



Dear Prospective 2026 Candidate Nominee,

Thank you so much for your interest in the exciting 2026 Cinderella Charity Ball! This wonderful event not only supports the Boys & Girls Clubs in Arlington but is also the oldest charitable event in our community. It is one of our city's most cherished traditions. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Arlington is dedicated to raising funds for the Arlington clubs through the Cinderella Charity Ball, and we can't wait for another fantastic year.

We're thrilled to announce that plans are already in motion for the 66th Annual Cinderella Charity Ball, which will take place on April 4, 2026, at the Loews Hotel Arlington. I encourage you and your parents to explore our website at www.cinderellacharityball.com for details about the Ball, Candidacy, and the amazing work of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Being a Cinderella Candidate is an incredible opportunity. It involves a genuine passion for the Boys & Girls Clubs and a willingness to work hard on their behalf. The success of the Ball relies on the fundraising efforts of the candidates. A Cinderella Campaign takes time and dedication, but the memories you create will last a lifetime. Your campaign will be filled with fun, excitement, and a sense of accomplishment, all packed into just two thrilling months. You will leave this experience with new skills and a deeper understanding of how you can positively impact your community through volunteer service.

Before making the decision to apply, I encourage you and your parents to visit with previous candidates and their families. Learning about their experience can give you valuable insight into what a Cinderella candidacy entails. It is important to understand the time and expense involved in this incredible fundraising campaign.

Time: There will be events leading up to the Ball that require your attendance, so it is essential to prioritize these activities. We have enclosed a calendar of important dates for you to review carefully, ensuring you can commit to the required Cinderella activities. Missing key events could affect your candidacy. As a candidate, you will also have the wonderful opportunity to volunteer at the Boys & Girls Clubs during your candidacy. There are plenty of flexible opportunities for volunteering, whether after school or on weekends. Once your campaign kicks off, you will need to set aside time for follow-ups on your letters, phone calls, speaking engagements, and, of course, writing handwritten, heartfelt thank-you notes for all donations.

Expenses: It is good to be aware of some costs involved as a Candidate. You will need to purchase a gown (don't worry—there are pre-owned options available at our dress sale!), cover printing and mailing costs for your campaign letters, and buy tickets to the Ball. Candidates and their escorts do not need to purchase tickets, but all other guests will need to purchase tickets to the Ball.

Once again, thank you for considering this exciting opportunity to become a Cinderella Candidate. Please read the instructions carefully and return your application by the deadline. Your application will be reviewed by our selection committee. All chosen Candidates will be notified, in person, on Friday, December 19th. If you have any questions about selection, candidacy, or the Ball itself, do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help.

Wishing you all the best, and we hope to see you at the Ball!

Warm Regards,
Darla Peznell

President, Ladies' Auxiliary of Arlington

Cinderella Charity Ball Candidate Application

REQUIRED: Sophomore or Junior at a school in Arlington or residence in Arlington

No hand-written applications will be accepted (PDF is fillable - please type)

Applicant Full Name: _____

Applicant Cell Number: _____ Applicant Birth Date: _____

Applicant E-mail (no school emails): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____ T-Shirt size: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Mother's Cell: _____ Mother's E-mail: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Father's Cell: _____ Father's E-mail: _____

Step-Mother's Full Name: _____

Step-Mother's Cell: _____ Step-Mother's E-mail: _____

Step-Father's Full Name: _____

Step-Father's Cell: _____ Step-Father's E-mail: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Step-Mother's Occupation: _____

Step-Father's Occupation: _____

Please note: parent participation is expected during campaign.

E-mails & phone numbers are for Auxiliary use during campaign only and will not be published.

Name you prefer to be called: Applicant: _____

Mother: _____ Father: _____ Step-Parent(s): _____

Parents' Community Involvement

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Siblings Names, ages, grade and school:

Former family involvement with Cinderella Charity Ball, include dates:

Note: Daughters of Ladies' Auxiliary, the Boys & Girls Club Board, or sisters of previous candidates will be given special consideration but are not guaranteed selection as a candidate.

