

# 2021 Hoover Belles

The Hoover Belles were established as a community service organization in 1980 and are governed by the Hoover Belle Committee. Young ladies are eligible to apply to become a Hoover Belle during their sophomore year in high school and serve a two-year term.

**A HOOVER BELLE MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF HOOVER**, be of exemplary character, have a pleasant personality, be continuously enrolled in school, and enjoy the civic responsibility of serving her city and local charities. She must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 for her full term as a Hoover Belle.

During her term of service, each Belle is required to work a minimum of 30 hours of community service through the Hoover Belle program. A Belle must conduct herself in a manner that will bring honor to the Hoover Belle program and will be required to sign the Hoover Belle Pledge vowing to be drug, alcohol, and tobacco/nicotine free during her tenure as a Hoover Belle. Each Belle selected is responsible for the cost of her gown, accessories, and the Belle fee of \$250.00.

Application forms will *only* be available **ONLINE** from **October 9th to November 13th** on the City of Hoover website: **[www.hooveralabama.gov](http://www.hooveralabama.gov)**. The applications must be returned to the **Hoover Chamber of Commerce, located at 3000 Riverchase Galleria, Ste. 375, Hoover, AL 35244, Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Applications including resumes and Reference Letters must be placed in a SEALED 9x12 envelope and returned to the Hoover Chamber of Commerce by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, November 13, 2020. Each application must include a \$25.00 application fee with the check made payable to Hoover Belles. If an applicant is chosen to be a Belle, a \$250.00 fee will be owed at orientation.** The person returning the application must sign in so that we have a crosscheck to verify the return. Applicants will be required to attend an interview on **Saturday, January 9, 2021**. You will be advised of your interview time. The last four digits of the Social Security number of the Belles chosen for the two year term will be posted on the Hoover Belles' page of the City of Hoover's website by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, January 15, 2021.

**Each Hoover Belle chosen and a parent are required to attend these events:** Orientation, Tuesday, January 26, 2021; Presentation Sunday, May 2, 2021. **The Back-to-School Meeting** for Belles will be held on the first Sunday after the start of Hoover City Schools in August. **The Mother-Daughter Senior Luncheon** will be held in early May of the Belles' senior year.

***Examples of the many community service activities for the Hoover Belles include:***

Aldridge Gardens events & summer camps	Hoover Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
Autism Walk	Seasonal festivals- schools & churches
Decorator's Show House	The Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome
Distinguished Young Women of Shelby County	The Summit Christmas Parade
School prep with teachers	City of Hoover events

***Important Dates*** (details explained above)

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| • October 9 – November 13, 2020 | Applications available online; <b><a href="http://www.hooveralabama.gov">www.hooveralabama.gov</a></b> . |
| • November 13, 2020 by 4:00 pm  | Applications due, Hoover Chamber of Commerce   |
| • January 9, 2021               | Interviews for Hoover Belles   |
| • January 15, 2021 at 3:00 pm   | List posted of selected Hoover Belles  |
| • January 26, 2021              | Orientation, 6:30 p.m.   |
| • May 2, 2021                   | Presentation of 2021 Hoover Belles   |
| • August, 2021                  | Back to School meeting, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Hoover schools start                                |

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Parent(s) and/or Guardian of all Hoover Belle Applicants  
**From:** The Hoover Belle Committee  
**Re:** The Hoover Belle Pledge

Dear Parents,

What an exciting time this is for you and your daughter! She is growing more independent daily, accepting responsibility for her actions, trying new activities and exploring concepts that are fresh and exciting. It is our hope that her experience with the Hoover Belle Organization will be a positive one and will enable her to encounter challenges and enjoy rewards that occur at this wonderful time in her life.

The Hoover Belle Committee expects each Belle to reflect the high standards of our organization in every area of her life. Our girls are respected by their peers and often serve as role models for younger people in the community. They are outstanding examples of youth in our city. The Hoover Belle Pledge is included in this packet and must be completed by all girls and their parents as a part of the application process. **This pledge should be taken very seriously.** At times in the past, non-compliance with this standard has led to disciplinary action being taken, including dismissal from the organization. We do not want this to happen to your daughter! Very fine young people can make poor choices, especially when pressured by their peers. This pledge can be used by your daughter as a tool to help her refrain from participating in risky behavior. We do not want to be parents to the Belles .... they have parents already!! But we do ask you to help your daughter during this time in her life by endorsing the standards of our organization as reflected in the Hoover Belle Pledge. Please talk with her about these rules. If you have any questions about them, we welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you. If you and your daughter do not feel that you can uphold any portion of the Hoover Belle Pledge, we urge you to reconsider applying to this organization. Failure of any Belle to abide by the Pledge during her tenure will result in disciplinary action.

