

2017-18

COTILLION FOR ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

**\$1,800 FOR ONE YOUNG MAN AND ONE YOUNG WOMAN
\$900 TO EACH REMAINING FINALIST**

The Cotillion for Achievement is a Scholastic Benefit Organization formed for the purpose of recognizing and awarding collegiate/postsecondary 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. Sixteen 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 \$900 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 January, 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 November. On **Sunday, December 10th**, 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 2017-18 are:

**Ice Breaker/ Preparing for Success- January 6th Professional Interactions- January 15th Sharing Perspectives- January 10th
Waltz Lessons- February 3rd Ball Rehearsal- February 8th**

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 **January 27th**, could result in the loss of either the \$1,800 or \$900 scholarship, at the sole discretion of the Cotillion Board. The Cotillion Ball rehearsal will be held **February 8th**. Each finalist is required to be in attendance when the community honors all candidates on **Saturday, February 10th** at a 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, 2018, the money awarded will be forfeited.

Application forms are due to the Cotillion on or before Saturday, October 14, 2017. 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 14th 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 14th**. 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 Mobile 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 Mobile Phone

Father's Name &
Title (Mr., Dr.) Father's Home Phone

Father's Home &
Email Address Father's Mobile 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:

Ice Breaker/ Preparing for Success: January 6, 2018

Sharing Perspectives: January 10, 2018

Professional Interactions: January 15, 2018

Interviews: January 27, 2018

Waltz Lessons: February 3, 2018

Other Important Dates:

Reception: December 10, 2017

Ball Rehearsal: February 8, 2018

Ball: Saturday, February 10, 2018

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

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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 Page 11 of the application**

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 Page 11 of the application.**

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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VI. ESSAY - In a short essay (approximately 150 words or 12 lines) please respond to the following question:

“What is the best advice you have received? Who gave you this advice and why is it so important?”

(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.)*

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNSELOR ONLY:

Academic Record: Please attach an official transcript.

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.:

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 and/or International Baccalaureate courses available? Yes No

Has the student taken Advanced Placement courses? Yes No

If yes, in which subjects has the student taken Advanced Placement and/or 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

Do you recommend this student for participation in Cotillion for Achievement?

Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with Reservation Do Not Recommend

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.)

