

Belles & BEAUS



Dear Parents/Guardians:

For nearly 110 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has committed itself to be of service to all mankind. As we continue this legacy, the Rho Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® presents it's 14th Annual **Belles & Beaus** Program.

Belles & Beaus is a signature program designed for boys and girls in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. For over **13 years**, participants have been introduced to **CULTURAL, SOCIAL** and **EDUCATIONAL** Workshops and Activities.

Our goals are:

1. To provide opportunities to participate in creative and cultural activities;
2. To provide workshops to develop effective tools of communication;
3. To provide opportunities to participate in community service;
4. To provide avenues for planning beyond middle school.

The expectations of the participants in the Belles & Beaus Program are to:

1. Work cooperatively with workshop leaders, speakers, and other participants;
2. Attend planned workshops and community service projects;
3. Raise a minimum of \$250 in Ads and Patrons for this signature fundraiser. All monies raised go towards SCHOLARSHIPS for High School Seniors and COMMUNITY OUTREACH initiatives in metro Richmond. A Souvenir Journal will also be provided for all participants;
4. Prepare a talent to showcase;
5. Participate in the Culminating Event

In addition to the expectations above, there are also specific requirements for participation.

1. Participants MUST be enrolled in MIDDLE SCHOOL, in either the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.
2. Participants must attend the workshops and community service activities.
3. Participants' parent / guardian must attend selected workshops – TBD.

The program will run from **January 2019 through June 2019** culminating with the **Belles & Beaus Debut**. Workshops will take place at locations in metro Richmond. A list will be provided to all participants.

Interested Students are invited to an Introductory Meeting, **Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 2:00PM – 3:30PM** at the Broad Rock Library, 4820 Warwick Rd, Richmond, VA 23224. Please submit the attached application and a **\$50 non-refundable participation fee** payable to Rho Eta Omega by **January 26, 2019** and the **final \$100 payment by February 23, 2019**.

All applications should be sent to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® , Attn: REO Belles & Beaus Project; P.O. Box 6562; Richmond, VA 23230 and postmarked no later than February 23, 2019 or emailed to bellesnbeaus@reoaka.org.

We look forward to participating with you and your child, in hopes of enhancing their community awareness, increasing their social aptitude, and their future goals. Should you have questions, please contact the committee co-chairs via email at bellesnbeaus@reoaka.org.

Sincerely,

Maria Crenshaw
2018 President

Lynda C. Gant
2018 Committee Co-Chair

Lena Thompson
2018 Committee Co-Chair

(Please Type or Print)

Participant Name: _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Emergency Contact/Mobile: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Participant: Please list your hobbies, interests, and extracurricular activities.

Please return the completed application and the media consent form postmarked by February 23, 2019

Photo Release and Consent Form

I hereby consent to the use of my photographic image by the Rho Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® in informational publications and in electronic presentations. I further agree that Rho Eta Omega Chapter is free to select any photographs without consultation with me.

I understand that I am donating the photograph and that there will be no payment or compensation for the photograph or for its use. In giving my consent, I agree that I shall not bring or file any complaints, claims, or causes of action of any kind against Rho Eta Omega Chapter or Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® for any matter in connection with the use of my photograph.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 20_____

Print / Type full legal name _____

Student Signature _____

*Parent/Guardian Signature _____

*Parents must sign because students are minors.

Allergy List
Participant Name:

1. Allergies: _____

Symptoms: _____

Protocol: _____

2. Allergies: _____

Symptoms: _____

Protocol: _____

3. Allergies: _____

Symptoms: _____

Protocol: _____

4. Allergies: _____

Symptoms: _____

Protocol: _____

Printed / Typed Parent Name: _____

Signed Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

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2018 Co-Chairs

Lynda C. Gant – 804-514-8300 & Lena Thompson 804-389-7774

BACKGROUND:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African-American, college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of more than 300,000 members in approximately 1,018 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the US Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, South Africa and the Middle East. Led by International President Dr. Glenda Glover, Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-lettered organization for African- American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit www.aka1908.com

MISSION STATEMENT:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) was founded on a mission comprised of five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority’s inception more than a century ago. Alpha Kappa Alpha’s mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life and to be of “Service To All Mankind”.