



REFLECTIONS OF EXCELLENCE LEADING WITH RESILIENCE

*GPO Housing Development Corporation Sponsors the
Gamma Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Debutante Leadership Program*

Dear Prospective Debutante,

Thank you for your interest in the Reflections of Excellence Debutante Leadership Program. Reflections of Excellence are young ladies who exemplify poise, leadership and respect within their schools and communities. If you are invited to participate, you will have the opportunity to engage in various workshops and activities that will encourage future success. At the end of the debutante season, we will celebrate with a grand ball for all of your family and friends. We are excited about the fun activities planned and hope that you are too!

Being a debutante requires time, hard work and dedication, but will reap great rewards- including college scholarships and a variety of program incentives. Therefore, significant contributions are expected from each young lady. Before applying please consider the following minimum requirements.

A PROSPECTIVE DEBUTANTE MUST:

- Classify as a high school sophomore, junior, or first year senior in a five year high school program as of Fall 2021.
- Possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (C+) or better on a four-point scale.
- Exhibit high moral and ethical standards.
- Pay a \$300 non-refundable program fee due at time of commitment on **Saturday, February 26, 2022**
- Individual fundraising efforts will be required throughout the course of the program. These include, but are not limited to recruiting sponsors for the souvenir journal.
- Attend monthly program events, workshops and debutante rehearsals.
- Select a reliable young male escort (ages 16-19) and an adult male escort (father or father-figure) for the final debutante ball.

IF ABLE TO MEET THESE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Complete the 2021 - 2022 Reflections of Excellence Application Packet – including essay, transcripts and recommendation forms. Incomplete packets will not be reviewed.
2. Mail application packet to the address below by **January 31st, 2022**. Late packets will not be reviewed.
3. Letters of acceptance will be emailed to applicants during the week February 4th.
4. If accepted, a program fee of (\$300) must be paid by check or money order made payable to Gamma Phi Omega Housing Corporation (Memo: Reflections of Excellence) to the address below by **Saturday, February 26, 2022**. Program fees are non-refundable.

**Send all program materials and fees to:
Alpha Kappa Alpha Gamma Phi Omega Chapter
Reflections of Excellence
Debutante Leadership Program Committee
P.O. 3231, Buffalo, NY 14240**

Young ladies that accept our invitation to participate will be required to attend an orientation meeting on **Saturday, February 19, 2022**. Meeting details will be included in the program acceptance notification. If you or your parents have any questions, please contact us at **gpodebutante@gmail.com**.

We are honored that you've considered becoming a debutante and look forward to reviewing your application!



DEBUTANTE APPLICATION PACKET

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Full Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email:	DOB:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Favorite Quote or Personal Motto:		

Social Media address:

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian #1 (Mother Father Other):	
Full Name:	
Email:	Phone:

Parent/Guardian #2 (Mother/Father/Other):	
Full Name:	
Email:	Phone:

EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Grade:	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 th
School Name:			
School District:		Current GPA (Chapter Use Only):	
Future College/University:			
College/University City:		College/University State Anticipated Major:	

Please list your current (2019 to present) extracurricular, volunteer & work activities in their order of importance to you. Use only the space available to provide details of your activities and accomplishments. All school and program acronyms and abbreviations should be spelled out completely to ensure information is transferred accurately.

Start to End Date (mm/yy to mm/yy)	

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Please list your hobbies and special talents.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

During the season (Jan. 2022 – Nov. 2022), debutantes will be required to attend at least one character-building workshop each month. Workshops will primarily occur during the weekend. Will your academic and/or extracurricular schedule permit active involvement in the Reflections of Excellence program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Debutantes will be asked to solicit sponsorships from family, friends, and local businesses in support of their participation in this program. Will you be able to recruit financial supporters? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been involved in any criminal incidents at school or in your community within the past 2 years? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☐ No

ESSAY:

This personal essay helps us to become acquainted with you as a person and a student. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize and express your thoughts. Please write an essay (500 words maximum) answering one of the questions listed below. Indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box. Essays should be typed (12-point Times New Roman), double-spaced, and submitted with your application.

- ☐ How can you and other teens develop a solution that could end childhood hunger in America?
- ☐ With nearly 19% of children between the ages of 6-11 being obese, how can you encourage the young kids in your life to have a healthier life style?
- ☐ With suicide rates on the rise among high school students, how do you propose students combat stress and depression and live happier, healthier lives?

Signatures: _____

Date: _____

I have provided truthful and complete information in this application & understand the requirements of this program.



DEBUTANTE APPLICATION PACKET

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

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Reflections of Excellence
Debutante Leadership Program Committee
P.O. 3231, Buffalo, NY 14240

FINAL DEADLINE - SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Complete applications include:
Reflections of Excellence 2021 - 2022 Application
500-word Essay
Official School Transcript
Two Recommendations

(NOTE: Qualified recommenders include teachers, community leaders, employers, and mentors. Relatives and members of the Reflections of Excellence Scholarship Committee are not acceptable.)



TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I give permission to have my daughter's transcript forwarded to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Gamma Phi Omega Chapter in connection with her application for the 2021 – 2022 Debutante Leadership Program.

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed):

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

Please mail transcript to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Gamma Phi Omega Chapter
Reflections of Excellence Debutante Committee
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

_____ is applying to participate in the 2021 - 2022 Reflections of Excellence Debutante Leadership Program presented by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Phi Omega Chapter. Please complete the following form and return in a sealed envelope to the address provided before **Saturday, January 31, 2022.**

Mail to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Gamma Phi Omega Chapter

Reflections of Excellence Debutante Committee

Debutante Leadership Program Committee

P.O. 3231, Buffalo, NY 14240

How long have you known the applicant?

What is your relationship to the applicant?

Based on your experiences with the applicant, please check the box below that best represents the applicant's ability or character. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

LEADERSHIP ABILITY:

☐ Self-Confidence ☐ Maturity ☐ Dependability ☐ Integrity ☐ Personable Personality ☐ Intellect

OVERALL IMPRESSION OF APPLICANT:

☐ Enthusiastically recommend ☐ Recommend ☐ Recommend with some reservations ☐ Do not

Please provide any additional relevant information about the applicant.

Recommendation provided by:

Signature:

Date:

Telephone:

Email:



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SIGNATURES

If selected, I give my daughter permission to participate in the 2021-2022 Reflections of Excellence Debutante Leadership Program. I understand that participation is voluntary, and my child may refuse to participate at any time.

I understand that it will be my financial responsibility to provide the fees necessary to cover the cost of my daughters' participation and meet all deadlines in order to meet proper inclusion in all debutante materials. This includes the non-fundable \$300 participation fee and the \$1500 minimum fundraising commitment in order for my daughter to be presented.

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed):

Parent/Guardian's Signature: