



Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated  
***La Vie En Rose (Life in Pink)***  
2025 Debutante Cotillion Application

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Dear Prospective Debutante,

Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated is pleased to announce its 2025 Debutante Cotillion program which will formally begin in Spring 2025. The program is open to young ladies who will be enrolled in high school as juniors or seniors during the 2025-2026 school year and who have demonstrated academic stability (current GPA of 2.5 or higher). We cordially invite you to submit an application to join the esteemed alumnae of Montgomery County and the Metropolitan DC area who have participated in our program.

Historically, a cotillion was characterized as a formal, social dance. In recent years, it is recognized as a formal presentation of young ladies referred to as debutantes. These young ladies are presented to society after they have developed social skills and acquired a sense of responsibility and achievement that prepares them to conquer life's challenges as a lady. Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated embraces this concept with a program that affords young ladies the opportunity to develop and enhance their personal, educational, cultural, spiritual and social lives. This unique program culminates with a formal Debutante Cotillion Ball in November 2025.

Please submit a Cotillion Application Package consisting of:

- Completed Debutante Cotillion Application Form and Participation Certification;
- Cotillion Statement of Qualification;
- Official High School Transcript (Sealed);
- Two letters of recommendation (non-relative and one teacher or counselor);
- Typed essay (500 words or less);
- Headshot Photo (up to 4 x 6)

Please send the completed Cotillion Application Package to:

**Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated**  
**Attn: 2025 Debutante Cotillion Application**  
**43 Randolph Road PMB 102**  
**Silver Spring, MD 20904**

**Application must be Received by Friday, February 28, 2025**

For additional info or if you have any questions please email: [2025ivccotillion@ivyvinecharities.org](mailto:2025ivccotillion@ivyvinecharities.org)



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***Please note that Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated reserves the right to eliminate any incomplete, unsigned, late or illegible applications.***

A Debutante Cotillion fee is required, and the young ladies must adhere to the rules and regulations set by Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated. The fee is due upon acceptance in the program but may be payable in installments.

Any young lady who does not adhere to the rules and regulations set by Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated, may be removed from the program and no refunds will be issued.

### Eligibility Requirements

<u>Debutantes Must:</u>	<u>Fees and Awards</u>	<u>Fee Covers</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As of the 2024 – 2025 School Year be in 10th or 11th grade;</li><li>• Demonstrate academic stability (current GPA of 2.5 or higher);</li><li>• Be in good standing in her school and community;</li><li>• Exhibit high moral character;</li><li>• Have a commitment to public and community service.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debutantes will be expected to pay a cotillion fee of \$850 (which can be paid in installments), purchase their personal Cotillion attire, secure souvenir journal advertisements and patrons, and sell tickets for the Cotillion.</li><li>• <b>The \$850 fee is also counted towards the amount that Debutantes are requested to raise.</b></li><li>• Recognition of debutantes includes first, second, and third-place winners and certificates for participation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two (2) tickets to the Debutante Cotillion presentation and dinner dance;</li><li>• Two (2) tickets to the Mother/ Daughter Tea Luncheon;</li><li>• Admission to Cultural Events;</li><li>• Commemorative photo in the 2025 Debutante Cotillion Souvenir Journal; and</li><li>• Accessory package including but not limited to gloves, pearls, flowers and etc.</li></ul>



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Class status as of Fall 2025 (check one)

High School Junior

High School Senior

**I. Personal Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Special Accommodations:**

Do you have any special needs that we need to be aware of if selected? Dietary or Medical:  Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Parent/Guardian Information:**

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening/Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening/Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian Information (If applicable)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening/Cell# \_\_\_\_\_



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**IV. School Information:**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (ex: 3.8/4.0)

**V. Special Interests, Honors & Awards**

Leadership Activities (include school, community and church-related activities and involvement)

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

Honors & Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Quotation or Personal Motto \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_