If applicable, list who nominated you (not required for applying): _____

Years known _____ Describe your relationship (personal friend, family friend, acquaintance, etc.) _____

High School Activities:

9th:

10th:

11th:

Activities outside of school:

Church Affiliation:

Honors & Awards:

Hobbies:

Work Experience:

After High School Plans:

PLEASE SIGN BELOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE AND
RESPONSIBILITY OF CINDERELLA CANDIDACY.

(Must be signed by both applicant and one parent before submitting)

Applicant Signature:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Date:

Cinderella Candidate Application Instructions

Please attach a color photo to all 13 applications (head shot or above shoulders, minimal background – preferred size 4x6 or 3x5).

Next, drop off thirteen (13) copies of this signed application with attached photo **PLUS one** copy of the signed Cinderella Ball 2026 Calendar to one of the Ball Co-Chairs by midnight Wednesday, November 19th:

Mrs. Lisa Hoffman
1302 Sylvan Ct
Arlington 76012
markethut@gmail.com
817-925-0568

Mrs. Leanne Haynes
5112 Antony Ct
Arlington 76017
leannehaynes619@gmail.com
817-247-8769

Instructions for application copies: Please provide the printed or copied (and signed) applications single sided, and staple the photo at the top left of each application. Do not insert each application into a binder or folder. You can put the entire contents (all applications/photos plus the calendar) in a folder or envelope and drop off on either of the Ball Chair's porch in the designed basket.

Acceptance letters will be hand delivered to the candidate at the address listed on this application on:

Friday, December 19, 2025, between 3:00pm - 4:30pm

*** REQUIRED***

Introductory Meeting for the candidate and one parent later that day (12/19). Your randomly assigned time will be in your acceptance letter. There will also be an opportunity to purchase your dress from the dress sale between 5pm - 9:30pm. Dress sale is for candidate convenience, but you may purchase a dress from any store once you receive approval from the Agents that it meets the Ball requirements, and it must also be received in time for portrait sessions (approximately Feb 1).

Declined application letters will be emailed to the address listed on the application.

NOTE:

Should you be selected as a 2026 Cinderella Charity Ball candidate, we encourage you to think about who you will select to be your Escort. We will be holding our Escort Information Meeting on **January 14th, 2026**, so your escort must be selected prior to the meeting.

For more information about Escort duties and expectations, please visit:
<https://cinderellacharityball.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026EscortInfo.pdf>

2026 Cinderella Charity Ball Event Calendar

Friday, December 19th 6pm - 9pm	Notebook Pick-Up, Head Shots Taken for Website & Dress Sale candidates & parent(s)
Friday, January 9th 7pm - 9pm	Parent Social parents
Sunday, January 11th 3pm - 5pm	Introduction to Campaign candidates & parent(s)
Saturday, January 24th 9am – 11am 12pm – 2pm*	Financial Seminar and Tour of Boys & Girls Clubs candidates & parent(s) *After – Candidates only –Miss Cinderella Luncheon
Saturday, February 7th	Campaign Begins Letters Mail and Fundraising Can Begin
Saturday, February 7th 6pm - 9pm	Couples Dinner Candidates, parents, escorts, escort parents
Saturday, February 14 th Time TBD (afternoon)	Cinderella Group Fundraiser candidates
Thursday, February 12th 6:30pm - 8pm	Portrait Unveiling candidates & parents
Sunday, March 8th 2pm - 4pm	Cinderella Tea candidates & mothers
Saturday, March 28 th 11am-1pm	Mother/Daughter Luncheon candidates & mothers
Sunday, March 29th 12:30pm - 3pm	Cinderella Casual Candidates & Escorts
Friday, April 3 rd time TBD Saturday, April 4th	Rehearsal (Friday evening) Cinderella Ball (arrive by 4pm) candidates, parents, escorts

**Note: Use of Parent(s) and/or Mother(s) above is synonymous with Guardian(s)*

By signing below, you are stating you have no known conflicts and will attend the events listed.

Applicant's Signature

Parent's Signature

Please turn in one (1) signed copy of this calendar, along with the 13 copies of your application and photos.