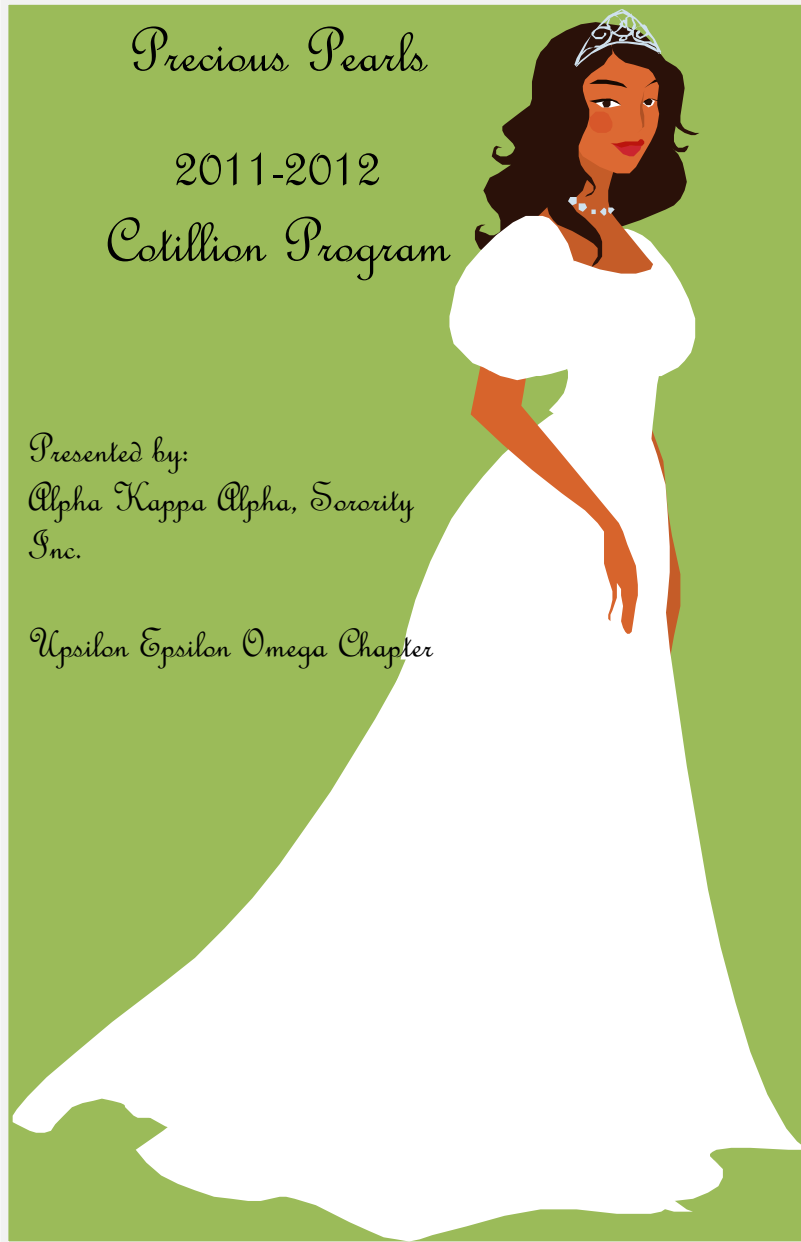




*Precious Pearls*  
2011-2012  
*Cotillion Program*

Presented by:  
Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority  
Inc.

Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter



*Application Packet*

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter  
P.O. Box 21232  
Catonsville, MD 21228

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter

Dear Prospective Debutante and Parents, Guardians or Sponsors,

Upsilon Epsilon Omega is currently preparing for its Precious Pearls Cotillion in the Spring of 2012. The Precious Pearls Cotillion Program is an excellent opportunity for young ladies in the surrounding areas to experience a wide array of cultural, academic and social activities, while at the same time obtaining scholarship funds to support their future educational endeavors. The Precious Pearls Cotillion Program is seeking high school juniors and seniors young ladies, who demonstrate exemplary academic achievement, possess exceptional character and have outstanding involvement in extracurricular activities and community service. We are pleased that you are interested in becoming a 2012 Precious Pearl Debutante!

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University is the first Greek-lettered organization established by African American college women. Alpha Kappa Alpha has a membership of over 200,000 members and has more than 950 chapters located throughout the United States, West Africa, the United Kingdom, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Korea and Germany. Three years ago, Alpha Kappa Alpha celebrated 100 years of providing "**service to all mankind.**"

Over the past 17 years, with support from the community, the Upsilon Epsilon Omega Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has awarded over \$10,000 in scholarship and has been involved in numerous community service projects.