## **VI. Participation Certification**

By signing this form below, I affirm that all contents of the 2025 Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated Cotillion Program application are accurate and complete (as submitted) to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements and misrepresentations will result in immediate dismissal from the program and that the Cotillion fee is non-refundable. I authorize representatives of the 2025 Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated Cotillion Program Committee to verify statements made on the application and supporting documentation.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's /Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



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### **APPLICANT ESSAY**

Please describe yourself in 500 words or less. Include your hobbies, future college aspirations, and career interests and goals. Please explain why you would like to be considered for the Ivy Vine Charities, Inc. 2025 Debutante Cotillion, how it will enhance your personal character, and what you hope to gain from the experience.  
(Please use the space below or type on a separate sheet)



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## Debutante Program FAQs

### What are the expected expenses?

#### Required Expenses:

- Participation fee
- Formal dress, shoes, undergarments

#### Optional Expenses:

- Cultural Events for guest
- Photographs on the night of the Cotillion Ball

### What does the application fee cover?

Debutante: Two (2) tickets to the Debutante Cotillion presentation and dinner dance; Two (2) tickets to the Mother/Daughter Tea Luncheon; Admission to Cultural Events; Commemorative photo in the 2025 Debutante Cotillion Souvenir Journal; and Accessory package including but not limited to gloves, pearls, flowers, etc.

### When will the Cotillion Program begin?

The program is scheduled to kick off in March 2025. A calendar of events and activities will be provided at the Orientation Session.

### What are the expectations of each Debutante once selected?

- Debutante and family must attend the orientation session(s).
- Debutante must attend all rehearsals and arrive on time.
- Debutante must adhere to the rules and regulations set by Ivy Vine Charities, Inc.
- Debutante must participate in Debutante Cotillion activities.
- Debutante and family must identify a male Escort for the Cotillion.
- Debutante must meet the minimum financial requirements for fundraising.
  - Fundraising can be done over the summer months



### Statement of Qualification

It is the expectation of Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated that participants in the Debutante Cotillion program adhere to the tenets of high ethical standards, moral behavior, and those attributes that are uplifting in mind, body, and spirit. As a participant, she shall refrain from inappropriate use, as determined by Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated, of the social networks, i.e., Instagram, Snapchat, "X," formerly known as Twitter, Facebook, etc.

Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated retains the right to exercise exclusive control regarding the participation of any applicant in the Debutante Cotillion Program by declining an applicant's participation and withdrawing the privilege of participation.

Each participant is requested to affirm the truthfulness of each of the following statements by signing the bottom of this statement.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ confirm that I meet all the Debutante Cotillion participation criteria listed below and understand that I must maintain these standards throughout the 2025 Cotillion season:

1. Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better (verified by official transcript);
2. Demonstrated interest and involvement in public service and community-related activities;
3. Demonstrated goals, aspirations, and plans to pursue an education beyond high school;
4. Evidence of good moral character, which includes but is not limited to:
  - a. No record of poor discipline at school or in the community;
  - b. No criminal record of any kind;
  - c. Must not be married;
  - d. Must not be a parent or pregnant;
  - e. No use of illegal drugs or alcohol;
  - f. In the event of a change of circumstance after date of this certification regarding any matter contained herein (items 4a – 4e), I will immediately and forthrightly notify the Cotillion Chairmen of the details of any such matter and
5. Attendance of rehearsals and activities that occur throughout the Cotillion season; and
6. No use of electronic media/devices allowed during Debutante Cotillion events as determined by Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Printed Name)

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Printed Name)





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**Media Release**

Please be advised that attending and participating in \_\_\_\_\_ may result in the use of your name, image and/or likeness in printed and electronic material, including but not limited to publication on the world wide web, social network site, in press materials, and in advertising and marketing materials.

You hereby specifically release Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated, and its agents from any and all claims arising from the use of your name, image, and/or likeness based on any of the uses stated above.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Printed Name)

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Printed Name)