



## *Plano Symphony Debutante Program*

*Expanding Horizons for Today's High School Women to be the Leaders of Tomorrow*

*Congratulations!* Your daughter has been nominated by someone in her community as a Debutante for the Plano Symphony Orchestra.

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.

*Cultural* Our young debutante candidates have the opportunity to learn social graces, such as concert, dining and writing etiquette, as well as a session to learn grace and poise while walking, entering a car, and other important social skills.

*Social* There are several social parties throughout the year where debutantes, honor guards and parents get to know each other and have fun. Bow lessons, dance lessons with dad, and Honor Guard escorts round out a fun-filled program.

*Educational* The calendar is filled with dynamic activities such as sessions on diet/nutrition, personal safety, finance/business etiquette and auto safety. The debutante program is designed to provide life skills that will prepare the young women for college and beyond.

*Volunteer* All debutante candidates are required to volunteer a minimum of three hours plus one event. Most volunteer opportunities consist of assisting at concerts, fundraising events and other art-related cultural events.

### *Plano Symphony Debutante Presentation Ball*

The culmination of the program is the black-tie Plano Symphony Debutante Presentation Ball, the social event of the year! Each debutante, gloriously dressed in an elegant white gown, is presented by her father, makes her full-court bow, and is then escorted down the runway by a Plano Symphony Honor Guard. The evening continues with a beautiful Debutante Grand March, dinner, waltzing, fun dancing, and a silent auction.

This two-year program is open to rising High School Sophomores and Juniors. It begins in the Fall of 2020 and ends with the Presentation Ball in November 2021.

We look forward to visiting with you about this special opportunity.

Cordially,

Gobriel Rusthoven Debutante Director

*If you would like additional information please email [debdirector@planosymphony.org](mailto:debdirector@planosymphony.org) or feel free to call Gobriel Rusthoven at 214-909-7835.*

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## **Requirements:**

- 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 \$5,000 for the two-year program. Included in this fee are all social events and classes, tiara, gloves, a framed formal 16x20 portrait by Charis Photography, and Plano Symphony Guild membership at the Contributing Member level.
  - Purchase two subscriptions to attend the Plano Symphony Orchestra's season of concerts during both years of the program.
  - 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.
- As members of the Guild, parents, grandparents, and/or guardians will be invited to attend Guild events throughout the two-year program. Purchase of a higher membership level is available.
- Other debutante program obligations include (but are not limited to) the purchase or acquisition of a ball gown and other incidentals. (*Gown must have full bottom and full frontal coverage on top.*)

## **Duties:**

All prospective debutantes and their parents, and/or grandparents or guardians 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:

- Attend scheduled events
- Attend scheduled training (e.g. auto safety, dining etiquette)
- Provide volunteer assistance to the Symphony at a minimum of 3 hours plus 1 event during two-year program
- Attend presentation bow practices and rehearsals
- Sit for a formal Ball portrait

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

- Fulfill all financial obligations prior to presentation
- Serve on at least one Debutante Ball committee and attend meetings regularly
- Participate in any fundraising events (e.g. Kendra Scott and selling draw prize tickets)

# *Plano Symphony Debutante Program*

**Deposit Form**  
(Due by Aug. 17th)

Debutante Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my deposit of \$1,000

Select deposit payment option below:

\_\_\_\_ Check (made payable to the Plano Symphony Orchestra)

\_\_\_\_ Credit Card

Please charge the \$1,000 deposit to the following credit card:

MasterCard

VISA

American Express

Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***This deposit is refundable if your daughter chooses not to participate or is not selected for the program.***

Parent/Guardian or Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

***Final payment of \$4,000 is due by June 30, 2021. (Payment plans are available.)***

**A portion of your \$5,000 contribution is tax-deductible. A letter acknowledging your tax-deductible gift will be provided at a later date.**

**You may call Marc Jennings at the Plano Symphony Office at 972-473-7262, ext. 32 to discuss other payment plans.**

*Piano Symphony Debutante Program*  
*Contact Information (Due Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>)*

Debutante Full Name (including middle name) \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (if preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Full Name (including salutation e.g., Mr. & Mrs.)

