

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Beta Eta Omega Chapter**



**2019 Cotillion Application**



Dear Prospective Cotillion Participant,

The time is here for the 2019 Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion. Beta Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® would like to thank you for your interest. We cordially invite you to submit an application to join the more than 1,100 alumni of the Dayton and surrounding area high schools who have participated in our annual event.

The Cotillion program, which began in 1981, has evolved into the premier event recognizing the achievements of male and female high school graduating seniors in the Dayton and surrounding area. During our five-month process, participants will be involved in character-building and leadership development workshops, mentoring, cultural enrichment activities, as well as the opportunity to make new friends and apply for a scholarship. To date, over \$580,000 in scholarships has been awarded to eligible participants. The culmination of our program is the Cotillion Ball, which will be held on March 2, 2019, at the Dayton Convention Center.

### ***Eligibility and Requirements***

Applicant must be a 2019 graduating high school senior of high moral character. While there is no GPA requirement to participate in the Cotillion, a minimum GPA of 2.5 is required to apply for a scholarship.

Please take the time to review the application. Interested participants should submit the completed application that:

- Is typed or neatly hand written in blue or black ink
- Is thoroughly filled out, printed, and signed (cannot be digitally signed)
- Includes Parent or Guardian information and signature (cannot be digitally signed)

Prospective participants are asked to join us for the Information Meeting to be held October 14, 2018. A formal invitation to this meeting will be mailed to you after receipt of your application. In the meantime, any questions can be directed to [akabhocotillion@gmail.com](mailto:akabhocotillion@gmail.com). **Your application for the 2019 Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion is due by September 30, 2018.**

We hope you will consider joining us as a 2019 Ebony Jewel or Gem!

Ms. Stephanie Norwood  
Co-Chairman  
2019 Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion

Ms. Cheryl R. Williams, President  
Beta Eta Omega Chapter  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®



**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®**  
**BETA ETA OMEGA CHAPTER**

**2019 EBONY JEWELS AND GEMS COTILLION**  
**PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

It is important this form is accurately completed. Please **PRINT IN INK** or **TYPE**.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT/ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE/MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBIES/TALENTS/TRAVELS: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTLY EMPLOYED (WHERE): \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY/CHURCH INVOLVEMENT (ACTIVITIES, ETC.): \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AL-KA-PALS? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INFORMATION YOU WISH TO SHARE ABOUT YOURSELF: \_\_\_\_\_

(If additional space is needed, attach another sheet.)

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:**

The purpose of the Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion is to present young people to the community who have focused on academic achievement, maintaining a positive attitude, possessing admirable character and moral standards that make them role models for other young people. In keeping with the standards of the Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Beta Eta Omega Chapter, will consider an application valid only when the answers are true to the following:

1. I am a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled in a public or private school.
2. I am unmarried at this point in my life and do not plan on getting married prior to the Cotillion.
3. I have not established motherhood/fatherhood at this point in my life.
4. I have not been convicted or pleaded guilty to any offense in a court of law in regards to violence, theft, or substance abuse.
5. I am able and committed to attend Cotillion practices and other scheduled activities.
6. I have the support and permission of my parents/guardians to participate in the Cotillion.

If any of the aforementioned conditions exist during the five-month Cotillion process, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Beta Eta Omega Chapter has the right to dismiss the student from participating in the Annual Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion and no monies will be refunded.

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' SECTION: This section MUST be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.**

Please give the name and other information of the person, other than the applicant, to whom all Cotillion correspondence should be sent. The person listed should be the legal guardian or financially responsible adult of the student applying to participate in the Cotillion process.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELATIONSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #: HOME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed this form and verified that the information about the applicant is true. If accepted, I give permission for my dependent to participate in the 2019 Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion. I understand participation in the Cotillion process is voluntary and my child may withdraw from the process at any time. I also acknowledge that any non-refundable fees will not be returned. It will be my responsibility to ensure all required fees and deadlines necessary for participation are met.

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**  
**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**  
**Beta Eta Omega Chapter**  
**ATTN: 2019 Ebony Jewels and Gems**  
**P.O. Box 24242**  
**Dayton, OH 45424-0242**

**\*\*A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$75 IS DUE UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE 2019 EBONY JEWELS AND GEMS COTILLION \*\***