

Dear Parents and Ladies of the Class of Two Thousand Twenty-Four,

The Houston Girls Cotillion was established in the late 1960's making it the first modern Cotillion in Houston for high school young ladies. It enjoys a long history of providing a formal dinner and dance for sophomore and junior girls attending both private and public schools in Houston. Often times, Cotillion events are the student's first experience in a formal dance setting. Since 2005, the H.G.C. moved from selective membership to limiting membership to only young ladies attending Duchesne Academy, Houston Christian, Lamar High School, Second Baptist School, St. Agnes Academy, St. Francis Episcopal and Memorial High School during their sophomore and junior years.

Each year, membership is offered to two different Cotillion classes for those young ladies attending the network of schools; one for sophomore and a second for juniors wishing to rejoin or join for the first time. It continues as a formal dance hosted by The Houston Girls Cotillion Board.

We would like to invite your junior daughter to join the 55th Houston Girls Cotillion ("HGC"), class of 2024.

Houston Girls Cotillion is an independent social club with no school affiliation. Eligibility of membership is defined by the schools attended but has no affiliation with a school or school district. This Social Club is completely independent and is governed by a Cotillion Board made up of mothers volunteering their time and talents.

The date of registration is Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Please make note of all the details surrounding registration:

- The registration information and related forms are available on-line at Houston Girls Cotillion Website: www.HoustonGirlsCotillion.com. Please be sure to access the Class of 2024 tab on the website when registering.
- The Rules and Regulations of HGC should be reviewed, retained and agreed upon prior to your completion of your Cotillion Class of 2024 Junior Registration form. Payment confirms you accept the Rules and Regulations in its entirety.
- The Cotillion dues for the junior year are \$350.00 for those who register by November 6, 2022.
- Late registration dues are \$375.00 beginning November 7, 2022.
- All registration will be closed November 30, 2022 or sooner if we reach capacity before this date.

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- There are no discounts after the dates listed above and there are NO REFUNDS ISSUED.
- Cancellation Policy is as follows: If the Cotillion Dinner and Dance does not take place (for any reason), the Board will take all dollars available in the account and divide it by the number of members. Every member will receive a refund of any dollars remaining. We are a volunteer organization and the membership funds are used to place deposits on all items related to the night of the event. To the extent deposits are returned from vendors, we will do our very best to return as much as possible to each member of Cotillion. Refunds will be issued only if the Cotillion Dinner and Dance is cancelled. Refunds will not be in full. Refunds will equal only the amount of available funds.

The completed Registration Form along with payment should be completed and delivered in-person on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 to ensure your daughter's membership. Traditionally, The Cotillion has had a waiting list, so please register early. We will have to cut off registration, once we reach our capacity. The Cotillion membership is accepted on a first come, first reserve basis. The date of your registration will be numbered in the order payment is received.

The Junior Cotillion will be held Saturday, the 28th of January 2023. This is a FORMAL event. Young ladies are expected to wear long gowns and young gentlemen are to wear tuxedo attire.

How to Register?

- Go to HoustonGirlsCotillion.com / click on the tab for the Class of 2024. This will open on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
- Complete the online Registration Form and submit it electronically. You can also print the completed form for your records before submitting online. All forms must be submitted online.
- Take the printed Registration Form and check/cash made out to Houston Girls Cotillion 2024 in the amount of \$350 to one of the following drop-off locations. The only forms of payment accepted is cash/check. All completed Registration Forms and payment received on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at one of the following drop-off locations will guarantee your daughter's membership. This is the only day we can guarantee membership. After October 11, 2022, membership will be granted in order of postmarked date.
- You are welcome to drop off at the closest location to you. It does not have to be your school location.
  - o Drop-off location Memorial HS: Miers Home, 10619 Fairlane Dr. 77024
  - o Drop-off location Houston Christian: Cox Home, 22 N. Creekside Ct. 77055
  - o Drop-off location St. Francis: Criner Home, 2007 Briarmead Dr. 77057
  - o Drop-off location Second Baptist: Brandt Home, 11756 Duart Dr. 77024
  - o Drop-off location Duchesne: Hamilton Home, 10911 Tupper Lake Dr. 77042
  - o Drop-off location Lamar: Black Home, 4122 Oberlin St. 77005
  - o Drop-off location St. Agnes: Gill Home, 1511 Potomac Dr. 77057
  - Registration Forms and Payments completed after October 11, 2022 should be mailed to: Amy Miers, 10619 Fairline Drive, Houston, Texas 77024.

Please email HoustonCotillion2024@gmail.com to let us know to look for your postmarked envelope. Membership will be granted by postmark date until we reach capacity. After capacity, we will start a Wait List and notify people as membership becomes available.

## What Comes Next?

Members will receive an email, within a week, confirming membership once the Registration Form and payment is received. You will receive additional information throughout the process by email correspondence.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Houston Girls Cotillion Class of 2024. We look forward to seeing your daughter at the Junior Cotillion in January.

Sincerely,

The Fifty-Fifth Cotillion Board, Class of Two Thousand and Twenty-Four

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