Parent/Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's email address \_\_\_\_\_

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Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Father's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to reach the Debutante \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Profile Sheet (due Aug. 17th)*

Debutante Candidate Name (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School and grade level in Fall 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ \*Height \_\_\_\_\_

\*Height will be used only if necessary to pair with an Honor Guard

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email \_\_\_\_\_

*Complete Sponsor section only if other than parent or guardian. Sponsor is the person who is financially responsible for your candidacy in the debutante program.*

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Phone \_\_\_\_\_

What activities would you like to participate in while involved in the Plano Symphony Debutante Program? Please circle as many choices as you like.

Fashion                      Skin/Hair care                      Fitness                      Music Appreciation

Volunteering                      Nutrition                      Etiquette                      Personal Safety

Auto Safety                      Finance

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the questions on the back of this form.

Debutante Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What are your hobbies/special interests?
  
2. What extracurricular activities are you involved or interested in?
  
3. What volunteer experience do you have?
  
4. Give us five phrases or adjectives that describe you best:
  
5. What specific knowledge/skills do you want to gain from your participation in the Plano Symphony Debutante Program?
  
6. What leadership roles have you held?
  
7. What honors or awards have you received?

**Please mail to:**  
Plano Symphony Office  
Attention – PSO Debutante Program  
1635 Dorchester Drive  
Plano, TX 75075

**or scan and email to:**  
[debdirector@planosymphony.org](mailto:debdirector@planosymphony.org)

# Plano Symphony Debutante Program

## Personal Reference Form

Form must be received in our office by Aug. 17th

This form is a confidential document to be filled out by your personal reference and mailed directly to the Plano Symphony Orchestra office by Aug. 17th.

Name of Debutante \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Relationship (please check appropriate response(s))

Close Personal Relationship

Sports Contact

Church Contact

School Contact

Family Contact

Work Contact

Please tell us how your relationship with the debutante was formed:

### TO THE DEBUTANTE CANDIDATE:

Please provide this personal reference form to someone who knows you very well (e.g. teacher, counselor, employer, minister, etc.) but is not a family member. Please do this as soon as possible so the form is received by the Plano Symphony prior to the application deadline noted above. Please follow up with your personal reference before the deadline to make sure your reference form was completed and mailed or faxed.

The form is confidential and must be returned by your personal reference. Please affix a stamp to the enclosed addressed envelope and give this to your personal reference so he / she may mail it to the following address:

**Plano Symphony Office**  
**Attention – PSO Debutante Reference**  
**1635 Dorchester Drive**  
**Plano, TX 75075**

### TO THE PERSONAL REFERENCE:

The debutante candidate has applied to the Plano Symphony Debutante Program. This reference will be confidential. Please fill out the form on the back and return it to the Plano Symphony Office by **the application deadline** (see date above). Please fax or place the completed form in the stamped addressed envelope that was provided by the debutante candidate and sign your name across the back seal.

PERSONAL REFERENCE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Please type or print)

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Debutante candidate name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your relationship to the debutante? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you known the debutante? \_\_\_\_\_

3: Please circle for each characteristic:

a) <b>Character and personality</b>	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
b) <b>Initiative and drive</b>	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
c) <b>Interaction with others</b>	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
d) <b>Leadership demonstrated</b>	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
e) <b>Concern for others</b>	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
f) <b>Team Player</b>	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding

How do you think the debutante candidate will benefit from the Plano Symphony Debutante Program?

Additional comments:

Thank you for your time and effort. Be assured that the information you supply will be kept in the strictest confidence. Please return this form by the application deadline given above.

If you have any questions please call **Marc Jennings, 972-473-7262 ext 32** at the Plano Symphony Office.

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(Please be sure to scan both sides.)