

# Scottsdale Honors Cotillion

## Preparing for the Interview

Bring the following to your interview, which is scheduled on:

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- Your mother or guardian
- This completed application
- Copy of your high school transcript through the first semester of your junior year, showing your overall high school G.P.A.
- Copy of your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card
- An interview/program fee of \$150.00. Cash or check, payable to Scottsdale Honors Cotillion, Inc. **Interview fee/Program fee is non-refundable if you are accepted into the program.**
- This reminder check sheet

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## Standards

Scottsdale Honors Cotillion is an award program for young women with prior outstanding achievement. In order to successfully complete the Cotillion Program and be presented to the Honorable Mayor of Scottsdale at the Grand Cotillion Ball, the following standards must be maintained:

1. A scholastic average of 3.0 GPA overall to be maintained during the senior year. GPA's will be checked at the two Standards Meetings.
2. Applicants must be a full time student at a Scottsdale-area high school OR reside in the Scottsdale area.
3. Participation in all SHC activities and meetings: No more than four excused absences will be permitted during the year. Three tardies to meetings equals one absence.
4. Attendance at your chosen place of worship 50% of the time.
5. Participation in community service projects as organized by Scottsdale Honors Cotillion.
6. Learn a new talent and present it at the Scottsdale Honors Cotillion Talent Show.
7. Participation in two ongoing extracurricular school activities.
8. Meet all financial obligations as outlined in the Financial Commitment (see attached).
9. Cover any visible tattoos and/or piercings; no theatrical makeup during the Grand Cotillion Ball.
10. Restrict jewelry at the Grand Cotillion Ball to a single strand of pearls and pearl stud earrings (only one each ear).
11. Ball gown and shoes must be approved PRIOR to purchase by Governing Board Ball Dress Chairperson (see attached).
12. Presentation by male (typically father) and escorted by male (typically friend/brother) at the Grand Cotillion Ball.
13. Maintain a profile appropriate to Scottsdale Honors Cotillion débutantes. This includes good grooming, responsibility, participation and a positive attitude.
14. Most meetings will require a dress code of "appropriate length" dresses/skirts AND pantyhose. No "flip flops" or "tennis shoes" permitted.
15. Obtain a GMAIL based email address. GAPPS or other email is not permitted.

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Member

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Date

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Parent/Guardian

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Date

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## Membership Application

Girl's Formal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Girl's Gmail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Girl's Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Girl's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Person/s with Whom the Girl Resides \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any high school clubs, club teams, activities and honors that you have received during high school.  
Do not include honors classes in which you were enrolled.

Freshman \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Junior \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Senior (anticipated) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community service \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Place of worship \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of siblings \_\_\_\_\_

Names of relatives who participated in Scottsdale Honors Cotillion \_\_\_\_\_

Any food allergies? If yes, please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

Have **YOU**, the applicant, been expelled from school, terminated for cause from employment, charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned, in consideration of the acceptance of membership in Scottsdale Honors Cotillion, do hereby agree that we will not, individually or as legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ institute any action at law or in equity against Scottsdale Honors Cotillion, Inc. a non-profit corporation, on account of any injury or loss or damages sustained by her during the course of the scheduled activities.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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## Mothers, Can You Help Us?

Please let us know if you are interested in supporting Scottsdale Honors Cotillion, a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation, by completing the form and returning it at your daughter's interview. Your response, in no way, affects your daughter's eligibility/selection for the program. Check any/all that apply.

### I want to be considered for SHC Color Mom:

YES, I am interested in participating as an SHC Color Mom.

(If chosen, you will serve as a mentor to a small group of girls each week. The time commitment involved will follow the same schedule as your daughter. You will not have your own daughter in your group of responsibility.)

NO, I cannot help

### I want to consider hosting an SHC Event:

YES, I volunteer my home for an SHC gathering of about 12 people.

YES, I volunteer for a **medium** sized event (approximately 60-75 people in December).

YES, I volunteer for a **large** sized event (approximately 80-100 people the Sunday preceding the SHC Grand Cotillion Ball).

NO, I cannot help.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Number to Reach You: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Thank you for your consideration and support!**

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## Photography Consent Form/Model Release/Media Release

I, (*print name*) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission to Scottsdale Honors Cotillion, Inc., its governing board/representatives, to take and use: (*check all that apply*)

- photographs/digital images
- videotape
- audio recording or quoted remarks
- PowerPoint or presentation materials

of me or prepared by me, or of my property, for use in promotional materials. These materials might include printed or electronic publications, websites or other electronic communications.

I authorize the use of these materials indefinitely without compensation to me. All negatives, positives, prints, digital reproductions and video and audio recordings shall be the property of Scottsdale Honors Cotillion, Inc.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or guardian)

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## Financial Commitment

Costs for the annual program include the following, payable to Scottsdale Honors Cotillion, Inc.

1. Interview/Program Fee (by cash or check only, due at time of interview)	\$150.00
2. Program Fee/Membership Dues (due upon acceptance, summer) <sup>1</sup>	\$600.00
3. First half ball tickets, for 5 guests (due fall, date TBA) <sup>2</sup>	\$620.00
4. Second half ball tickets, for 5 guests (due spring, date TBA) <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$620.00</u>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,990.00</b>
5. Plus, additional costs, not included in above mentioned total <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup>Note: Program Fees are used to defray the following costs:

- St. Barnabas Church – Pays for weekly meetings for which the church charges us a rental fee.
- Grady Gammage or equivalent theater evening – Pays for admission to the theater.
- Get Acquainted Salad Supper – Provides drinks and dinner.
- Etiquette Night – Provides for prizes, drinks and dinner.
- Pizza Party Dinner – Provides for dinner/dessert/and drinks.
- Child Crisis Arizona– Provides for fabric bags that we decorate and donate.
- Escort Party – Provides for a catered dinner the Sunday before the Grand Cotillion Ball.
- Scholarships – Provides \$500.00 each for the Spirit Award and the Academic Achievement Award.
- Holiday Party – Provides rental of tables/chairs at this formal dinner, if needed.

