

Debutante Gowns

The Debutante gown to be worn the night of the Ball needs to be selected over the summer months so that any alterations that are necessary can be made. You may buy, rent, borrow, or have a gown made. All dresses must still be approved by the Gown Coordinator before they are purchased. The guidelines for the gown are as follows:

1. A white, full-length gown, traditional in decor and simple in design, with a hem one and one half inches off the floor with your heels on.
2. No sheath-type (straight) skirts. All gowns must have full skirts. No trains, bustles or hoop skirts are allowed.
3. Gowns may not be strapless or have spaghetti straps. The strap of the gown must be a minimum of one inch in width. No long sleeves will be permitted. No cleavage, halter or bare back bodices are allowed. If the Debutante has a tattoo, it must be covered by the gown sleeves or neckline, and must not be visible.
4. The gown should be elegant, but not overly decorated with sequins, beading or hanging decorations. No rhinestones or iridescent sequins.
5. Gloves which suit the length of the sleeve are to be worn. Above-the-elbow length plain white kid, satin, or similar fabric gloves should be selected. No lace gloves are permitted.
6. Shoes are to be plain white pumps with a closed toe and heel. No spike heels.
7. A single strand of pearls and a SINGLE set of pearl earrings are the only jewelry that may be worn the night of the Ball. No overly large or drop jewelry is allowed.
8. No bows, flowers or other adornments are to be worn in the hair of the Debutante. Hair style should be simple, and similar to everyday wear. No body glitter may be worn.
9. Clear or light pink nail polish only.