

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



2024 Cotillion Application



Dear Prospective Cotillion Participant,

The time is here for the 2024 Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion. Beta Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® cordially invites you to submit an application to join the more than 1,200 former students 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 greater Dayton area and beyond. During our 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 \$725,000 in scholarships have been awarded to eligible participants. The culmination of our program is the Cotillion Ball, which will be held on February 24, 2024, at the Dayton Convention Center.

Eligibility and Requirements

The applicant must be a 2024 graduating high school senior of good 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 neatly handwritten in blue or black ink or typed (the application is a fillable form)
- Is thoroughly filled out, printed, and signed (cannot be digitally signed)
- Includes Parent or Guardian information and signature (cannot be digitally signed)

Prospective participants will be invited to attend our Cotillion Information Meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2023. In the meantime, any questions can be directed to akabhocotillion@gmail.com.

Your application for the 2024 Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion is due by October 14, 2023.

We hope you will consider joining us as a 2024 Ebony Jewel or Gem!

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

Ms. Cynthia Booker-Neilson, President
Beta Eta Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®



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

**2024 EBONY JEWELS AND GEMS COTILLION
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

It is important this form be accurately completed. (This is a fillable PDF form.)

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 regard to violence, theft, or substance abuse.
5. I am able and committed to participate in Cotillion 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 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 your 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 2024 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 fees identified as non-refundable 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: 2024 Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion
P.O. Box 24242
Dayton, OH 45424-0242
or EMAIL TO: AKABHOCotillion@gmail.com

**A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF
\$125 IS DUE UPON
ACCEPTANCE INTO THE 2024
EBONY JEWELS AND GEMS
COTILLION**