

Medallion Candidate Credentials

Ball 2012 (Class of 2013)

(Revised – September 2007 and January 2009)

To be a Medallion Candidate, a young lady must be of recognized spiritual and moral character, single, not more than 19 years of age, and at least a in her senior year of high school at the time of her presentation. Although the Medallion Ball is under the patronage of the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, young women of all faiths are encouraged to participate.

To be eligible for presentation to the Bishop and to receive the Medallion, the young woman must contribute a minimum of 150 hours of volunteer community service over the course of her high school years. The hours can span over the time period between the summers after eighth grade until May 1 st of their Junior Year.

Each year, the young woman will be required to report their volunteer hours to the Credentials Committee. We encourage each candidate to perform a minimum of 25 hours per year in order to attain the 150 required hours of service. If the young woman does not make an effort to contribute any volunteer service each year, they will be asked to resign from the program. No volunteer hours will be considered for which any monetary compensation has been received.

Hours which are performed as required community service for high school graduation credit are not eligible. Volunteer service hours must be verified by the volunteer service director of the Agency benefiting from the service. A service year shall be from June 1 to May 31.

In addition, the young woman is required to have a sponsor from the St. Lucy's Membership. The member must have been a member in good standing for at least five years preceding sponsorship.

In accepting this honor, the candidate must be willing to participate fully in the program. No awards will be presented in absentia.

The Credentials Committee of St. Lucy's Auxiliary shall be composed of five members in good standing and their decision as to each candidate's eligibility shall be final. In the event there is a question as to acceptance of hours, it should be addressed to the Credentials Chairman.

Medallion candidate nominees must be submitted to the Credentials Committee by January 1, the year of the Ball at which they plan to be presented. Volunteer service must be completed by May 1 st the year of the Ball. A registration fee must be returned with the service record verified by the service agency by June 30 the year of the Ball. This fee covers the Ball Ticket and flowers for the young lady and her escort, the Medallion Tea, the Joan of Arc Medallion, the photographer's sitting fee, the photograph for the program, and any other events held.

Dress requirements include: a floor-length white dress, the front neckline should be modest and appropriate. No dresses are to be off white, with halters, backless, strapless, or off the shoulder. Dresses with spaghetti straps or colored trim and evening pants are not acceptable. Shoulders must be covered and hemline should be even to the floor. Shoes must be white. Gloves are to be a white, solid fabric (no lace or net), and should be the appropriate length for the dress sleeve. Jewelry can be small earrings, small chains, or pearls; no hair adornments are acceptable. Photographs will not be accepted for the Ball program with any off-the-shoulder look.

Escorts must wear the men's formal "white tie and black tails".