

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 its 14th annual **Belles & Beaus** Program.

Belles & Beaus is a signature program designed for boys and girls in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. 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. Solicit an established minimum amount in Ads and Patrons to support Rho Eta Omega Chapter Scholarships, Community Outreach Initiatives and B&B Souvenir Journal;
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 the workshops which require their attendance.
4. Participants must exhibit respectful behavior at all times or face dismissal.
5. Participants must raise a minimum of \$250 in ads and patrons to continue participation.

The program will run from **January 2018 through June 2018** 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 / Workshop Meeting, **Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1:30PM – 3:00 PM** at the Virginia Union University, L. Douglas Wilder Library. Please submit the attached application and a **\$50 non-refundable participation fee** payable to Rho Eta Omega by **January 27, 2018** and the **final \$100 payment by February 24, 2018**.

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 24, 2018.

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 via email at bellesbeaus@reoaka.org.

Sincerely,

Maria F. Crenshaw
President

Lynda C. Gant
2018 Committee Co-Chair

Lena Thompson
2018 Committee Co-Chair

Belles & Beaus Application

(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 24, 2018

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 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 Parent Name: _____

Signed Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 290,000 members in approximately 993 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 Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D., 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”.