



**Thank you for your interest in the Vestavia Belle program!** We are glad you are exploring a Vestavia Hills tradition that has played a part for 40+ years in reflecting the warmth and friendliness of our city. Those selected to serve expect to gain poise, grace, etiquette, charm, work ethic, time management skills, and love for their city as they grow and serve the community of Vestavia Hills and the Belle program.

Applicants must read and agree to the following prior to application submission:

- Belles represent the City of Vestavia Hills through their service as official junior hostesses at City events, and through their participation in various service projects. As official hostesses greeting both residents and visitors, Belles are required to be knowledgeable of City history and landmarks and to maintain the poise, composure, friendliness and grace that exemplify warmth and southern hospitality.
- Belles serve at City of Vestavia Hills events such as I Love America Night, Dogwood Festival activities, Wing Ding, Holiday Parade, Breakfast with Santa and the City Tree Lighting.
- Belles are required to complete a total of 26 service hours annually, including 14 hours at a community event, a minimum of 8 hours assisting with the Library in the Forest summer reading program\* and an additional 4 hours assisting with a special service project. Projects include, but are not limited to, Vestavia Hills Active Adults events, Glenwood, Inc., and Food for Our Journey.
- Belles are responsible for the design and completion of the Belle dress ensemble, following color and design approval from the Belle Chairperson. Complete dress ensemble costs typically range from \$350 to \$750+ depending on the design chosen by the Belle.
- All Belle applicants must pay an application fee of \$40 at the time of submission.
- All new Belles must pay a one-time fee of \$300.
- All new Belles and their mother/guardian must attend the Mother-Daughter Orientation meeting on October 30, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
- All new Belles are required to attend the Belle Presentation on April 13, 2025 and to attend each year thereafter while serving as a Belle.
- All Belle meetings are mandatory. To be excused, a Belle must submit an excuse in writing to the Belle Chairman for approval prior to the absence. Only the Belle Chairman may excuse an absence.
- Selection criteria and process:
  - Applicant must be a resident of the City of Vestavia Hills or attend Vestavia Hills High School.
  - Applicant must be a high school sophomore or junior with a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA and, if selected, will serve a one- or two-year term, depending upon their grade at the start of service.
  - Applicant must submit a complete application along with the required \$40 application fee on or before the submission deadline.
  - Selection is based on application, interview and essay.
  - Interviews will take place on either Saturday, October 5 or Sunday, October 6, 2024, at City Hall. Applicants will be notified of their scheduled day/time.
  - Applicants will be notified by email and official letter of their selection status.

*\*The Summer Reading volunteer schedule is coordinated by library staff and requires attending an orientation session at the library. Assisting with the Summer Reading program is mandatory. Missing a scheduled volunteer time at the library is not permitted and will result in dismissal from the Belle program.*

**I have read and understand these guidelines and will commit to the objectives of this organization. I understand that any significant disregard of these guidelines will result in immediate dismissal from the Vestavia Belles program.**

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*Applicant Signature*

*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

*Date*



## COVENANT & CODE OF CONDUCT

I am a member of a city organization representing Vestavia Hills, Alabama. I accept, trust and respect myself as well as other members of our community. We seek to embody love and pride of our community in all that we do. Therefore, I commit myself to this Code of Conduct.

- I will abide by all laws and rules as determined by the community and Belle Committee.
- I will deal with others courteously and maintain a pleasant and positive attitude.
- I will respect the rights and privacy of others.
- I will participate in and be on time for all Belle-related activities.
- I will not participate in (nor will I cause suspicion that I am participating in) any drug, alcohol, tobacco or inhalant use. I will not have any of these products on my person at any time.
- I will not inappropriately or irresponsibly utilize social media. I understand that social media posts should never reflect negatively on the Belle organization or the City of Vestavia Hills.

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*Applicant Signature*

*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian 1 Signature*

*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian 2 Signature*

*Date*



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please print or type.

### Submit completed application along with:

- 5 wallet size recent photographs – head shots only (*photos will not be returned*)
- Most recent report card or most recent unofficial transcript.
- \$40 application fee (*checks only; must include applicant's name in the "for" section of check*)

Mail completed application, including all supporting documents and application fee, to: **City of Vestavia Hills, Office of the Mayor, 1032 Montgomery Highway, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216, Attn: Vestavia Belles.** Mailed documents MUST be postmarked by September 20, 2024. (The online application will be closed on this date at 5pm CST.) Completed application, supporting documents and the application fee must be received before an applicant will be scheduled for an interview.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip Code*

Email \_\_\_\_\_

School  Vestavia Hills High School  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Current Activities (*Include school, community, employment, social & hobbies*) \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### SIGNATURES

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*Applicant Signature Date*

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*Parent/Guardian 1 Signature Date*

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*Parent/Guardian 1 Signature Date*

*The City of Vestavia Hills does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age.*