

## THE FEW, THE PROUD.....

# THE TVCC CARDETTE ESCORTS

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Here are a few questions that most freshman escorts ask.....

- **Are escorts required to enroll in Cardette classes?** Yes but only the KINE class in both the Fall and Spring semesters and then the DANC (Male Hip Hop) in the Spring. These hours are transferable college credit.
- **Do Cardette Escorts get a Scholarship or get paid for their time?** Cardette Escorts do get paid for their time working within the organization. Cardette Escorts are considered as an institutional work study position at TVCC. Payment is distributed bi-monthly at the minimum wage rate. Federal Financial Aid must be completed with the college in order to complete all paperwork to receive any type of payment. Each Escort is guaranteed a minimum of 19 hours per month if not more.

Sophomore Escorts (second year escorts) will receive an additional scholarship to be applied towards Room/Board only which replaces time at performances.

- **What will I need to purchase to be an escort?** The escorts only purchase a few items for the year. Escorts are required to wear certain things to make the public aware that they are with the group and that you are "important." Items provided to each escort are escort micro fiber polo with logo, long sleeve oxford top with logo, TVCC t-shirt and possible baseball cap with logo. The escorts purchase on their own khaki pants, black dress pants, khaki shorts, nice jeans without holes and tennis shoes or dark shoes.
- **Are escorts required to attend functions with the Cardettes?** Yes, escorts are part of our family and team. Escorts attend all games, parades, special appearances, and trips. We need our escorts!!
- **Can I schedule an academic class or have a job during Cardette class times?** No. Escorts are needed at numerous practices between the hours of 1-4pm(M-TH) and 8:30-11:30am(F). A schedule is posted ahead of time so that you can plan accordingly.
- **Is being an escort a job or a way of life?** A little of both but it really depends upon the gentleman. The Cardette organization is a way of life for the dancers and escorts. There are certain expectations that each member must up hold. Some of those expectations include attending all classes, submitting grade reports to the director, displaying respect for the college and its' faculty and staff, passing drug testing, following basic standards and guidelines of the college, and the Cardette organization.

Being a Cardette Escort is a privilege. Escorts are looked upon by the TVCC Faculty and Staff as well mannered, respectable young men who look after not only themselves but others around them as well. They are the epitome of the word "gentleman." If you are a gentleman who goes against the grain of things, then maybe being an escort is not for you.

- **What do the escorts do during Cardette classes?** They have many jobs such as playing the music, making props, repairing props, gathering props, attending to injuries from dancers, getting practice areas ready, running Cardette errands for the director, public relations, and much more. Each year is different.
- **Is being a Cardette Escort fun?** Of course the answer is "yes" but there will be times when escorts feel board and there are times when escorts will feel that there are too many jobs to be done. Being an escort is what you put into it but remember that there are many people who count on an escort and need an escort! At the very least, being a Cardette escort will enable you to be a part of a wonderful family at TVCC.