**Program Overview**

Designed for Ellis County high school juniors and seniors, the Waxahachie Symphony Association’s Belles & Beaus Program is for students’ who want to enjoy beautiful music and enhance their education with classes in music appreciation, life skills, and etiquette. Over the season, Belles & Beaus attend WSA concerts and receive training by area experts in Music Appreciation, Money Management, Interviewing Skills and Dressing for Success, Etiquette, Social Correspondence and Social Media. Participants support the Symphony by ushering at concerts and performing community service.

The culmination of the Waxahachie Symphony Association’s Belles & Beaus program is their presentation at a formal Gala held in their honor in May, which includes dinner and dancing. Details will be given out in March and April. The Gala is formal dress with the Belles & Beaus in white formal gowns and elegant tuxedos, and guests in semi-formal or formal attire.

The program requires that the Belles & Beaus attend or participate in:

* Three WSA concerts (usher at One)
* Group projects: such as the Bethlehem Revisited, and the Christmas Parade (2 or 3 hours each)
* Four Life Lessons covering topics such as Money Management, Interviewing Skills and Dressing for Success, Etiquette, Social Correspondence and Media, Personal Safety and Music Appreciation

The teachers of the Life Lessons are volunteers. When meeting the teachers, please shake their hand, look them in the eye, and tell them your first and last name. Please give them your full attention. They will be giving you GREAT information.

P**rogram Dress Code:**

When attending a WSA Concert, everyone is to wear Dressy Casual. This means that gentlemen wear khaki or navy pants, belt, shirt with a collar, dark shoes (not tennis shoes) and dark socks. Ladies wear nice slacks and blouse or dress in red or black (no bra straps showing). No denim.

Never chew gum when you are at a WSA or B&B function.

Gentlemen, never wear a cap or hat inside a building of any kind.

If you have a tattoo, cover it up.

If you have other piercings, the only one allowed is one set of earrings. No earrings for the guys.

For classes and group activities (excluding DSO event), wear the Belles & Beaus t-shirt with khaki or other nice pants or shorts. No athletic shorts unless coming straight from a school activity.

**Expenses:**

* Tuition - $375.00 ($400.00 after September 18 if space allows)
* Dress or Tux for the Gala, Belles & Beaus are responsible for obtaining and paying for their own gala attire.
* Gala Tickets - NO charge for the Belles & Beaus and their date. Parents and guests will need to purchase tickets, approximately $35 each.

**Program Registration:**

Mrs. Ramona Norman is the Belles & Beaus Chairman. Students may register for Belles & Beaus via any of the following options.

**Online:**

* Download registration form at <https://www.waxahachiesymphonyassociation.org/belles-beaus> , email completed application to Mrs. Norman at: wsabellesandbeaus@gmail.com.
* Make tuition payment on website

**By Mail:**

* Download and mail completed application with check for tuition payment to WSA’s post office box:

Waxahachie Symphony Association

P.O. Box 405

Waxahachie, TX 75168

**In Person:**

* Complete registration form and submit with check for tuition payment to Mrs. Norman at information meeting on Sunday, September 8th at White Rhino Coffee – Waxahachie, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

After September 18, 2019, tuition increases to $400.00. Payment may also be made online through the WSA Belles & Beaus webpage. Online payments may be subject to a convenience fee. Registration is not considered complete without payment. Space is limited. Final application and payment deadline is October 1, 2019.

**We look forward to a wonderful year!!!**