



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INCORPORATED
GAMMA DELTA OMEGA

August 29, 2011

Dear Prospective Debutante:

The Portsmouth Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is accepting applications for its 30th Annual Debutante Cotillion to be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Willett Hall, Portsmouth, Virginia. We are extremely happy to extend an invitation for you to apply.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is the first Greek-letter organization established by and for Black women in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. It aims to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards; it promotes unity and friendship among college women; it alleviates problems concerning girls and women; it maintains a progressive interest in college life; and it serves all mankind through a nucleus of more than 125,000 women in over 857 chapters. The Portsmouth Chapter was chartered on October 6, 1939, and has been providing "service to all mankind" in Portsmouth and surrounding areas for seventy-two years.

Our Cotillion is a formal ball where young ladies are introduced to society. The activities are planned during the Cotillion Season to enhance the outstanding abilities and talents of our young ladies. Each young lady is required to participate in all activities sponsored by the sorority including dance rehearsals, talent show participation, workshops, cultural events, community service, and fund raising. In addition to the program offerings, each young lady that meets the stipulated requirements is eligible to apply for our five annual college scholarships.

In order to be considered as a prospective debutante, a young lady must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a graduating high school senior with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or above
2. Must be in good standing in her school and community
3. Complete and mail the application by the stipulated deadline and submit the official transcript by the stipulated deadline
4. Must not be a mother or pregnant

As part of the selection process, you must:

1. Complete and then mail your application and an official copy of your transcript to:
P.O. Box 7393, Portsmouth, VA 23707, Attn: Cotillion Chairman. All requested material must be postmarked by Tuesday, September 27, 2011.



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2. **Contact Ms. Niya Wilks (Recruitment & Interviews Sub-Committee Chair) at (757) 667-9235 to schedule your interview. A parent or guardian must also attend your interview. Interview sessions will be scheduled during the week of October 2, 2011.**

Prospective Debutantes accepted to participate in the Cotillion are required to attend the Orientation Session on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Cradock Middle School beginning at 6 p.m.

Sincerely,

Eartha D. Garrett
Eartha D. Garrett, President
Gamma Delta Omega Chapter

Rosalynn L. Sanderlin
Dr. Rosalynn L. Sanderlin
Cotillion Chairman