



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.



Our Cotillion Experience

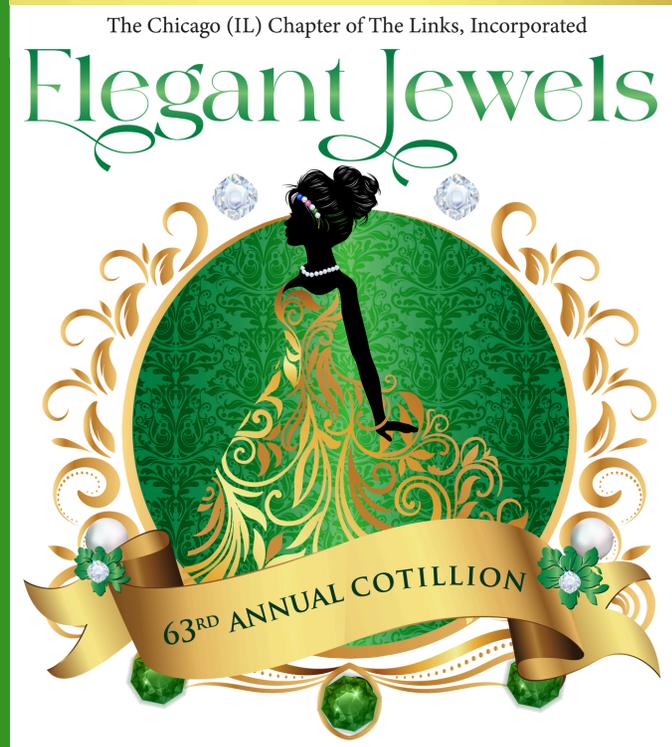
The experience of being a Debutante mom was most AMAZING!! I had also previously been an Escort mother twice, which was another great opportunity. The process from beginning to end was wonderful; but nothing beats the culminating Cotillion night. Just beautiful! The Cotillion Committee was outstanding-professional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

Elegant. Exquisite. Excellence! Each step of the process was executed with the Debutantes and their Escorts in mind. After 60 Cotillions, the Chicago Links know how to curate and experience that not only prepares the debutantes and escorts for "The Dance" but also cultivates their philanthropic efforts, presentation skills, and etiquette. We do not take for granted the blessing that was the Cotillion experience, and we excitedly await doing it all over again! Thank you for the opportunity Chicago Links!!~**A.C., Debutante Mother**

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.



Mia Hardy, Chapter President
Daleta Mitchell, Chapter Vice President
Victoria Shannon, 63rd Cotillion Chairman
Keisha Johnson-McCann Co-Chairman



More Information is available at:
www.chicagolinkscotillion.org

Escorts

The 2025 Escort Participation fee is three hundred dollars **(\$300)**. The Escort Application will open on **Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm** at chicagoillinks.org. Upon notification of acceptance into the 2025 Cotillion Class, the **non-refundable** escort fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) must be submitted. **All Escort fees are due no later than October 31, 2025.** 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, including: Souvenir Journal Portraits; Choreographer; Photographer; Community Service Activity; Videographer; Workshops; Formal Dance Instruction; Invitations; Debutante & Escort Mixer

Debutantes

The 2025 Debutante Participation fee is one thousand seven hundred dollars **(\$1700)**. The Debutante Application will open on **Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm** at chicagoillinks.org. Upon notification of acceptance into the 2025 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 31, 2025.**

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.

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 and Photographer
- Community Service Activity
- Videographer
- Workshops
- Formal Dance Instruction
- Rehearsal Refreshments
- Orientation
- Mother Daughter Tea
- Handbooks and Invitations
- Debutante & Escort Mixer

2026 Cotillion Dates and Activities

September 28, 2025

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

October 5, 2025

Debutante application close at 6:00pm

October 12, 2025

Escort and Marshall applications
open at 6:00pm
@chicagoillinks.org

October 19, 2025

Escort and Marshall applications close at
6:00pm

October 19, 2025

Debutante non-refundable
\$850 deposit due

October 31, 2025

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

December 07, 2025

Cotillion Orientation Tea

December 21, 2025

Debutante & Escort Mixer
Chicago Theological Union

January 4, 2026

Cotillion Rehearsals Each Sunday
except Easter Sunday

May 1, 2026

Dress Rehearsal at the
Marriott Magnificent Mile Hotel (Mandatory)

May 2, 2026

62nd Annual Chicago (IL) Links Cotillion

