

What are the goals of the Cotillion Scholarship Program?

- To develop a training and mentoring pipeline for high-school aged (14-19) young women.
- To mentor young women through their formative high school years *and* as they transition to their life beyond high school.
- To cultivate lasting relationship amongst the participating young women.
- To encourage high scholastic, moral, and ethical standards.

What is a Cotillion?

Historically, a cotillion was characterized as an elaborate, formal dance. In recent years, it is most often recognized as a formal presentation of young ladies referred to as *debutantes*. These young ladies are presented to society, at a formal ball, after they have developed high moral and ethical character, social etiquette skills, and acquired a sense of responsibility and achievement.



For the Tau Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. this concept is embraced as an opportunity to mentor young females as they enhance their personal, educational, cultural,



The Tau Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered in the New River Valley community in 1992. Since our charter, Tau Mu Omega has focused on being of service to all mankind!

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the 2008 Cotillion and a list of all of Tau Mu Omega's program, please visit our website:

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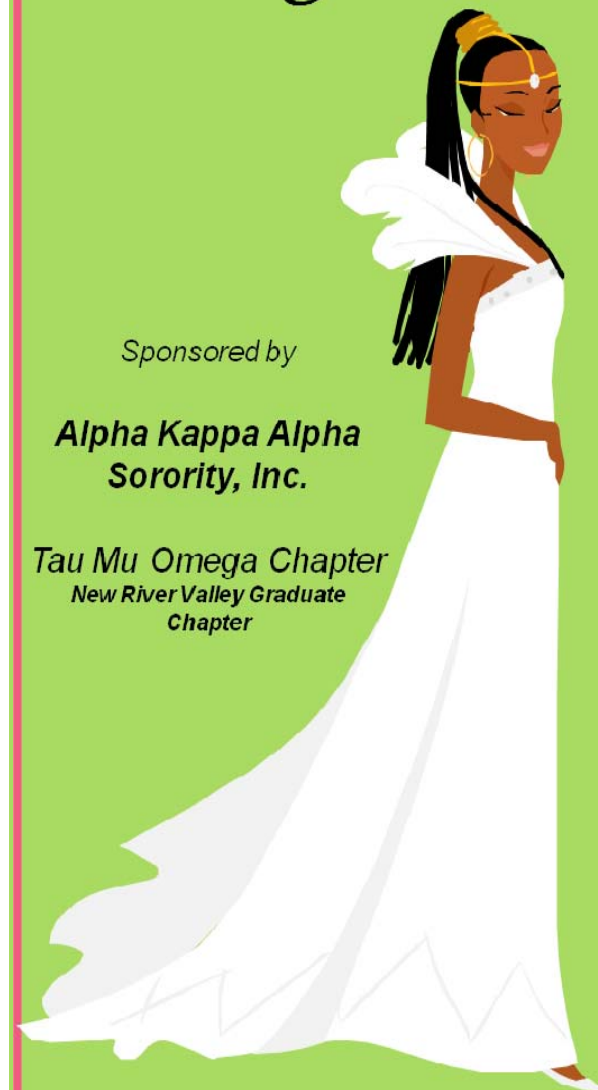
2008 Cotillion Scholarship Program



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THE 2008 COTILLION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

What is the Cotillion Scholarship Program?

The New River Valley Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. proudly announces the 2008 Debutante Cotillion Scholarship Program!

The purpose of the Cotillion Scholarship Program is to provide scholarships to eligible young ladies.

The program is also designed to encourage unity, service, and academic excellence in young women through mentorship and life skills training.



Who is eligible to become a Debutante?

- African-American high school aged young women (14-19 years old).
- Must be single, never married, and not a parent.
- Should have achieved a GPA of 2.2 or higher.
- Must be willing to commit time for participation in cotillion community service and workshop activities as well as cotillion ball preparation activities.

How do I apply?

- Complete an application form with signatures from parent or guardian.
- Return one (1) recommendation form with your application. The recommendation form may not be completed by immediate or extended family members, godparents, or other close family friends.
- Write an essay addressing the question "Who has had the greatest impact on your process of being a young woman?"

How do I get additional information?

Attend a information session where Alpha Kappa Alpha members will answer your questions about the program, registration procedures, training workshops, and community service activities. No registration necessary.

Sessions are held at:

*Christiansburg Library
125 Sheltman Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073*

Session 1: **Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 2:00-3:00pm**

Session 2: **Sunday, April 27, 2008 from 5:00-6:00pm**

For additional information and session dates, contact: **Mrs. Angel Williams at (540)818-8010.**



What are the Debutante obligations?

All young women accepted into the program are required to participate in the workshops, service projects, and the cotillion ball.

Workshops and cotillion practices will be held on Sunday afternoons (unless otherwise stated).

Activities will begin in May and culminate, with the Cotillion Ball, in October.

What are the Debutante financial obligations?

- There will be a \$30 entrance fee for all accepted applicants due by the April 18th welcome meeting.
- There will be a \$125 sponsor fee. Potential sponsors include family members, friends, businesses, churches, etc.
- Each participant is expected to sell a minimum of \$500 in advertisements.

NOTE: All participants will have an opportunity to fundraise with the members of the Tau Mu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. All monies raised during this time will be divided among those who participated in the fundraising activities and can be used to purchase items necessary for the cotillion ball.