

SPECIAL AWARDS

MISS CONGENIALITY/MR SUAVE

Participants will vote among themselves to select the female with the warmest and friendliest attitude during the sessions.

MISS INDUSTRIOUS/MR INDUSTRIOUS

Debs reporting the highest amount of contributions over \$500.00 will receive 10% back. (Contributions include Patron List, Ads for souvenir journal, etc.) Contestant with highest contributions turned in will also receive Industrious Title

Each category winner will receive a Trophy.

GMWA-Miss National Debutante 2019 will receive a Crown, Miss GMWA Debutante , and a Scholarship Award.

GMWA-Mr. National Beaux 2019 Will receive Scepter, Trophy, and a Scholarship Award

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GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP OF AMERICA, INC.



National Debutante Cotillion/Beautillion 2019

Rules & Regulations

Open to Young Men & Ladies,
(Ages 14-19)

Merdean Fielding-Gales, National GMWA Board YYA
Mrs. Audrey Howard-Harris, National GMWA Cotillion Advisor
Ms. Cadelia Rucker, National Co-Director
Elder Andreas Goree, National Co-Director
Bishop Albert L. Jamison Sr., Chairman of the Board-GMWA, Inc.
Rev. James Cleveland, Founder

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All Cotillion and Beautillion contestants must be 14 – 19 years of age at the time of entry.
2. **All contestants must be single, never divorced or had a marriage annulled, nor have children.**
3. All contestants should be in school, an active member of a church and of good Christian character.
4. All contestants must be a resident of the state they are representing and a member of their local GMWA Chapter.
5. Each contestant must be confirmed by their local chapter representative (Only One Deb per Chapter). Each chapter must submit a registration fee of \$100.00 for each contestant is due by May 1, 2019 Registration can be paid early by check of money order.
6. There are no height or weight restrictions. However, contestants should be youthful and in good health.
7. Debs must furnish all garments required for the National Cotillion. These garments must be of good Christian-Youthful taste. No halters or Sleeveless dresses allowed unless cover with a Bolero jacket. Garments that you are uncertain about can be reviewed by the National committee. All contestants should have proper undergarments, gloves, dresses should not be more than 1inch off floor with shoes on.
8. Contestants will need to have a Red suit or dress no more than 4 inches above the knees for the Projection and Personality segment. Along with required GMWA Sash.
9. Contestants are asked to bring at least 3 other church attire suits or dresses for presentations throughout convention week and knee length shorts for outing.
10. All contestants should attend all Cotillion/Beautillion rehearsals, in order to prepare for the National presentation. Whereas Talent Coaches will be on hand to assist and guide Contestants.
11. Judges for the National Cotillion/Beautillion will be selected from a wide selection of Local business owners, Educators, Artist, Public and Political Figures. Judges need not be an expert in any of the given categories and may not know a contestant. Each Judge must be approved by the National Committee. Any other areas of concern or suggestions should be submitted to the National Committee.
12. **Each Deb must provide a Black and White photo and Bio (Written in 3rd person) for National Journal. Photo will be head shot only Deb should wear black blouse with pearls and pearl earrings taken by a white background. Beaux Black suit white shirt with solid black tie**
13. **All Chapters must order the Standard National Cotillion Sash (Miss.) through Personal Touch Pageantry by calling 405-341-0390 or email ptpageantry@gmail.com cost is \$60.00 which includes shipping ask for GMWA Cotillion sash.**

RULES & REGULATIONS CONTINUED:

14. **All Male Escorts Black Tuxedos/ Suit w/no Tails. White Shirt, Black Bow Tie, Black Shoes.**
15. **Beaux-Black Tux w/no Tails, wing tip white shirt, black shoes, black socks, Red Bow Tie and cumberband.**
16. **Belles-Red Formal Dress w/ white gloves, silver accessories**
17. **Both Escorts and Belles should be in attendance for the last 3 rehearsals and dress rehearsals.**
18. **Issued Tshirt, Knee length shorts for outing**

National Cotillion/Beautillion Competition and Scoring (100 Point System)

PROJECTION & PERSONALITY (35 PTS)

Contestants will introduce themselves by giving their name, city, community activities, church, pastor's name, church activities, school, and future plans. Contestants will be judged on good speaking voice, clarity, and expression. Contestants with highest points will be named *Miss/ Mr Personality*

APPEARANCE & BOW (30 PTS)

A fresh, wholesome, and youthful appearance. Bow should show poise and good bearing. Contestants will be judged on appearance and bow execution. Contestant with the highest points will be named *Miss Charm/ Mr Debonair*

TALENT (20 PTS)

Contestants must furnish their own props, (other than piano) if needed. Talent limited to singing, interpretive/liturgical dance (no disco), drama, monologues, and instrumentation. (Others in good Christian taste.) Talent must not exceed 3 minutes. Contestants judged on execution. Contestant with the highest points will be named *Miss/Mr Talent*

IMPROMPTU QUESTION & ANSWER (15 PTS)

To express general knowledge and opinion, not to include exact figures or ratios. Articulation and coherence are important. Contestant will be judged on reaction under pressure. Contestant with the highest points will be named *Miss/Mr Expression*

The contestant receiving the highest total number of points (all categories added – 100 possible points) will be crowned

GMWA – Miss National Debutante /Mr. National Beaux

There will be First and Second runner-up categories