



*Jack and Jill of America, Inc.*  
*Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter*  
*2020 Leadership Program and Debutante Cotillion*

September 2019

Dear Prospective Debutantes, Parents, and Guardians,

The Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (GMAC) is proud to announce its 4th Biennial Leadership Program and Debutante Cotillion: *“Becoming: Honoring Tradition, Embracing our Culture, Fulfilling the Promise”*. Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty.

Being a Debutante participant requires time, hard work, and dedication, but will reap great rewards – including college scholarships and experiences in a wide array of cultural, academic and social activities through our GMAC Leadership Program. Before applying, please consider the following eligibility requirements:

- Unmarried, African American female who is high school junior or senior by the fall 2020 or age sixteen by **December 19, 2020**
- Be a resident of the metropolitan Atlanta area
- Have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale
- Plan to attend an accredited, post-secondary institution
- No visible tattoos on upper body that will show in a ball gown
- Show evidence of good moral character, which includes but not limited to
  - *No record of poor discipline at school or in the community*
  - *No criminal, misdemeanor, or court record of any kind*
- Must not be a parent
  - *If you are currently pregnant or become pregnant during the LPDC season you will become ineligible and not allowed to continue participating in all remaining LPDC activities and Cotillion presentation. Any money received will NOT be refunded.*
- Attend at least 75% of the related monthly program activities held between January 2020 and December 2020.
- Provide three (3) completed recommendation forms, one of which must be from a high school teacher or guidance counselor. Recommendations **may not** come from a family member.
- Pay a non-refundable program entry fee of \$1,350, that can be made in two (2) installments: \$675 due December 1, 2019 and \$675 due January 21, 2020. Limited financial assistance is available to assist with the program fee.
- This Leadership Program culminates with a formal Debutante Cotillion Ball in December 2020.



## Application Submission, Process and Key Dates

Applicants must submit a complete application packet that includes: a current headshot; social media profile(s); academic information; list of activities; accomplishments & positions held; essays; parental consent; letter of financial hardship and supporting documentation (if applicable); three (3) recommendation forms; official, sealed High School transcript; and a **non-refundable** application fee of \$50 by October 21, 2019.

### Submitting your Application and Application Fee

The application packet and recommendation forms are available online on our chapter website at <https://greatermetroatlanta.jackandjillonline.org/LPDCotillion/tabid/164/Default.aspx>

- The application \$50 fee can be submitted via PayPal located on the bottom of the application form (transaction fees will be applied).
- Only official, sealed transcripts should be mailed and received by October 21, 2019 to:

Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter (GMAC)  
Attn: 2020 LPDC Selection Committee  
P. O. Box 311857  
Atlanta, GA 31131

### Interviews

If you are selected to interview, Prospective Debutante interviews will be held on the following days:

- Sunday, November 3, 2019
- Sunday, November 10, 2019

### Debutante Selection

**Should you be accepted to participate** in the 2020 Leadership Program and Debutante Cotillion, you will receive a letter of acceptance by November 24, 2019 and an invitation to attend a mandatory Welcome Reception on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at a location to be determined.

If you have any questions, please email us at [gmaclpdc2020@gmail.com](mailto:gmaclpdc2020@gmail.com) or feel free to contact anyone of us below:

- Mrs. Tiffany Evans (Debutante Leadership Program Co Chair) at (734) 276-1425
- Mrs. Yolanda Magee (Escort Leadership Program Co Chair) at (678) 592-9502
- Mrs. Nicole Neely (Escort Leadership Program Co Chair) at (678) 858-5074
- Ms. Dori Bolton White (Cotillion Ball Co Chair) at (404) 840-6785

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 GMAC Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Leadership Program and Debutante Cotillion.



## Financial Hardship Consideration

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is committed to providing opportunities for success for all children and developing future leaders. The Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. will consider supporting complete or partial program fee waiver for prospective Debutantes who are unable to financially afford the program fee due to a documented hardship.

**All prospective Debutantes will be evaluated for selection on her own merits without regard to ability to pay program entry fee.**

Prospective Debutantes will be considered for financial hardship assistance on a case-by-case basis IF a financial hardship statement is submitted within the application that includes:

- Reason for requesting assistance
- Amount of support requested
- Household composition (total number of people living with the Debutante)

In addition, please provide documentation of your financial hardship. Some acceptable examples include, but are not limited to, school financial award letter, parental unemployment certification, or parental disability certification.

Please note that this support covers a portion of the **\$1,350 Debutante program entry fee only**. Other anticipated costs to be incurred for participation in the Debutante program such as application fee, attire and fundraising efforts are not covered.

All information submitted within the financial hardship section will be treated confidentially. Although Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Jack and Jill of America Foundation and/or the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter may publicize the fact that waivers or reduced fees have been awarded, the identities of the applicants and recipients will remain confidential.



## APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Please use this checklist as a guide to keep track of your application requirements that must all be received by October 21, 2019.

Leadership Program and Debutante Cotillion Application: <https://form.jotform.com/92286606569167>

- Current headshot
- Social Media Profile(s)
- Academic Information
- List of Activities, Accomplishments & Positions Held
- Essays
- Parental Consent
- Financial Hardship statement and supporting documentation (*if applicable*)
- Three (3) Recommendations: <https://form.jotform.com/92457651162156>
- Official, sealed High School transcript
- Non-refundable application fee of \$50