

Membership Affiliation Form and Acknowledgement

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[Insert biographical information requested/required by organization for new member form.]

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have affiliated for the purpose of being initiated into * Fraternity/Sorority by the * Fraternity/Sorority chapter “my chapter” of the * Fraternity/Sorority located at the college or university at which I am currently enrolled as a student.

I am familiar with, understand and acknowledge that * Fraternity/Sorority has adopted certain [Risk Management Polices][use title of your organization risk management policy document]. I understand that each member and each [pledge/candidate/associate member] of * Fraternity/Sorority, including me, is obligated to comply with these [Risk Management Polices][use title of your organization risk management policy document] as well as the laws of the land, and the laws, rules and regulation of the institution where the chapter is located. I understand and acknowledge that these Policies include alcohol polices, compliance with state and local laws concerning the use or provision of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances, and I acknowledge that these Policies forbid any form of hazing.

I understand and acknowledge that * Fraternity/Sorority, Inc. is a (state of incorporation) non-profit corporation with its offices in (city, state). I understand and acknowledge that * Fraternity/Sorority, Inc. does not control, supervise or operate the chapter located at the college or university at which I am enrolled as a student, or any other chapter of the Fraternity/Sorority.

I understand and acknowledge that I am not an agent of and that I am not an appointed representative of * Fraternity/Sorority, and that I have no authority to enter into any agreement for or in any way bind in any legal way * Fraternity/Sorority. I also understand and acknowledge that my chapter is a self-governing, financially self-sufficient association of collegiate students. I understand and acknowledge that my chapter is not an agent of and that my chapter is not an appointed representative of * Fraternity/Sorority, and that my chapter has no authority to enter into any agreement for or in any way bind in any legal way * Fraternity/Sorority

[I understand that * Fraternity/Sorority is primarily an educational and service organization, and that it does not control or supervise the day to day activities of my chapter or any collegiate student associated with my chapter. I HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE * FRATERNITY/SORORITY FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, WHETHER PRESENT OR IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING ANY PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS, THAT MAY IN ANY WAY ARISE OUT OF MY ASSOCIATION WITH IT OR MY CHAPTER.]

[I agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify * Fraternity/Sorority and my Chapter from and against any and all claims, damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, that in any way arise out of any negligent act, error, or omission by me including, by not limited to, any claims, damages, expenses or liabilities for any financial loss, for any loss or damage to property, and for any injury or death to any person or persons.]

Signature of New Affiliate

Note: Bracketed paragraphs may be included or omitted at the option of the organization.

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