**2015-16 COTILLION FOR ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

 **$1,800 FOR ONE YOUNG MAN AND ONE YOUNG WOMAN**

**$700 TO EACH REMAINING FINALIST**

The Cotillion for Achievement is a Scholastic Benefit Organization formed for the purpose of recognizing and awarding collegiate/post secondary scholarships to outstanding high school seniors attending school in Andrew and Buchanan Counties. These scholarships are based on the student's achievements as well as extracurricular activities and community participation while exhibiting high moral and ethical standards. Twenty final candidates will be chosen from among the applicants with an equal number of males and females. From this group of finalists, **one young man and one young woman will each receive a $1,800 scholarship. Each remaining finalist will receive a $700 scholarship.**

The attached application forms will be used to select the group of final candidates. The scoring will be as follows: Scholarship-30 points, Extra-curricular activities-30 points, Community involvement-30 points, and Essay-10 points. An additional part of the judging process for the finalists will be a personal interview in March, which will also be worth 100 points. The scoring will include evaluation of verbal communication, non-verbal communication, and Adventures in Achievement participation. The selection of the $1,800 scholarship winners is determined by performance in all aspects of the program.

The finalists will be notified by mail of their candidacy during the month of December. On **Sunday, January 3rd**, they and their families will be honored at a reception at which all Cotillion-related activities will be explained.

**One aspect of the Cotillion is** "Adventures in Achievement" **sessions that will provide the participant with invaluable practical experiences in the areas of leadership skills, community awareness, and social interaction. The session dates for 2015-16 are:**

##### Networking & Negotiation- January 9th Interview Tips - January 18th Vision to Reality - January 30th Social Graces- February 13th Sharing Perspectives- February 23rd Waltz Lessons- March 12th

Participation in these sessions is **expected** and is important in the final consideration for the $1,800 scholarships. Unexcused absences or lack of participation in these Adventures in Achievement sessions, including the interview session on **Saturday, March 5th**, could result in the loss of either the $1,800 or $700 scholarship, at the sole discretion of the Cotillion Board. The Cotillion Ball rehearsal will be held **Wednesday evening, March 16th.** Each finalist is required to be in attendance when the community honors all candidates on **Saturday, March 19th** ata formal dinner/dance, **The Cotillion for Achievement Ball**. The $1,800 scholarship recipients will be announced at this time.

A student is not eligible to apply if he/she has ever been married or if his/her parent/guardian is presently serving on the Cotillion Executive Board, or as a member of any Cotillion committee. If any information about an applicant comes to light that would detract from the purpose of the Cotillion, the Cotillion Board reserves the right, in its sole and exclusive discretion, to declare the applicant ineligible for all honors, privileges and scholarships.

In the event that the scholarship recipient fails to meet enrollment requirements in an accredited or approved institution of higher education prior to June 30, 2016, the money awarded will be forfeited.

**Application forms are due to the Cotillion on or before Saturday, October 31, 2015. Check with your counselor for the due date at your school. All information must be typed on this application form. Applications will not be eligible if there are any attached sheets, except for the Official Transcript, or if the application is *not postmarked* by the October 31st deadline.**

**ATTENTION: Please be aware that when completing the Cotillion for Achievement scholarship application form, the integrity of the form must be maintained, (i.e., the allotted space for each area to be completed must be maintained as in the original application). The Cotillion for Achievement Selections committee firmly believes limiting information to the space provided is part of the application process and the integrity of the application will be firmly enforced. If the application is altered in any way, the application will be disqualified and, thus, not be eligible for evaluation.**

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| **INSTRUCTIONS:** Your counselor will return this application to the above address. Applications **MUST** be completed and postmarked by **October 31st**. All information **MUST** be typed only on this application form. **Applications will not be considered eligible if there are any attached sheets except for the Official Transcript**. Limit all information on application to Grades 9-12 only. (**Note: Please provide an original signed application and one photocopy**.) |
| APPLICANT NAME (Last/First/MI) |       | Male[ ] Female[ ]  |
| Home Address (Street/City/State/Zip) |       |
| Student Cell  |       | E-Mail Address |       |
| Telephone |       | Date of Birth(Month/Day/Year) |       |
| Mother’s Name & Title (Mrs., Ms., Dr.) |       | Mother’s Home Phone |       |
| Mother’s Home & Email Address |       | Mother’s Cell Phone |       |
| Father’s Name & Title (Mr., Dr.) |       | Father’s Home Phone |       |
| Father’s Home & Email Address |       | Father’s Cell Phone |       |
| NAME OF SCHOOL |       |
| Address of School |       |
| Name, Position (Counselor, Coach, Teacher or Principal) Phone & Email Address of a Reference who will be contacted to provide a character reference. |       |
| Name of School Counselor |       |
| School Counselor Signature |
| (required for application to be considered complete) |
| *This page is removed during the judging process to assure complete objectivity.* *Applicants are identified by assigned numbers only during the judging.* |

