

*The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.*

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**Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

*2023-2024 Precious Pearls Debutante Program*



**Debutante Program Handbook**

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## **The History of the Debutante Season**

The word, “debutante”, is derived from the French word, “debuter”, which means, “to lead off.”

The debutante tradition, as we know it in the United States, has its roots in England. The idea that a girl should be presented to society stems from the time when a daughter of a marriageable age needed to find a husband of suitable and similar social standing. The daughters of the landed aristocracy, the lords and ladies of England married within a very small circle and often had a very large dowry that went with them.

The court of the kings and queens of England is known as the court of St. James (“the Court”). It was the center of all power. Because of the weather and the requirements of the hunt, the Court was held in London from April until the end of July. During this time, the aristocracy came in from their country homes and opened their city houses and the social season commenced.

After the Industrial Revolution, as the middle class began to make large sums of money, the aristocrats were anxious to make alliances with wealthy entrepreneurs. The middle-class daughters could be presented if they could find a sponsor from among the aristocracy. The Season started with the presentation to the Court during which the young lady bowed to the Queen, thus the name the St. James Bow. Parties followed this, each family giving their share. It was hoped that at the end of the season, a girl would have found a husband.

The idea of the presentation of young women to society started in this country in 1748 when 59 colonial Philadelphia families held “Dancing Assemblies”, the forerunner to the Debutante Ball. The tradition continues today throughout the United States with the majority of balls being held from November through January.

## **The History of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Debutante Program in Boston, Massachusetts**

The Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has sponsored debutante programs in Boston for over 50 years. The first program was offered in 1973. Similar to its existing youth development programs, which provide education and positive growth development and mentoring, the 2018-2019 Precious Pearls Debutante Program, sponsored in collaboration with The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc., targets young women of color enrolled in grades 10 -12. In an era where images of women in various media and entertainment mediums are disturbingly negative, the Precious Pearls Debutante Program gives young women of color within the greater Boston area a positive self-image, role models and personal development activities that promote high moral and ethical standards. The six-month program culminates with a formal Cotillion that allows the community to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of the debutantes to mature into cultured, confident, principled and civic-minded women.

## Program Sponsor Overview



**The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated** was established in August 2005 by the members of the Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as a vehicle to expand the scope of scholarly assistance and community enrichment available in the Boston area. One mission of the Foundation is to advance and support education by providing underserved students with the financial assistance needed to attend college. Specifically, the focus of the Foundation is to further the education of young Black women who enroll as freshmen in a four-year college or university. The second purpose of the Foundation is to support charitable community programming in the greater Boston area. This is accomplished

by supporting programs that provide services to improve the health and social livelihood of all persons in the community (particularly communities of color) and to educate the public on issues that impact the same. For more information about The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc., please visit [www.bostonpearlfoundation.org](http://www.bostonpearlfoundation.org).



**Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated** was established in 1926 and is the oldest graduate chapter of the sorority within the New England states. For 95 years, Psi Omega Chapter has maintained an ongoing commitment to promote leadership development among Black women, support scholarship awards to promising young women, and provide financial and in-kind assistance to initiatives important to the welfare of Black people. For instance, Psi Omega Chapter grants monetary scholarships and gifts annually to

young women graduating from greater Boston-area high schools who are entering institutions of higher education. In 1932, Psi Omega Chapter presented its first scholarship of \$75.00. Since then, more than \$200,000 has been awarded to deserving college-bound students from the greater Boston area. Through the Precious Pearls Debutante Program, Psi Omega Chapter and The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc. foster the development of young women by providing mentoring, educational enrichment, and community service opportunities. Psi Omega sponsors a college fair where admission representatives and alumni from various Historically Black Colleges and Universities interact with high school students through one-on-one sessions and workshops. Under Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s international programs, Psi Omega donated backpacks filled with school supplies to students and dresses to the African Girls' Dress Project. Psi Omega Chapter has also supported national initiatives such as combating the COVID-19 pandemic, Sickle Cell Anemia Research, the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance, Alzheimer's Association and Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. For more information about Psi Omega Chapter, please visit [www.akaboston.org](http://www.akaboston.org).



