Plano Symphony Debutante Program

Program Overview

Program:

The goal of this program is to encourage volunteerism and expand the cultural and social horizons of young women. The program is operated under the auspices of the Plano Symphony Orchestra Association and the Plano Symphony Debutante Committee.

- The program is open to young women who are sophomores in high school during the 2016-2017 school year.
- The program will begin in the fall of 2017 and culminate with a Debutante Presentation Ball in November 2018.
- Prospective debutantes will receive etiquette training and dance instruction, attend special events, and have opportunities to experience and learn about symphonic music. The Plano Symphony Orchestra Association provides these services to the debutantes.
- The prospective debutante will be given a voucher to attend the October 2017 concert during her junior year.

Eligibility:

- The Debutante nominee must be the daughter (or granddaughter) of a current or new subscriber to the Plano Symphony Orchestra during the two-year program.
- The young woman must be in her sophomore year of high school during the 2016-2017 school year.

  The Plano Symphony Debutante Committee will make the final selection of young women meeting these requirements. Priority will be given to young ladies meeting the requirements whose family has previously demonstrated strong support of the Plano Symphony.

Requirements:

- Junior debutantes and parents must purchase tickets to, and attend the Presentation Ball during the debutante's junior year.
- Parents, and/or grandparents or guardians are to actively participate in the program with their debutante (e.g. serving on a committee, volunteering, etc).
- Parents, and/or grandparents or guardians must complete all of the following:
  - Make a contribution of $2,550 for the two-year program.
  - Purchase two subscriptions and attend the Plano Symphony Orchestra season of concerts during the debutante's junior and senior year.
  - Purchase a table for eight to the Debutante Presentation Ball when their daughter is presented.

- Fathers (or another male family member) will participate by presenting their daughter during the Debutante Presentation Ball.

- Parents, grandparents and/or guardians and daughters will be members of the Plano Symphony Guild and will be invited to attend Guild events throughout the two-year program.

- Other debutante program obligations include (but are not limited to) the purchase or acquisition of a ball gown and gloves, having professional photographs taken, and other incidentals. *(Gown must have full bottom and full frontal coverage on top.)*

- Parents, and/or grandparents or guardians will receive Guild membership at the Contributing Member level. Purchase of a higher membership level is available.

Duties:

All prospective debutantes and their parents, and/or grandparents and/or guardian must fulfill duties as required by the Program.

All prospective debutantes will remain a member in good standing and will be expected to complete the following:

- fulfill all financial obligations prior to presentation
- attend scheduled events
- attend scheduled training (e.g. bow practice, dining etiquette)
- provide volunteer assistance a minimum of 3 hours during their junior year and 1 event during their senior year
- attend presentation bow practices and rehearsals
- sit for a formal Ball portrait

Each debutante's parent, grandparent, and/or guardian must:

- serve on at least one Debutante Ball committee or Plano Symphony Guild committee
- participate in any fundraising events as defined by the Guild Debutante Committee
- be responsible for all financial obligations

Standing Rules

All prospective debutantes must:

- dress as required and display proper etiquette and behavior at all Plano Symphony and Guild events
- refrain from the use of alcohol or drugs during or prior to any Guild or Plano Symphony event
- be of good character and reputation
- remain in the program during their senior year to act as mentors to junior debutantes.

Additional information is available on our website at www.planosymphony.org, or you may call the Plano Symphony Orchestra at 972-473-7262, or email: info@planosymphony.org.

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