Students are expected to attend the Adventures in Achievement sessions. These sessions, as well as other important dates, are listed below:

**Adventures for Achievement Sessions:**

**Networking & Negotiation: Saturday, January 9, 2016**

**Interview Tips: Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Vision to Reality: Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**Social Graces: Saturday, February 13, 2016**

**Sharing Perspectives: Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

**Waltz Lessons: Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**Other Important Dates:**

**Reception: Sunday, January 3, 2016**

**Interviews: Saturday, March 5, 2016**

**Ball Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

**Ball: Saturday, March 19, 2016**

I acknowledge the above-scheduled dates and, by signing below, I am committing to attend each of the events scheduled.

Signature of Applicant

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| **TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:** |
| **I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES -** List school activities, organizations, clubs in which you have participated since the end of your 8th grade year, offices held and number of years in membership. Please be as non-identifying of schools as possible. ***NOTE: You must list reference name and telephone number for each activity, organization, and club membership, etc. on the last page of the application. Please limit list to NO MORE than 10 activities.*** |
| ACTIVITY, ORGANIZATION, CLUB | GRADE LEVEL (9-12) | CUMULATIVE HOURS TO DATE | RESPONSIBILITY |
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| **Total Number of School Volunteer Hours:**       |
| **TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:**  |
| **II. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER WORK -** List community activities and volunteer work in which you have participated since the end of your 8th grade year and length of time you served. ***NOTE: You must list reference name and telephone number for each community activity or volunteer work on the last page of the application. Please limit list to NO MORE than 10.*** |
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| **TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:** |
| **III. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR HONORS -** Name any **special** achievements for which you have been singled out, (i.e., Honor Society, talent displays, 4-H, Scouting, athletic achievements, etc.). ***NOTE: You must list reference name and telephone number for each recognition or honor on the last page of the application*** |
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| **IV. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES -** List any summer and/or part-time employment. Include number of hours customarily worked per week and number of years. ***NOTE: You must list reference name and telephone number of employment on the last page of the application.*** |
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|  Are you currently employed [ ]  Yes [ ]  No (check one) If yes, how many hours per week are you working?        |
| **V. LIST LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**      |
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| 1. **ESSAY -** In a short essay (approximately 150 words or 12 lines) please respond to the following question:

 **“What characteristics do you have that exemplify the Cotillion for Achievement program and would make you a good 'ambassador' for the program?”** (Please don’t include the name of your community in your answer.)Please **do not identify yourself or your community** so you may remain anonymous for judging purposes. *(Please note: The response to the above-referenced questions shall be the work/product of the applicant. If it is determined by the Cotillion Board that an answer was prepared and/or developed by any individual other than the applicant, i.e. by a parent, counselor, instructor, etc., the application/applicant will be removed from further judging and consideration.)* |

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|  **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNSELOR ONLY:**  **Academic Record: Please attach an official transcript.** |
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|  Using the 6th semester G.P.A. for high school seniors please note the following:   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **UNWEIGHTED G.P.A. (4-point basis, only):**       |  |
|  **WEIGHTED G.P.A.:**       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  Are honors courses available? [ ] Yes [ ] No Has the student taken honors courses? [ ] Yes [ ] No  If yes, in which subjects has the applicant taken honors courses?       Are advanced placement courses available? [ ] Yes [ ] No Has the student taken Advanced Placement courses? [ ] Yes [ ] No  If yes, in which subjects has the student taken Advanced Placement courses?        Are International Baccalaureate courses available? [ ] Yes [ ] No Has the student taken IB courses? [ ] Yes [ ] No  If yes, in which subjects has the student taken IB courses?        How would you describe the student’s academic program compared with that of other students? [ ] Below Average [ ] Average [ ] Above Average [ ] Rigorous [ ] Most Rigorous Please list the student’s composite score for one of the following tests: **ACT**       **SAT**       **PSAT**      (List PSAT only if ACT or SAT score is not available.) |

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| ***LIST OF REFERENCES for School, Community & Volunteer Activities listed on pages 4 & 5***This page and the next are to be used for listing of all references and their telephone numbers or email addresses. (This information will be used by the 2015-16 Cotillion Selections Committee to verify length of time and extent of participation in all activities.) **\*Please indicate preferred contact method for the listed references.\*** |
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