## A Message to the 2023-2024 Precious Pearls Debutantes from the Cotillion Co-Chairmen

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***Greetings:*** Congratulations on being selected as a participant in the Biennial Precious Pearls Debutante Program, which is sponsored by The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc. and Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. It is our honor and pleasure to welcome you. Through diverse planning of a wide range of activities, we seek to expand your individual goals and bolster your self-esteem by highlighting the attributes that make you uniquely suited for your personal journey as a lifelong learner and valuable contributor to society. To facilitate this process and extract the most from this once-in-a-lifetime experience, we require from all participants (debutantes, escorts, and family members) total commitment to the Program and the constant display of self-respect and respect for others. To us, this Program “is a very serious matter.”

As you embark on your memorable journey as a Debutante, we encourage you to take advantage of every aspect the Program has to offer, as it is tailored for your benefit and intellectual and civic growth. Come prepared to learn and participate in each workshop; expect to meet new friends, some who will travel with you for a lifetime; and enjoy the rehearsals and satisfaction of community service. Equally as important, labor to earn scholarship dollars to invest in your future as you work to change the world in which we live.

With these goals in mind, it is understandable that inappropriate behavior, conduct, or bad language is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Removal from the program is possible, albeit a last resort. If, for any reason, a Debutante wishes to withdraw, she and her parent/guardian must notify a Cotillion Co-chairmen by telephone and immediately follow up with written correspondence. Please note that all monies submitted to The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc. are non-refundable, regardless of the reason for or time of withdrawal.

Your efforts will culminate in a magical evening at the Debutante Ball, the black-tie event held on June 1, 2024, featuring you and recognizing your academic, professional, and cultural growth. On that evening, you will be presented to society as Debutantes on the arms of your escorts and under the proud and watchful eyes of your friends, family, and the Boston community. We implore you to make the most of this unique cultural experience and enjoy your presentation and announcement to the world that you are coming!

Yours in service,

2023-2024 Precious Pearls Debutante Program Co-Chairmen

*Daphney Pacouloute*

*Taunya Garrett*

Daphney Pacouloute

Taunya Garrett

## Debutante Qualifications & Responsibilities

- She must be currently enrolled in the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade of a high school (or home-schooled) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- She must pay the non-refundable commitment fee of \$300.00 and meet the minimum \$1500.00 fundraising commitment and other financial obligations as required.
- She, along with her escort, must attend rehearsals and arrive on time.
- She, along with her escort, must adhere to the rules and regulations set by Boston Pearl Foundation Incorporated and Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.
  - She must be in good standing in her school and community.
  - She must not be a mother.
  - She must not now be or become pregnant during the Debutante Program season.
  - She must complete an application and biographical sketch.
  - She must submit a parental permission form signed by her parent(s) or guardian(s).
  - She must participate in Cotillion activities.
  - She must be amenable to acquiring characteristics and qualities that would lend themselves to desirable social behavior.

## Escort Qualifications & Responsibilities

- Escort must be age 15 -19 years of age currently enrolled in the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade of a high school (or home schooled) or college freshmen.
- Escort must pay the non-refundable \$150.00 participation fee.
- Escort must have demonstrated leadership potential (i.e., academic, athletic, religious, etc.) and participation in extra-curricular activities.
- Escort must not be a father.
- Escort must complete an application and biographical sketch.
- Escort must participate in Cotillion activities.
- Escort must be amenable to acquiring characteristics and qualities that would lend themselves to desirable social behavior.

# Debutante Expectations & Rules

## Attendance

Debutantes must participate in every monthly activity. More than two unexcused absences disqualify the debutante for a title opportunity. Three unexcused absences will require the debutante to discontinue the program and relinquish all funds raised in the name of the Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc. Please direct attendance issues to the attention of Laronica Lightfoot, Debutante Co-Chairman.

