

Debutantes of Central Massachusetts Informational Overview

Mission

Yes We Care is sponsoring “The Debutantes of Central Massachusetts” Program to educate and inspire the personal growth of young ladies who live within the Central Massachusetts area. The program will offer a series of workshops, community activities, cultural events and college tours that will serve to broaden the Debutantes horizons and stimulate positive growth.

Workshop Outline

All Workshops will take place between the months of March and August. A final schedule will be published to those young ladies who have enrolled in the Debutante Program.

1. **Boom Life Workshop-** Each Debutante prepares their Vision Statement on where they want to be in 1year, 5-years and beyond.
2. **Fitness Day & Health Forum-** The Debutantes will learn about health issues that affect young women and the importance of incorporating exercise and diet as a means to good health. Aerobic instruction will be incorporated as a part of the fitness theme.
3. **Career Development/Budgeting Basics-** The Debutantes will delve into their career interests, learn interviewing tips and with their future salaries they will then learn how to manage a budget, the importance of savings, and how to manage credit.
4. **College Prep/College Tour-** The Debutantes will go on a College Tour and hear from academic professionals about what requirements are needed for acceptance into College. The Debutantes will experience life on a College campus.
5. **College Fair-** The Debutantes will attend a College Fair to broaden their awareness of local, in-state and out-of-state opportunities.
6. **Girl’s Night Out-** This activity is geared around creating a bonding opportunity for the Debutantes.
7. **Service Project-** The Debutantes will adopt a service organization and incorporate activities to support that organization and give back to the community.

8. **Etiquette Training & Public Speaking Workshop-** This luncheon workshop will teach the Debutantes how to use the appropriate dinner etiquette in any formal, informal or business situation. The second part of the workshop will focus on public speaking techniques and training.
9. **Dance Lessons-** The Debutantes will learn how to dance in a ballroom setting. Lessons will also be provided to the fathers and escorts of the Debutantes in preparation for the Debutante Ball.
10. **Religious Studies for Young Women-** The Debutantes will be instructed in a “Bible Study” type format on topics that are relevant to teenage women.

Debutante Character Criteria

In order to participate in the Debutante Program we seek that each young lady possesses high moral and ethical standards and has a desire to gain valuable experience from group activities and community service.

Debutante Responsibilities

All Debutantes must be willing to participate in all activities sponsored by the Debutante Program unless a member of the Debutante Committee has approved their absence. Responsibilities include:

- ❑ Attend and actively participate in activities and workshops
- ❑ Sell ads for program souvenir booklet
- ❑ Sell tickets to the Debutante Ball
- ❑ Participate in the Debutante Ball

Debutante Costs

- Debutante Registration Fee –Can be raised through selling tickets or ads \$100.00
- Sale (8) Tickets @ estimate of \$40 each to the Debutante Ball \$320.00
 - Escort Ticket Discount Cost= \$25.00
 - Parents & Family Tickets= Full Price
- Sale program booklet ads (Starting as low as \$10) \$200.00

Debutante Registration Criteria

All Debutantes must turn in the following to Sheila Goodwin by **March 2, 2018.**

- ❑ Must be enrolled in school and be between the age of (15-18)
- ❑ Turn in (1) Character Recommendation Form from a Teacher, Counselor, School Official or Church Member
- ❑ Complete a (1) page essay about “Why you want to be a Debutante and what you expect from the program”
- ❑ Complete the Debutante Registration Form
- ❑ Turn in the “Parent Consent and Release Form”

Debutante Recognition

During the Debutante Ball special recognition will be given to the young ladies who have demonstrated the following:

- ❑ Blanche Taylor Miss Congeniality Award- Will be awarded to the young lady with the greatest attitude, cooperation and participation as selected by her fellow Debutantes.
- ❑ Louvenia Meeks Miss Junior Missionary Award- Will be awarded to the young lady who has served the greatest number of community service hours during the Debutante Program.
- ❑ Elizabeth Anne White & Velma Reed Miss Debutante Award- Will be awarded to the young lady who has raised the most funds in ticket and ad sales. This Debutante will receive a **\$1000.00 scholarship** to the College of her choice.

Date of Debutante Ball

July/ August TBD

Debutantes of Central Massachusetts
Registration Form

Candidate's First Name: _____ **Middle Name** _____

Last Name: _____ **DOB** _____

Street Address: _____ **City** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Debutante/Guardian Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____

School Attending: _____ **Grade:** _____

Hobbies/Interests:

Honors Received:

List extra curricular activities and offices held:

Career Ambitions:

Complete and turn in the following by Friday, March 2, 2018 and turn into Sheila Goodwin

- **Completed Registration Form**
- **One-page essay on "Why do you want to be a Debutante and what do you expect from the program"**
- **Recommendation Letter (Teacher, Counselor, Coach, Church Member)**
- **Completed Release Form**

**Information can be mailed to Yes We Care, Attention: Sheila Goodwin,
55 Illinois Street, Worcester MA 01610**

Debutante Recommendation Form

Debutante Candidate Name:

Relationship to Candidate: _____

(Recommendation must be from a Teacher, Counselor or Church Member)

How Long Have You Known This Candidate: _____?

Describe the candidate's personal qualities:

Tell me why you feel that this young lady would be a good debutante:

How have you seen this young lady demonstrate leadership?

Overall Comments:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

This recommendation form must be received by March 2, 2018. It can be mailed to Yes We Care, 55 Illinois Street, Worcester MA, 01610. Attention: Sheila Goodwin.

**Debutantes of Central Massachusetts
Parent/Guardian Permission Release Form**

Date: _____

I have read and understand the “Debutantes of Central Massachusetts” Program information offered by Yes We Care. I agree to allow _____ to participate in all activities, workshops and field trips. I will hold Yes We Care harmless in the event there is an unforeseen accident involving _____ while in the care of the officials of Yes We Care. I understand that Yes We Care officials will take every precaution to protect and keep _____ safe from any harm while in their care. In addition, I give permission for any pictures taken of _____ during Debutante activities to be published as Yes We Care promotes the program in materials or online.

I further understand that she will follow the rules and guidelines of safety and the debutante requirements while participating in this program. Therefore, in the event of an accident, I release any known or unknown civil and criminal claims brought against Yes We Care.

My daughter _____ has the following special medical needs

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____