



**HISTORIC
OAKLEIGH**

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Historic Mobile Preservation Society

**300 Oakleigh Place
Mobile, Alabama 36604**

Oakleigh Belle Leadership Program

2020-2021 Application

The Oakleigh Belles Leadership Program is a very special organization sponsored by the Historic Mobile Preservation Society since 2008. Designed to instruct young ladies in 9th - 12th grade in Mobile history and historic preservation, the Oakleigh Belles are a diverse group of young women who confidently and knowledgably serve as guides at the Oakleigh Historic Complex and participate in special events. These events include Christmas at Oakleigh, Mobile's Historic Homes Tour, and more.

These young ladies, dressed in attire of the mid-19th century, make special appearances for many activities related to tourism, civic celebrations, and presentations. In the course of carrying out their duties, they not only have an opportunity to absorb the history of their city from a unique perspective, but they gain valuable experience in public speaking and interacting with visitors from all over the world.

Criteria for Selection:

The Oakleigh Belle Leadership Program seeks individuals who:

- Are currently in 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA in school
- Have demonstrated the capacity for leadership within their own schools and extra-curricular activities
- Share a sincere commitment, motivation, and interest in Mobile history and the mission of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society
- Are friendly, outgoing, poised, and confident

Requirements if Selected:

- Monthly meeting/field trip
- One-3 hour guide shift per month at Oakleigh during August-May
- Two-3 hour guide shifts per month at Oakleigh during June-July
- 4 hour shift during the Historic Homes Tour
- 4 hour shift during Christmas at Oakleigh
- Other events as assigned
- Each Belle is required to raise \$250 through a fundraiser.
- Costuming/activity fee of \$1,500 to be paid in 2 installments. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Two interest meetings for potential applicants will be held on Sunday, January 19th. 8th and 9th grade potential applicants will have a meeting at 4:30 PM. 10th and 11th grade potential applicants will have a meeting at 6:00 PM. Both meetings will be at Oakleigh. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

All applicants will be scheduled for a 5-minute interview with the Oakleigh Belle Selection Committee. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 7th, and Sunday, March 8th.

Check your email regularly as you will receive a portion of the Historic Oakleigh Complex's tour script to present during your interview and we will send other information as needed.

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Full Name:		
Nickname:		
Age:	Date of Birth:	
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Applicant Cell Phone Number:		
Applicant Email Address: (Check regularly for interview information)		
School:		
Grade:	Graduation Year:	
Have you ever applied to the Belle Program? If so, when?		
Parent/Guardian Information		
Mother/Guardian Full Name:		
Cell Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Father/Guardian Full Name:		
Cell Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Are you a member of HMPS?		
Would you require a scholarship if selected?		

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Instructions

- Make concise responses to each section
- Use only available space – no attachments will be considered
- Type or print legibly in blue or black ink
- Application must be signed by the candidate and by the candidate's parent/ guardian
- Application and all application materials must be received by **February 22nd at 3:30 PM.**

Extra-curricular activities:

Interests/Hobbies:

Due to the high volume of applicants, some qualified candidates may not be chosen. If you are not selected, you are strongly encouraged to re-apply in subsequent years to the Oakleigh Belle Leadership Program.

As a perspective participant in the Oakleigh Belle program, I am willing to attend all required functions and meet all other requirements. I understand that if I fail to meet my obligations to the program, I may be asked to withdraw without refund of fees.

Signed: _____ date: _____

Parent signature: _____ date: _____

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Please use this checklist and include with application materials:

1. _____ Completed Application (2 pages)
2. _____ \$25 Application Fee (Checks made out to HMPS)
3. _____ 2 letters of recommendation
4. _____ Copy of most recent school transcript
5. _____ A one page essay on what your greatest accomplishment is (12 pt. font, double spaced, Times New Roman)

Return completed application to:

**Oakleigh Belle Leadership Program
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Or

Drop off your application to Brooke Cooper and Isabel Sammons at the Historic Oakleigh Complex on February 22nd from 10:00 -3:30 PM.

Due by: February 22, 2020

Questions? Email Brooke Cooper or Isabel Sammons at belles@historicoakleigh.org.