## Fundraising

Each debutante is required to:

- Raise \$1,500 through debutante sponsorships or advertisements for the souvenir journal
- Sell a minimum of 4 tickets to the formal debutante ball.

Refer to **Appendix B** for appropriate submission forms.

A fundraising web page will be created for each debutante to publicize the 2024 Cotillion, your accomplishments/interests, and community service to aid in reaching your fundraising goals.

Debutantes are discouraged from creating additional fundraising pages. However, should you choose to use alternative platform(s), any self-created fundraising web pages/sites must be submitted for review and approval by the Debutante Committee and state collection “on behalf of the Boston Pearl Foundation” in your name.

## Debutante Fee(s)

Debutantes are required to pay a non-refundable commitment fee of \$300.00, plus participate in fundraising activities raising a minimum of \$1,500.00. Funds attained through fundraising may be paid in installments according to the established payment timeline and reporting procedures.

**NOTE:** The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated and the Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated reserves the right to request the withdrawal of any debutante who does not adhere to the foregoing regulation or any other regulation which jeopardizes the welfare of our organization.

If for any reason a Debutante wishes to withdraw, she and her parent/guardian must notify Cotillion Co-Chairman, Taunya Garrett (617) 839-9809 immediately and follow up in writing via email to [taunyarrett@verizon.net](mailto:taunyarrett@verizon.net). After December 1, 2023, all program fees submitted to The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc. are nonrefundable. All fundraising monies collected in the name of The Boston Pearl Foundation are nonrefundable. **No portion of the fee will be returned to the debutante. All monies are nonrefundable whatever the reason for the withdrawal.**

# Escort Expectations & Rules

## **Attendance**

Escorts must be able to commit to attending necessary rehearsals and certain activities designed to prepare young men for adulthood.

## **Respect**

Escorts are expected to conduct themselves like gentlemen and treat adults, women, and debutantes with respect. Inappropriate behavior/conduct or bad language will not be tolerated – no exceptions.

## Escort Fee(s)

Escorts are required to pay a non-refundable commitment fee of \$150.00. The commitment fee covers professional development workshops and boutonnière.





## *2023-2024 Precious Pearls Debutante Program Schedule*

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DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
Wednesday, 12/6	Virtual Parent & Debutante Orientation @7- 8:30 PM
Sunday, December 10	Group Mixer & Kick Off - 1162 Brook Rd, Milton, MA 02186
Monday, January 15	Debutante MLK Day of Service - Dorchester YMCA 776 Washington St, Dorchester, MA
Saturday, February 3 - Sunday, February 4	Debutante & Escort Etiquette Workshop & Overnight Activity - Wellesley, MA
<i>Saturday, February 3</i>	<i>Fundraising - 1st Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets</i>
<i>Saturday, February 17</i>	<i>Fundraising - 2nd Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets</i>
Sunday, February 25	Debutante and Escort Workshop/Parent Workshop Virtual
Saturday, March 2 or 9	Photo Shoot @ Location & Time TBD
<i>Saturday, March 9</i>	<i>Fundraising - 3rd Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets</i>
March TBD	Debutante & Escort Cultural Event - Time & Location TBD
Sunday, March 24	Cotillion Rehearsal (Debutantes/Escorts) @ Beaver Country Day
<i>Saturday, March 30</i>	<i>Fundraising - 4th Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets</i>
Sunday, April 14 or 21	Cotillion Rehearsal (Debutantes/Escorts)/Parent Meeting @ Beaver Country Day
<i>Saturday, April 20</i>	<i>Fundraising - 5th Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets</i>
<i>Sunday, May 5</i>	<i>Fundraising - FINAL Collection of Ticket Sales Only</i>
Sunday, May 5	Cotillion Rehearsal (Debutantes/Escorts) @ Beaver Country Day
Saturday, May 11	Debutante Tea - Time & Location TBD
Week of May 12- 19 Date TBD	Cotillion Rehearsal (Debutantes/Escorts) @ Four Points Sheraton, Norwood, MA - TBD
Week of May 19th TBD	Optional Rehearsal
<b>Saturday June 1</b>	<b>Precious Pearls Cotillion Ball @ Four Points Sheraton, Norwood MA</b>

As of 1/1/24 - please visit the website for program updates

## Special Awards

Selection is based on extraordinary fundraising achievement. Debutantes will compete for these special awards and recognitions based on the total amount raised from sponsorships, advertisements, and Cotillion tickets sold by the stated deadline of **Saturday, April 20, 2024**.

