

2023 Hoover Belles Applicants

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 40 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 \$325.00 (which includes 3 required pieces of apparel).

Application forms will **only** be available **ONLINE** from **October 14th to November 10th** on the City of Hoover website: www.hooveralabama.gov. The applications must be returned to the Hoover City Hall, located at 100 Municipal Drive, Hoover, AL 35216, no later than Thursday, November 10th by 4:00 P.M. Applications including resumes and Reference Letters must be placed in a **SEALED** 9x13 envelope. Each application must include a \$25.00 application fee with the check made payable to Hoover Belles. Belle candidates will be notified by mail of interview time. If an applicant is chosen to be a Belle, a \$325.00 fee will be due at orientation. The person submitting the application must sign in so that we have a crosscheck to verify the receipt.

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

Aldridge Gardens events & summer camps	Hoover Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
Hoover Band Invitational	Seasonal festivals - schools & charities
Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome	Itty Bitty Baker Cooking Classes
Distinguished Young Women of Shelby County	Bluff Park Christmas Parade
School prep with teachers	City of Hoover events

Important Dates and Mandatory Meetings:

October 14 – November 10	Applications available to download online (www.hooveralabama.gov)
Thursday, November 10	Last day to turn in Applications - Hoover City Hall by 4:00pm
Saturday, January 7	Belle Interviews at Aldridge Gardens
Friday, January 13	List posted of selected Hoover Belles
Sunday, January 22 at 2:00pm	Belle Orientation (Belle and Parent attend and \$325.00 fee due)
Sunday, May 7	Presentation of 2023 Belles (Belle, Parents, and Family invited)
Sunday, August 2023	Back to School Meeting (typically 2 nd Sunday after HCS start)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

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. If selected as a Hoover Belle, 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. 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 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. 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.

Please submit the signed and dated statement as a part of your daughter's application packet. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Hoover Belle Committee if you have any questions. We thank you for your cooperation with this important issue as well as your continuing support in its enforcement.

Thank you.

The Hoover Belle Committee

hooverbelles@gmail.com

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 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 Belles or any community service activities worked during my tenure as a Belle on any resume, letter, list of activities, etc.

Parents:

I have read the 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.

PARENT'S NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

DAUGHTER'S NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

Hoover Belle Application

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address City State Zip

Belle Cell Number Belle Email Address

School Attended Current Grade Age

Belle Parent Name Parent Email Parent Phone Number

Current GPA: _____

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

Signature of Applicant **Date**

Signature of Parent or Guardian **Date**

Hoover Belle Applicant Photo

(Please attach a recent photo)

You may tape or staple to this page – please no photos larger than 5x7”

Belle Applicant Name: _____

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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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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

Name of Recommender—please print

Address

City

State

Zip

Signature of Recommender

Date

Hoover Belles Application Checklist

Application Deadline: Thursday, November 10, 2022 by 4:00pm
Hoover City Hall
100 Municipal Drive
Hoover, AL 35216.

Place all documents below in an 9x13" sealed envelope and drop off at Hoover City Hall. Please use a paperclip or binder clip for you application packet and do not staple.

Please make sure all documents are included in the following order:

- **\$25.00 application fee**
 - check made to Hoover Belles
- **Belle Application**
- **Applicant Picture**
- **Applicant Resume**
 - include school, church, civic activities and awards/honors for past 3 years
- **Hoover Belle Pledge**
 - signed by Belle applicant and parent
- **Three (3) SEALED recommendation letters**