Please read all the attached materials carefully and be mindful of all rules and regulations as outlined in this packet of information. Ensure that all forms are complete in their entirety including the \$50 application fee. All materials must be returned together and postmarked no later than November 7, 2011 to the address below. Applications not postmarked November 7, 2011 and/or not complete will not be reviewed. NO exceptions.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter  
Attn: Precious Pearls Cotillion Program  
P.O. Box 21232  
Catonsville, MD 21228

We look forward to an expeditious return of all forms. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Trella Gordon or Mrs. Geroma Void via email at [Cotillion@akabaltimorecounty.org](mailto:Cotillion@akabaltimorecounty.org)

*Leslie Lyles Smith*

President

*Trella Gordon*

Trella Gordon  
Cotillion Co-Chairman

*Geroma Void*

Geroma Void  
Cotillion Co-Chairman

## **General Information**

### **Please keep the following three (3) pages for your records**

#### **Kick-Off/Orientation:**

There will be a Debutante Kick-off/Orientation for all accepted young ladies. It will be held December 11, 2011, at 3 pm at Northwest Hospital Educational Center. Debutantes are asked to wear business attire. This meeting will offer the young ladies detailed information about the program which will begin in December 2011

#### **Things to consider:**

The applicant must attend the Precious Pearls Ball on May 19, 2012. If this date does not work for you, please consider applying next year.

Being a debutante in the 2011/2012 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program requires hard work and will reap great rewards- including scholarship money to all participants. Therefore there are some significant expectations for each young lady.

#### **Expectations of all Debutantes:**

- Pay a \$350 non-refundable program fee (includes \$50.00 application fee) due by December 11, 2011 (payment plans are available; \$175 due November 19 and December 11)
- Raise a minimum of \$500 through Ad sales in the Souvenir Booklet
- Sell at least 10 Ball tickets (one table at a cost of \$65 per ticket) to friends, family and other supporters.
- Attend all scheduled program events
- Must have an adult escort for the presentation (typically a father or father figure) and an escort for the waltz (we recommend a close friend or family member)
- Attend all dance rehearsals
- Learn and perform, with a partner, simple to moderate dance routines.
- Respectfully participate in all sessions approximately twice a month for 2 hours.
- Follow the direction of the Cotillion staff/instructor/volunteer.
- Stay with the group while on site and on outings.

#### **Financial Requirements:**

- Program Fee= \$350 which includes all activities workshops, pictures, dance rehearsals, mother daughter tea and Cotillion T-shirt
- Table Sales= Each Debutante will be required to sell 10 tickets (one table) to the Ball at \$65/ticket
- Patron Ads= Each debutante will be required to raise a minimum of \$500 in Patron Ads (Patron Ads range from \$5.00-\$100).

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**Application Checklist:**

All applications must be completed in their entirety to be reviewed and considered. Applications must be typed or printed legibly in blue or black ink. Before submitting your application, be sure that the following items in the checklist below have been enclosed.

- One (1) Original COMPLETED application package
- One (1) Official (sealed) Transcript
- One (1) Required typed Essay
- One (1) Sealed Recommendation Form
- Proof of Community Service hours
- \$50.00 Application Fee

**Please NOTE:** Mandatory group introductions will be held on Saturday November 19, 2011; Noon to 2pm. Location will be provided at a later date.

*Upsilon Epsilon Omega reserves the right to eliminate any incomplete, unsigned, late or illegible applications.*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

All applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed below in order to participate as a part of the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program.

All applicants must (be):

- Currently enrolled as a junior or senior in high school
- 15-17 years of age on or before August 1, 2011
- Be of good character and reputation
- Hold a minimum academic average of 2.7 cumulative GPA
- Plan to attend a post-secondary school within one year of high school graduation
- Demonstrate completion of at least 30 hours of community service
- Complete the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program Application
- Provide an official transcript
- Provide a 300-400 word essay
- Provide one (1) letter of recommendation form from a non-family member
- Sign, along with Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), the Participant Contract
- Sign, along with Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), the Participant Certification Form
- Sign, along with Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), the Photo Release Form
- Attend mandatory group introductions on November 19, 2011.
- Pay a non-refundable participant fee of \$350.00 (Payment Plans are available).