### **MISS PRECIOUS PEARL**

Debutante Elect with highest fundraising

### **FIRST RUNNER-UP**

### **SECOND RUNNER-UP**

## Special Designation Awards

### **Miss Congeniality - Gift**

Debutante voted by her peers as most congenial

### **Miss Ivy Scholar– Gift**

Debutante with highest overall cumulative GPA (most recent report)

### **Miss Pearls of Service – Gift**

Debutante who volunteers the most community service hours throughout the debutante program

Debutantes will receive a percentage of monies fundraised in excess of \$1,500.00 upon confirmation acceptance, enrollment, and confirmed attendance at a 4-year institution of higher learning. The percentage awarded is as follows:

<b>Miss Precious Pearl</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>First Runner-Up</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Second Runner-Up</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>All other Debutantes</b>	<b>25%</b>

# Fundraising

## **Boston Pearl Foundation and Psi Omega of AKA - Corporate Partnership Opportunities (levels) will be included in all Press Releases**

- Pearl Sponsorship ..... \$5,000 includes One (1) Full-Page Ad & Four (4) Cotillion Tickets & Special Recognition
- Ivy Sponsorship ..... \$2,500 includes One (1) Full- Page Ad & Two (2) Cotillion Tickets
- Tea Rose Sponsorship ..... \$1,250 includes One (1) Full-Page Ad

### **Debutante Sponsor Opportunities (levels)**

- Platinum (Full Page) ..... \$1,000 (above)
- Pink Diamond (Full Page) ..... \$ 750 (above)
- Gold (Full Page) ..... \$ 500 (above)
- Silver (Full Page) ..... \$ 250 (above)
- Emerald (Half Page) ..... \$ 150 (above)
- Pearl (Quarter Page) ..... \$ 75 (above)
- Tea Rose (Patron)..... \$ 25 (above)

### **Debutante Advertisements in Souvenir Journal**

Family, friends, and/or companies can place an advertisement.

- Maximum four (4) pages of ads per Debutante
- Full Page..... \$250
- Half Page..... \$150
- Quarter Page..... \$75

### **Cotillion Dinner Tickets**

- \$150 per adults
- \$75 per child (under age 12 years)

### **Souvenir Journal**

- Each Debutante will be provided one complimentary souvenir journal

### **Debutante Fundraising Expectations**

- Raise \$1,500 (**required minimum**)
- Sell four (4) adult Cotillion tickets per Debutante

### **Suggested ways to raise money**

- Share your website link
- Target local businesses, churches, parents'/relatives' employer
- Recruit family, friends, school mentors to assist in raising funds on your behalf

# Recordkeeping / Funds Submission

## How to Report Debutante Sponsor Funds\*

- Refer to the “Debutante Financial Form” (attached); Included in Handbook and online.

## How to Report Cotillion Ticket Sales\*

- Refer to the “Debutante Ticket Sales Form” (attached); Included in Handbook and online.

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## Collection Timeline: Sponsorship/ Ads/ Tickets

**Funds reported must be in cash, money order, certified, or company/personal checks. A \$35.00 fee will be charged for returned checks regardless of the reason for the return.**

Saturday, February 3	1st Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets
Saturday, February 17	2nd Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets
Saturday, March 9	3rd Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets
Saturday, March 30	4th Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets
Saturday, April 20	5th Collection Sponsors/Ads/Tickets
Sunday, May 5	FINAL Collection of Ticket Sales Only

**All Debutantes are expected to adhere to the timeline. No Debutante will be presented if all fees are not submitted.**

\*Electronic forms are available in the portal at <https://www.bostonpearloundation.org/>

# Debutante Financial Form

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

Debutante Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

## Debutante Sponsor Level

The Debutante Sponsorship Level, including the individual and/or business name will appear in the 2024 Precious Pearl Debutante Program souvenir journal presented at the Cotillion.

