



Dear Prospective Debutante,

Thank you for your interest in the ***Emeralds of Excellence Scholarship Program and Debutante Cotillion***. Emeralds 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!

Ivy Heritage Foundation of
Irmo, SC
&
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
Incorporated
Upsilon Omega Omega Chapter
Irmo, SC

Beverly McCullough, IHF President
Theresa Counts-Davis, UOO President
Robyn Watson, Scholarship Chair

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 junior or senior as of Fall 2017.
- 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 program fee by August 31, 2017.
- raise a minimum of \$1,500 through individual fundraising efforts throughout the course of the program. These include, but are not limited to recruiting sponsors for the souvenir booklet.
- attend monthly program events, workshops and cotillion rehearsals.
- select a reliable young male escort (ages 16-19) and an adult male escort (father or father-figure) for the final cotillion.

If able to meet these minimum requirements, applicants are asked to do the following:

1. Complete the 2017-2018 Emeralds 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 June 30, 2017. *Late packets will not be reviewed.*
3. Letters of acceptance will be **emailed** to applicants on July 31, 2017.
4. If accepted, send program fee (\$300) by check or money order made payable to Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo (Memo: Emeralds of Excellence) to the address below by August 31, 2017. *Program fees are non-refundable.*

Send all program materials and fees to:
Emeralds of Excellence Scholarship Committee
Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo, SC
7001 St. Andrews Rd #301
Irmo, SC 29212

Young ladies that accept our invitation to participate will be required to attend an orientation meeting on **August 20, 2017**. Meeting details will be included in the program acceptance notification. If you or your parents have any questions, please contact us at emeraldofoxcellence@akairmo.org or our program chairperson, Robyn Watson at 803-429-8259.

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



Emeralds of Excellence 2017 – 2018 Debutante Application Packet

Applicant

Name _____
First Name Last Name Middle (complete)

Mailing Address _____
Number and Street Apartment #

City/Town State Zip Code County

Email Address _____ Birth Date _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Favorite Quote or Personal Motto: _____

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian #1: Mother Father Other: _____

Name _____
First Name Last Name Middle (complete)

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian #2: Mother Father Other: _____

Name _____
First Name Last Name Middle (complete)

Email Address _____

Education

Grade 11th 12th

School Name _____

School District _____ Current GPA (*Chapter Use Only*) _____

Future College/University _____

College/University City _____ College/University State _____

Anticipated Major _____

Extracurricular Activities

Please list your **current (2016 to present)** extracurricular, volunteer, and 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)	School/Community/Work	Activity	Positions held or honors won
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

Please list your hobbies and special talents. _____

Acknowledgements of Responsibilities

During the season (Sept 2017 – May 2018), 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 Emeralds 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? THINK BIG—beyond canned-food drives or community food pantries"
- 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

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

Prospective Debutante

Date

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

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Irmo, SC 29212

FINAL DEADLINE— JUNE 30, 2017.

Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Complete applications include:

- Emeralds of Excellence 2017-2018 Application
 - 500-word Essay
 - Official School Transcript
 - Two Recommendations

(NOTE: Qualified recommenders include teachers, community leaders, employers, and mentors. Relatives and members of the Emeralds 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 Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo, SC in connection with her application for the 2017 – 2018 Scholarship Program and Debutante Cotillion.

Parent/Guardian

Date

TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30, 2017.

Please mail transcript to:

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Recommendation Form

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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.

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Above Average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Below Average</i>	<i>No Opportunity to Observe</i>
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"/>
Personable Personality	<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:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastically recommend | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend with some reservations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not recommend |

Please provide any additional relevant information about the applicant.

Recommendation provided by _____

Name (please print)

Signature _____ Date _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____



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Acknowledgements and Signatures

If selected, I give my daughter permission to participate in the 2017-2018 Emeralds of Excellence Scholarship Program and Debutante Cotillion. 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): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____