**Please submit all of the application components in the same envelope. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. To be considered, applications must be postmarked on or before November 7, 2011.**

**Mail to:**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter  
Attn: Precious Pearls Cotillion Program  
P.O. Box 21232  
Catonsville, MD 21228

**If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Trella Gordon or Mrs. Geroma Void via email at:**

**[Cotillion@akabaltimorecounty.org](mailto:Cotillion@akabaltimorecounty.org)**

## Applicant Information

*Please type or print legibly.*

**Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**First**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Middle**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Last**

**Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**State:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Check your T-shirt size:**

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

XX-Large

**How did you hear about the Cotillion?**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Favorite Quote or Personal Motto:**

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**Parent/Guardian Information**

*Please type or print legibly.*

**Mother/ Guardian Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

First

\_\_\_\_\_

Middle

\_\_\_\_\_

Last

**If Guardian, indicate relationship to applicant.**

**Home Address:**

(if different from above)

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

**Father/ Guardian Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

First

\_\_\_\_\_

Middle

\_\_\_\_\_

Last

**If Guardian, indicate relationship to applicant.**

**Home Address:**

(if different from above)

**City:**

**Sate:**

**Zip Code:**

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

**Academic/Community Information**

*Please type or print legibly.*

**Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (3.7/4.0) or \_\_\_\_% (90%)

**Honors, Awards and Achievements (Include past and present):**

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**Extracurricular Activities (Include past and present, as well as offices held):**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies, Special Interests and Talents:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Employment History

You may include activities such as babysitting or tutoring if you received payment.  
*Please type or print legibly.*

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Duties:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Duties:  
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**Essay Information**

Application must include a 300-400 word essay on the question below. Your essay should not exceed two pages and should be typed, double-spaced, 12 font (Arial or Times New Roman), with 1" margins. Please complete your essay on the form below or attach to your application a separate sheet of paper including your name, email address and your essay response to the following question.

**How can the Precious Pearls Cotillion be an important part of my personal development?**

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## **Participation Contract**

### **Applicant**

By signing this form below, I affirm that all contents of the 2011/2012 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program application are accurate and complete (as submitted) to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements and misrepresentations will result in immediate dismissal from the program and that the Program Fee is non-refundable. I authorize representatives of the 2011/2012 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program committee to verify statements made in the attached application packet.

I agree that, as a debutante, I will pay a \$350 non-refundable Program Fee by December 11, 2011. I also agree to raise a minimum of \$500 in Patron Ad sales and \$650 in ticket sales. I agree to participate to my fullest in all events and programs relating to the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program and represent myself, my family and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter with the utmost of courtesy and respect.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Guardian**

By signing this form below, I affirm that all contents of the 2011/2012 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program application are accurate and complete (as submitted) to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements and misrepresentations will result in my daughter's immediate dismissal from the program and that the Program Fee is non-refundable. I authorize representatives of the 2011/2012 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program committee to verify statements made in the attached application packet.

I agree that, as a parent of a debutante, I will pay a \$350 non-refundable Program Fee by December 11, 2011. I also agree to help my daughter raise a minimum of \$500 in Patron Ad sales and \$650 in ticket sales. I agree to participate to my fullest in all events and programs relating to the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program and represent myself, my family and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter with the utmost of courtesy and respect.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Recommendation Form

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to participate in the 2011/2012 Precious Pearls Cotillion Program presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter. Please complete the following form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope (signed on the closure) so that she may submit it to us for consideration before the deadline of November 7, 2011.

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your experience with the applicant, please check the box below that best represents the applicant's ability or character.

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Opportunity to Observe
Leadership ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to be personable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall Impression of Applicant:

Enthusiastically Recommended

Recommended

Recommend with some reservations

Do not recommend

**Please provide any additional relevant information about the applicant below:**

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Recommendation given by (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Media Release Form**

I hereby grant Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter permission to use my or my child/children's likeness in a photograph/video in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo/video for purposes of publicizing Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my or my child/children's likeness appears.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of myself and this person.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name)

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## **Participation Certification Form**

It is the expectation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter that participants in the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program adhere to the tenets of high ethical standards, moral behavior and those attributes that are uplifting in mind, body and spirit. She shall refrain from inappropriate use of the social networks, i.e., Facebook, MySpace, etc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter retains the right to exercise exclusive control, regarding the participation of any applicant in the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program by: declining an applicant's participation; withdrawing the privilege of participation; and by further declining any participant's participation in the Debutante Cotillion.

Each participant is requested to certify and affirm the truthfulness of each of the following statements by initialing each black and signing at the bottom of this certification.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am neither married, nor have I ever been married, nor will I become married prior to the date of the Precious Pearls Cotillion 2012.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not pregnant, neither have I ever given birth to a child, nor will I become pregnant prior to the date of the Precious Pearls Cotillion 2012.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not currently the subject of an arrest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have neither been charged, nor convicted of a criminal violation, nor have I ever been the subject of any prior criminal violation, or any other violation of a rule or policy that reflects poor moral character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol while participating in the Precious Pearls Cotillion Program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am neither the subject of a pending suspension or expulsion, nor have I ever been suspended or expelled from any school for any reason.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In the event of a change of circumstance after the date of this certification regarding any matter contained herein, I will immediately and forthrightly notify the Cotillion Chairmen of the details of any such matter, with the full understanding that the Upsilon Epsilon Omega retains the exclusive rights, at any time, to decline my participation for failure to adhere to all participation criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)