Level	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
Platinum	\$ 1,000		
Pink Diamond	\$ 750		
Gold	\$ 500		
Silver	\$ 250		
Emerald	\$ 100		
Pearl (Patron)	\$ 50		
Tea Rose (Patron)	\$ 25		
	<b>Total</b>		

**Payment:**

Complete the Debutante Financial Form for each contributor/sponsor. Please mail it along with a check, cashier's check, or money order payable to:

The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.  
 Attention: Debutante Committee  
 PO Box 191543 Roxbury Station  
 Boston, MA 02119

\*\*Tax Exemption\*\*

The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated, is a 501(c)3 non-profit entity established in August 2005 by members of the Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. providing scholarly assistance and community enrichment to the Boston community area.

# Debutante Ticket Sales Form

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

Debutante Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 150 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 75 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment:

Complete the Debutante Ticket Sales Form and mail it along with all checks, cashiers' checks, or money or orders payable to:

The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.  
Attention: Debutante Committee  
P.O. Box 191543 Roxbury Station  
Boston, MA 02119

### \*\*Tax Exemption\*\*

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# Debutante Cotillion Attire

## **DEBUTANTES will wear:**

- White formal wedding gown – gown selected by Cotillion Co-Chairs
- Full Ball Gown Slip Petticoat
- Mid Elbow Length White Satin Gloves - **Provided by Boston Pearl Foundation**

## **Accessories needed for formal Cotillion:**

- White single-string pearl necklace - **Pearls Provided by Boston Pearl**

## **Foundation**

- 2 Pairs of Ultra-Sheer White Pantyhose
- Flesh Tone or White Undergarments
- White long-line strapless bra
- White Pearl Earrings (Studs no larger than 1/4” diameter, Dangles no longer than 1.5”)
- White Close-Toe or Open-Toe Shoes No Higher Than 2”

## **Hair:**

- Hair must be neat, clean and well-groomed.
- No Adornments (Beads, Flowers, Decorative Hair Pins)
- No unnatural color hair pieces/tracks (e.g., Red, Purple, Yellow, Blue)
- Clean shaven underarms

## **Nails:**

- Natural Tone Polish

## **Makeup:**

- Natural Tone Makeup

\*Assistance will be provided during photo session and Cotillion.

## **Escort Cotillion Attire**

All tuxedos will be rented from:  
**Men's Warehouse (any location)**

**Group Number: 12726467**

**Fitting Deadline March 30. 2024**

### **ESCORTS**

**Tuxedo Rental TBD Price fee. Taxes waived.)**

The package includes a coat, pants, shirt, vest, bow tie, studs and cuff links, shoes, socks, and a white pocket square.

- White gloves: Provided by Boston Pearl Foundation
- Hair must be neat, clean and well-groomed
- No earrings or ornate jewelry

## **Father/Guardian Cotillion Attire**

**FATHERS (Tuxedo Rental or Supply your Own Tuxedo)**

- One Button Black Roll Tux coat, Black formal trousers

## **Mother/Guardian & Guest Attire**

### **MOTHERS/GUARDIANS**

- Long formal or Tea length Gown (Solid white is not permitted)

### **GUESTS**

- Evening Attire
- Ladies (long or tea-length gown)
- Men (Dark suit or Tuxedo)



# Photography & Photo Shoots

## \*\*\*\*\* PHOTO SHOOT SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\*

**Saturday March 2, 2024 or March 9, 2024      Location: TBD**

- **Individual Debutante Photos (head, full & group shots)**
  - Hair & Makeup: Debutantes should arrive with complete hair and makeup.
  - Attire – Full Shot:  
Gown
  - Attire - Headshot: Cape will be provided.  

