

The Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc.

Established by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

Zeta Omega Chapter

Cordially invites you to the
78th Annual Debutante Program & Ball Information Session

Information Session

Date: May 17, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Route 9 Library & Innovation Center

All Interested Candidates Must:

- Be a senior for the 2026-2027 academic school year
- Submit the completed application and supporting documents
- Visit <https://www.zetaomegadebutanteprogram.com> to RSVP for the Information Session by May 10, 2026 by 12:00pm.



Greetings,

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is an international service organization founded in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American, college-educated women.

The Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc., established by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Omega Chapter in Wilmington, Delaware, is currently seeking young ladies that will be seniors during the 2026-2027 school year with a GPA of 2.5 or higher that possess exceptional character and have outstanding involvement in extracurricular activities and community service.

The Debutante Program will begin in late August 2026 and end with an elegant Debutante Ball in the spring of 2027. Interested applicants and their parents/guardians should attend an information session held on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

This is an excellent opportunity for college-bound young ladies to participate in an enriching program that incorporates dynamic educational, cultural, social, and community service activities that include:

- College Preparation and Career Information
- Social Etiquette and Elegant Dining
- Health & Personal Safety
- Discussion of Young Women's Issues
- Financial Literacy
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Community Service
- Mentorship



We look forward to sharing more about our program with you at our upcoming Information Session. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

The Debutante Program & Ball Committee

Application Instructions

You must be a senior during the 2026-2027 academic school year to apply. The Selection Committee will only review complete application packets received by the deadline. The following items constitute a complete application packet and **must** be received by **June 30, 2026**.

- The completed application form (link is available on the Debutante Program website)
- A prepared autobiography written in paragraph or narrative form that includes:
 - A brief explanation of why you are interested in becoming a Debutante;
 - Some of the attributes that you can bring to the program;
 - Your expectations of the program; and
 - A list of current accomplishments and/or activities (i.e., sports, school activities, church and community involvement, and personal talents).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - One (1) from a school official, i.e. a counselor, teacher, or principal.
 - One (1) from a community representative, non-related adult, or Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority member.
- An official school transcript (must be sealed or sent electronically directly from the school). A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average is required.
- If accepted to participate in the Debutante Program there will be a \$500.00 program fee. The fee can be paid in full by September 1, 2026, or in three installments of \$100.00 due on August 1, 2026, \$200.00 due on September 1, 2026, and \$200.00 due on October 1, 2026.

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If you have questions, you may contact Esa Street (302) 753-7554, or send an email to debutanteprogram@akazetaomega.org