Your time is very valuable. We all have responsibilities which make huge demands on our lives. The time spent with our young people pays great dividends. Please take the time to talk with your daughter about the points raised by the Pledge, and let her know how important you think her behavior is. We thank you for your cooperation with this important issue as well as your continuing support in its enforcement. This is invaluable!

Please read this two page memorandum completely and submit the signed and dated statement as a part of your daughter's application packet. Again, if further explanation is needed, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Hoover Belle Committee.

Thank you.

*The Hoover Belle Committee*

**Parents, please read and complete this form and submit it with the other portions of your daughter's Hoover Belle application.**

Thank you!

## *Hoover Belle Pledge*

*As a Hoover Belle, I am viewed as a leader in the community who represents the City of Hoover and charitable organizations as their hostess. I pledge to be responsible and dependable and will conduct myself with integrity, exhibiting outstanding character and moral conduct at all times. I understand this will include ANY of my postings on social media.*

*I pledge to be drug, alcohol, and tobacco/nicotine free during my two-year term as a Hoover Belle. I will not have any of these substances on my person, nor will I cause suspicion of or participate in any activities involving these substances.*

*I pledge to uphold school rules and regulations.*

*I realize it is my responsibility to uphold the high standards that have been set for me. I realize that all inappropriate behavior cannot be specifically listed within this pledge. Inappropriate conduct includes any action which can be construed as, or gives the appearance of being, immoral, illegal, or unethical. If I am in violation of upholding this conduct standard set forth, the Hoover Belle Committee may review my conduct and determine what action will be taken.*

*I have read this information and agree to adhere to this Hoover Belle pledge. If a violation of this pledge results in a review of my actions, I understand that the Hoover Belle Committee's verdict may result in the termination of the remainder of my term as a Hoover Belle. If terminated, I will not be allowed to include Hoover Belle on any resume, letter, list of activities, etc.*

I have read this two page memorandum regarding the Hoover Belle Pledge and understand its importance. I understand that if my daughter is chosen to be a Hoover Belle, she and I will have to sign the Hoover Belle Pledge, and during her tenure, she will be expected to exhibit those standards in all areas of her life. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the Hoover Belles.

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***PARENT'S NAME***

***SIGNATURE***

***DATE***

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***DAUGHTER'S NAME***

***SIGNATURE***

***DATE***

# Hoover Belles



## 2021 Application Form

*(Please type or print legibly)*

*(CIRCLE or indicate preferred name)*

Attach a Recent Photo  
(No large photos, please)

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

House Number and Street

City

Zip

School

Last four (4) digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

*(Will be used to announce the selected candidates on website)*

Age \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have Social Media Accounts?  Yes  No

If so, please list **ALL accounts, including public name** under which the account(s) may be found.

Include additional sheets if necessary. **(All SPAM accounts must be listed)**

Site	Public name or link to page

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Attach a current copy of your resume which includes any civic, school or church activities/awards/honors for the past 3 years.**

**\*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\* Please INCLUDE three (3) recommendation packets from adults other than family members or Hoover City elected officials or employees. Recommendations from Hoover City School employees are acceptable. The required recommendation forms are attached. These forms MUST be included in your application packet in an envelope sealed by the recommender.**

By signing below, all applicants, parents and/or guardians give approval of the website posting of the last four digits of the selected applicant's social security number.

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*Signature of Applicant*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

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*Date*



**Please complete the following questions. Circle your appropriate response.**

**1. How long have you known the applicant?**

- a. Less than a year
- b. Between one (1) year and five (5) years
- c. Longer than five (5) years
- d. Do not know her very well or at all

**2. The Belles are chosen for their good moral character, pleasant personality and willingness to serve Hoover as a hostess. Do you believe the applicant displays all of these characteristics?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do not know the applicant well enough to answer
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**3. Based on your relationship with this applicant, do you:**

- a. Highly recommend her to be considered for selection
- b. Recommend her to be considered for selection
- c. Recommend her with reservation/s to be considered for selection
- d. Do not recommend her to be considered for selection

**Again, please include your personal letter of recommendation with this form. Put the letter and completed form in an envelope, SEAL IT, and then SIGN YOUR NAME ACROSS THE SEAL. Please return the sealed envelope containing your letter and completed form to the applicant.**

Thank you!

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*Signature of Recommender*

*Date*