

2024 COTILLION ACTIVITIES

September 27, 2023

Debutante applications open at **6:00pm**
@chicagoillinks.org

October 8, 2023

Debutante non-refundable \$850 deposit due

October 11, 2023

Escort applications open at **6:00pm**
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October 25, 2023

Balance of Debutante Fee \$850 due
Escort applications and Fee due \$300

November 5, 2023

Cotillion Orientation Tea

December 3, 2023

Debutante & Escort Mixer
Get Acquainted Social Event

January 7, 2024

Cotillion Rehearsals Begin
Sundays except Easter

April 26, 2024

Dress Rehearsal at the Sheraton Grand Hotel (Mandatory)

April 27, 2024

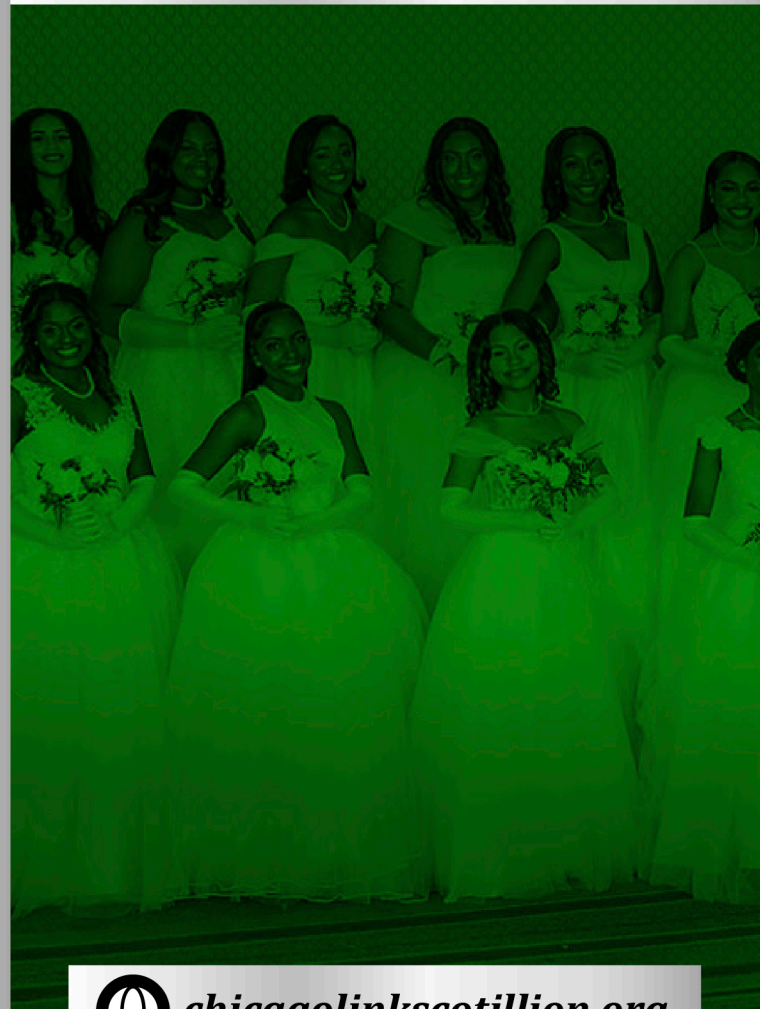
61st Annual Chicago (IL) Links Cotillion



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DEBUTANTE COTILLION



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Once Upon a COTILLION

Over the last six decades the Chicago (IL) Chapter Debutante Cotillion has become one of the most prestigious social events in Chicago. Over the last 60 years, the Chicago Links Debutante Cotillion has been a time-honored tradition that honors the positive academic accomplishments & extracurricular achievements of young, African American women in the Chicagoland area.

Year after year, the cotillion experience has proven to be a rewarding social and professional development investment as well as enjoyable experience that participants and their families treasure for a lifetime.

The experience of being a Debutante mom was most AMAZING!! I had also previously been an Escort mother twice, which was another great opportunity. The process from beginning to end was wonderful; but nothing beats the culminating Cotillion night. Just beautiful! The Cotillion Committee was outstanding-professional & accommodating. It was truly one of the best experiences my daughter and I have shared. **Thank you all!**

~ W.M., Debutante Mother

I witnessed the beginning of new friendships that will be lifelong, community service, and personal growth during my daughter's participation in the Cotillion. I was grateful to the members of Chicago Links for their kindness as I walked this journey as a single mother with my daughter. From serving as a junior debutante to becoming a debutante, this experience brought both of us so much happiness that was truly a priceless gift.

~ K.J., Debutante Mother

Being a Debutante was something I've always dreamed about. Not knowing the actual experience would bring much more than I ever anticipated. The different activities, and many rehearsals created an indescribable bond among both the participants, and family members as a whole. Thank you Chicago Links for such a memorable experience!

~ L.J. 2016 Debutante

2024 COTILLION PARTICIPATION FEES

Debutantes:

The **2024 Debutante Participation fee** is one thousand seven hundred dollars (**\$1700**). The Debutante Application will open on Wednesday, **September 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm. at chicagoillinks.org**. Upon notification of acceptance into the 2024 Cotillion Class, a non-refundable deposit of eight hundred and fifty dollars (**\$850**) must be submitted. The remaining balance of the Debutante fee, eight hundred and fifty dollars (**\$850**), is due no later than **October 25, 2023**.

The Debutante fee covers a portion of the cost of presenting the Cotillion, which includes:

- ✓ Souvenir Journal Portraits
- ✓ Debutante Portrait Sitting
- ✓ Souvenir Journal
- ✓ Debutante Formal Gloves
- ✓ Flowers (Gift)
- ✓ Choreographer
- ✓ Photographer
- ✓ Videographer
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Formal Dance Instruction
- ✓ Rehearsal Refreshments
- ✓ Orientation
- ✓ Mother Daughter Tea
- ✓ Handbooks
- ✓ Invitations
- ✓ Debutante & Escort Mixer
- ✓ Community Service Activity

Debutantes are also expected to raise a minimum of \$3,500, inclusive of Souvenir Journal pages and any other donations. Debutante families must purchase at least one table of ten (\$1750) for the event. Dinner ticket cost is \$175.

Escorts:

The **2024 Escort Participation fee** is three hundred dollars (**\$300**). The Escort Application will open on Wednesday, **October 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm at chicagoillinks.org**. Upon notification of acceptance into the **2024 Cotillion Class**, the non-refundable escort fee of **three hundred dollars (\$300)** must be submitted. All Escort fees are due no later than **October 25, 2023**. Escorts should be at least a Junior or Senior in high school, but not older than a Freshman in college.

The Escort fee covers a portion of the cost of presenting the Cotillion, which includes:

- ✓ Escort Portrait Sitting
- ✓ Souvenir Journal
- ✓ Boutonniere & Gloves
- ✓ Formal Dance Instruction
- ✓ Rehearsal Refreshments
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Debutante & Escort Mixer
- ✓ Community Service Activity
- ✓ Choreographer
- ✓ Photographer
- ✓ Videographer
- ✓ Orientation
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All Proceeds
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