<sup>2</sup>Note: Ball tickets are used to defray the following costs:

- Venue and dinner – Hyatt Regency Scottsdale – Vaquero Ballroom or another high end venue
- Audio Visual Expense, spotlights and runway
- Entertainment live band at ball
- Flowers for each table, débutante, presenter, escort
- Holding room – snacks for behind the scenes
- Photography room – vignettes and flowers for family photos
- Ball Invitations are withheld from debutante if payment is in arrears and provided, when current

<sup>3</sup>Additional Miscellaneous Costs:

- Duke Photography, Inc. – Approximately \$50 sitting fee, included is one 8 x 10 portrait
- Tuxedo Rental – Presenter rental fee is approximately \$90, Escort rental fee is approximately \$110-\$120
- Ball gown, long white gloves, white shoes, optional slip – costs vary
- Approximately \$30-\$40 for miscellaneous food items at community service and/or dinner event
- Optional, additional seats at ball (after mandatory ten seats<sup>2</sup>) are \$120.00 per guest

Some need-based scholarships are available, on request. Girls receiving need-based scholarships are limited to ten guests (only) at the ball.

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### **Ball Gown Guidelines and Contract**

The Grand Cotillion Ball is held on Saturday, the day before Easter. Note: The ball frequently occurs during Passover; this varies from year to year. We are looking forward to working with each of you in preparation for this very special evening. Scottsdale Honors Cotillion has **strict gown guidelines** to which you must adhere when purchasing your gown. Make sure that your choice complies with the following:

1. All snow white dresses. A piece of computer paper is a good guide for color.
2. One-piece gowns only, with no removable parts. The gown must remain within standards for the entire evening of the ball.
3. Gown must be full skirted and floor length. No train and no bustling of train are permitted. No mermaid shapes or hoops are permitted.
4. Cap/short sleeves or "over the shoulder strap" 3 inches wide, minimum, at the top of the shoulder.
5. Lace trim, ribbons, and bows are acceptable, but must be snow white. Off-white or colored trim is not permitted.
6. **No sequins, pearls, rhinestones, beads, or other embellishments/sparkles.**
7. The neckline must be high enough so as to not show cleavage when you curtsy. The back should be no lower than the bra line.
8. No strapless, sleeveless, backless, off the shoulder, halter-top, or spaghetti straps are permitted.
9. Long, snow white, opera-length gloves will be worn. These gloves come just above the elbow.
10. No flowers, ribbons, bows, headbands or any other hair ornaments will be allowed in the hair. Hair clips and/or barrettes must be pre-approved.
11. White pearl stud earrings, only one in each ear lobe, are permitted. No visible tattoos, gauges or visible, multiple piercings will be accepted.
12. Single strand white pearls are the only necklaces accepted.
13. Unembellished, plain white, open or closed-toe dress shoes must be worn. You will be climbing stairs and standing for a long period of time. It is important that your shoes be comfortable and easy to walk in. No Toms, flip-flops or tennis shoes are permitted.

**Before purchasing your dress, you must obtain pre-approval from the SHC Governing Board Ball Gown Chair. This is to ensure that each debutante is presented with her own unique ball gown. No duplicates will be permitted. Dresses are approved on a first come, first served basis. You may begin shopping for your dress as soon as you are accepted, but do not purchase until you have been given pre-approval. All dresses must be purchased and altered to meet standards PRIOR to sitting for the professional portraits required, which begin in November/December.**





**Ball Gown and Guidelines Contract (continued)**

**IF YOU PURCHASE NEW:**

The SHC Ball Gown Chair will need the following information to approve your ball gown:

Style number

Manufacturer's name and place where purchased

Full length, front and back photo, preferably with debutante wearing gown.

Your written indication as to exactly what alterations will be made to ensure it meets SHC standards.

When alterations are complete, a full length picture, front and back with debutante wearing the gown, PRIOR to professional photos.

**IF YOU HAVE ONE PROFESSIONALLY MADE:**

The SHC Ball Gown Chair will need the following information to approve your ball gown:

Pattern company's name

Pattern number

Sketch of the gown

Your written indication as to exactly what alterations will be made to ensure it meets SHC standards.

When gown is complete, a full length picture, front and back with debutante wearing the gown, prior to professional photos.

**IF YOU RECYCLE A DRESS OR PURCHASE A LEGACY GOWN:**

If you purchase a gown from a previous debutante, do NOT assume that it meets our standards or that the style is available for wearing to the ball. The SHC Ball Gown Chair will need the following information to approve your ball gown:

Style number

Manufacturer's name

Previous debutante & year in SHC

Full length, front and back photo, preferably with debutante wearing gown.

Your written indication as to exactly what alterations will be made to ensure it meets SHC standards.

When gown is complete, a full length picture, front and back with debutante wearing the gown, prior to professional photos.

We have read and agree to support the Scottsdale Honors Cotillion Ball Gown Guidelines. We understand that the ball gown may need to be altered and we may incur additional charges at our own expense to ensure compliance with the SHC guidelines, prior to the professional photography appointment, which begin in November/December.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debutante Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debutante Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

Debutante Gmail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_