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  - Accessories: Pearls will be provided
- **Individual Escort Photos (headshot only)**
  - Hair:
    - Neatly and professionally groomed
  - Face:
    - No facial hair or neatly groomed mustache
  - Clothes:
    - Black or dark suit jacket
    - White dress shirt, ironed with a Tie

\*If an escort does not have a tie or jacket, please let us know

**Saturday, June 1, 2024 ( 10 AM – 10PM)**

**Location: Four Points Sheraton**

- **Precious Pearls Cotillion/Event Photos**
- Debutante group photo
- Debutante/Escort group photo

# Photo Release Form

The Boston Pearl Foundation,  
Incorporated P.O. Box 191543, Roxbury  
Station  
Boston, MA 02119

Subject: Permission to Use Photograph

Event: *2023-2024 Precious Pearl Debutante Cotillion Program*

I grant to **The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated** the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the above-identified event. I authorize **The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated**, its assignees and transferees to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that **The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated** may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, parent or  
guardian (if under age 18)

# 2023-2024 Cotillion Program

## Contact Information

<b>Taunya Garrett Events &amp; Programs Logistics</b>	<b>617-839-9809</b>	<b><a href="mailto:taunyaraggett@verizon.net">taunyaraggett@verizon.net</a></b>
<b>Daphney Pacouloute Debutantes</b>	<b>617-980-9114</b>	<b><a href="mailto:daphneypacouloute88@gmail.com">daphneypacouloute88@gmail.com</a></b>

# Appendix A: Forms

Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.  
and  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Psi Omega Chapter

**Escort Information Form**

**Debutante:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Escort:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

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

( ) ( )  
*Telephone Number Cell Phone Number*

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

**Attends:** \_\_\_\_\_ *High School or College*

**Classification:** \_\_\_Senior \_\_\_Junior \_\_\_Sophomore

**Aspirations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Son of:**

*Circle appropriate title: (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Master, Rev., Dr., Colonel, etc.).*

**Commitment Fee \$150.00**

Make check payable to The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated and mail check, money order, or cashier's check to:

**The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated**  
**Attention: Precious Pearl Cotillion**  
**P.O. Box 191543, Roxbury Station,**  
**Boston, MA 02119**

## Individual Escort Tux Rental Information

**Group Number: 12726467**

**Event Date: June 1, 2024**

Escort Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Escort email: \_\_\_\_\_

Escort Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Measurement information:

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lb.

To avoid the rush of tux rentals due to high school dances and proms, please have escort tuxes order by:

**Fitting Deadline March 30, 2024**

Men's Warehouse Tuxedo Rental  
<http://www.menswarehouse.com>  
For the store nearest you call: 1-800-776-SUIT(7848)

Boston Pearl Foundation,  
Inc. and  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
Incorporated Psi Omega Chapter

**Presenter Information Form**

**Debutante:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

**Check one:** \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_ Brother \_\_\_ Grandfather \_ Uncle \_\_\_\_ Family Friend  
\_\_\_\_\_

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
*Telephone Number Alternate Number*

## Appendix B: Fundraising



**The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.**

Post Office Box 191543 Roxbury Station

Boston, Massachusetts 02119

Date

Dear Family and Friends,

I am thrilled to share that I have been selected to participate in the 2023-2024 Precious Pearls Debutante Program, organized by the Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated, and the Psi Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. This program aims to develop civic and cultural awareness, etiquette and social graces, financial literacy, health and fitness, higher education planning, and community service over six months. After completing the program, I will be honored for my achievements and presented to the Boston Society at a formal ball on June 1, 2024.

I would be pleased to have you join me and my parent(s) on this special day. I will send you the details on the Precious Pearls Debutante Ball in the spring.

As part of the program, I am required to raise funds from potential sponsors. The sponsors' names will be listed in the souvenir program book to distribute to guests at the Precious Pearls Debutante Program. The funds raised will support scholarships for college-bound high school seniors. The Debutante Program awards are based on the amount of advertisements and tickets sold by each Debutante. Therefore, please consider purchasing an advertisement and sponsoring me. I have enclosed a souvenir program sponsor/ advertising form for your convenience. I would be grateful if you could send me your sponsorship by April 24, 2024. You may send the advertisement and payment to me at my home address listed above.

I appreciate your support, and I look forward to sharing this special and happy milestone with you and my family.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

# Sponsorships and Souvenir Journal

## Souvenir Journal

Each Debutante will be provided one complimentary souvenir journal.

### Boston Pearl Foundation and Psi Omega of AKA - Corporate Partnership Opportunities (levels)

- Pearl Sponsorship ..... \$5,000
- Ivy Sponsorship..... \$2,500
- Tea Rose Sponsorship..... \$1,250

### Debutante Sponsor Opportunities (levels)

- Platinum ..... \$1,000 (above)
- Pink Diamond..... \$ 750 (above)
- Gold..... \$ 500 (above)
- Silver ..... \$ 250 (above)
- Emerald ..... \$ 150 (above)
- Pearl ..... \$ 50 (above)
- Tea Rose (Patron)..... \$ 25 (above)

### Debutante Advertisements in Souvenir Journal

Family, friends, and/or companies can place an advertisement.

- Maximum four (4) pages of ads per Debutante
- Full Page ..... \$250
- Half Page ..... \$150
- Quarter Page..... \$75

# Souvenir Journal Ads

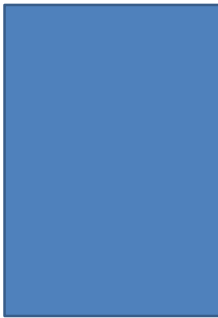
Dear Friend,

**The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc. and the Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.** will be hosting its **2023-2024 Precious Pearls Debutante Program** on **June 1, 2024** at **Four Points Sheraton**. This formal debut of these young ladies will showcase the enhancement of their skills in the areas of education, career awareness, personal growth and development, etiquette and cultural enrichment. These young ladies are committed to striving for excellence and to giving more of themselves in service for their community.

We are requesting your financial support in the way of purchasing an ad to be placed in the Souvenir Journal. All ads for the Souvenir Journal, including monies, must be received by **Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.** no later than **April 24, 2024**. **Advertisements must be JPEG or PNG, no less than 600 DPI. Please email Ads to [bostonpearlfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bostonpearlfoundation@gmail.com).**

## Ad Journal Sizes

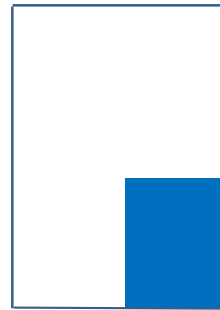
FULL PAGE



HALF PAGE



QUARTER PAGE



Debutante Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Check One:

Organization /Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Full Page \$250

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  Half Page \$150

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Quarter Page \$75

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to ***Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.***

## Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

### Pearl Sponsorship (\$5,000)

Opportunity to underwrite and/or conduct workshops during the debutante program. Special recognition at the *Debutante Cotillion* (June 1, 2024).

One (1) full-page color advertisement in the *Cotillion Souvenir Journal* (Circulation 2,000). Four (4) reserved tickets to the *Cotillion*.

Inclusion in all press releases.

Approved marketing material at each dinner table.

### Ivy Sponsorship (\$2,500)

Special recognition at the *Debutante Cotillion* (June 1, 2024).

One (1) full-page color advertisement in *Cotillion Souvenir Journal* (Circulation 2,000). Two (2) reserved tickets to the *Cotillion*. Inclusion in all press releases.

Approved marketing material at each dinner table.

### Tea Rose Sponsorship (\$1,250)

One half page advertisement in *Cotillion Souvenir Journal* (Circulation 2,000).

Inclusion in all press releases.

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