

(Sorority) Membership Affiliation Form

To be signed:

- prior to initiation; and
- by every member annually

I have read the (Sorority's) Purpose and Mission Statement, the National Risk Management Policies of (Sorority), and the (Sorority) Code of Conduct.

As an initiated member of (Sorority), I am fully willing to uphold each of these core values and abide by each policy of the National Sorority and all regulations of my campus administration.

I understand it is the duty and privilege of each member of (Sorority) to do everything in her power to promote the interests, welfare and dignity of the sorority. To maintain my status of good standing, I understand I shall fulfill all financial, academic and ethical obligations, duties and privileges as prescribed by the (Sorority) National By-Laws.

I understand that violation of (Sorority) or campus policy subjects the violator to dismissal from membership in (Sorority).

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LOYALTY PLEDGE

"I promise my loyal support to (women's fraternity) in the attainment and preservation of its ideals. Should I at any time by my actions demonstrate disloyalty to the fraternity idea, to which I here subscribe, I agree to submit my resignation to the Fraternity and return my badge and membership certificate. In consideration of the Fraternity's accepting me as a member, I agree that my membership is governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fraternity interpreted under the laws of the State of Indiana."

This is signed at the time of initiation.

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Sorority New Member Card:

I hereby pledge myself to become a member of the _____ chapter of (Sorority) subject to the right of the national council to withdraw the privilege of pledgeship or membership at any time and subject to all other conditions in the (Sorority) Constitution and Bylaws pertaining thereto.

(signed, dated and witnessed by chapter president and chapter secretary)

Sorority Badge Affirmation Card (signed prior to initiation)

I understand that all (Sorority) badges are the property of the national sorority and that if at any time I cease to be a member in good standing, I am to send my badge to national headquarters promptly. This course of action would be applicable if I am suspended or expelled or if I withdraw from (Sorority).

(signed and kept as permanent record at sorority headquarters)

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I hereby acknowledge that I am not an initiated member of any other National Panhellenic Conference group, or if I was affiliated as a new member, I have waited the specified period of time before affiliating with (Sorority).

(signed and dated by new member)

I affirm that I, of my own free will, do hereby accept the invitation of the _____ Chapter of the (Sorority) at _____ (school) in _____ (city/state) to become a new member.

I do further affirm that all relations between the (Sorority) and myself shall, irrespective of circumstances, remain sacred to me. To the best of my abilities, I will strive to uphold the standards and ideals upon which the (Sorority) was founded. I understand that I must meet all scholastic, financial, and participation obligations in order to become and remain an initiated member of (Sorority). I further understand that all New Member and Initiation Fees submitted to the International Headquarters are non-refundable. By my signature below I agree to authorize my university/college to release my grades to (Sorority).

(signed, dated and witnessed)

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(SORORITY) MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS CONTRACT

(Sorority) commits to assisting each member reach her greatest potential through the power of friendship. To do so, the sorority places a high emphasis on individual self-worth which is firmly rooted to a positive value system of high moral and ethical standards, and therefore disassociates itself from any activity or event which encourages or permits actions which may be construed as demeaning to any individual.

1. (Sorority) expects its members to be fully participating, enthusiastic and informed about (Sorority) during their entire college career. To this end, all members and new members are required to attend chapter meetings regularly, ritualistic services as their membership status permits, recruitment activities and all other required chapter functions. Each member agrees to hold in confidence the business and rituals of (Sorority) and of the chapter. An unexcused absence from one of these events puts a member or new member on bad standing for one calendar month. Three unexcused absences will automatically result in the termination of a new member's pledge. In the case of an initiated member, continued unexcused absence shall be grounds for National Probation.
2. (Sorority) expects its members to be academically responsible and successful. Failure to maintain the required scholastic average puts a member on bad standing. Any member failing to obtain the chapter's GPA contained in the chapter bylaws for good standing for three consecutive terms or five terms in total will automatically be placed on National Probation for failure to cooperate with the chapter. Each member agrees to provide, or allow the university to provide a copy of grade reports to the chapter or Sorority National Headquarters within two weeks of the release of grades.
3. (Sorority) expects its members to be financially responsible and meet all financial obligations promptly. The sorority's 30-60-90 day notification policy for the payment of delinquent accounts (including fines voted on by the chapter) applies to both new members and members. If accounts have not been paid in full after 90 days, or payment plans have not been arranged in writing with the financial advisor or chapter treasurer, members will be

placed on National Probation and new members will have their new member affiliation terminated. Each member agrees that the chapter may release information regarding financial obligations to her parent/guardian. Under no circumstances will a member be excused from paying her national dues, risk management fee, or her house note. Should a member resign her membership or a new member's affiliation be terminated, any and all dues, fees, monies, and/or contributions paid shall not be refunded and all pins, badges and certificates shall be returned.

4. (Sorority) expects its members to abide by all federal, state and local laws, university regulations and sorority policies; noting particularly, those regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. In addition, Sorority recognizes the role that the irresponsible use of beverage alcohol plays in inappropriate and dangerous behavior, and expects members to accept their responsibility to themselves, to one another and to their guests at all times. In addition, members will be financially responsible for any damages either they or their guests have incurred at any Sorority sponsored event. The use/misuse of drugs or alcohol by any member or new member in violation of this section shall render her liable to immediate disciplinary action.
5. (Sorority) expects its members to treat themselves and each other with respect and refrain from engaging in any form of disrespectful behavior or hazing whatsoever. Hazing is defined as "any activity, action taken or situation created, whether on or off sorority premises, that has the *reasonable potential* to produce mental, emotional or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule." Practices such as new member sneaks, kidnappings, scavenger hunts walkouts, any form of hazing or other similar local customs are banned in (Sorority) and violation of this or any other Sorority policy will force the National Council of (Sorority) to take disciplinary action against the chapter and or members/new members engaging in such prohibited practices.
6. No member or new member of (Sorority) may be a member of any auxiliary group of a men's fraternity. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the lifting of the pledge of that new member and national disciplinary action for a chapter member.
7. (Sorority) expects its members to support and appreciate Sorority-provided housing. Each chapter shall be responsible for the complete occupancy of its Sorority living space. Each member must live in the Sorority living space for the number of terms necessary to keep it filled to capacity. Living out of the chapter living space without permission will subject the member to National Probation.
8. Actions of a questionable nature that reflect poorly on the member/new member or the chapter could result in National Probation or other disciplinary action.

Upon reading the (Sorority) Membership Expectations Contract, I agree to and shall abide by all these expectations, and all other chapter and national policies. I understand failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Signed, dated and witnessed

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Loyalty Pledge

Each of the undersigned, individually and for herself, makes the following promise, agreement and pledge, namely:

I pledge never to reveal the rules, rituals or any private business of this Sorority either by writing, speaking or intimating them to any person not a member of (Sorority)..

I PROMISE AND PLEDGE FAITHFULLY TO OBSERVE ALL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATIONS OF THE BYLAWS, RULES AND PROCEDURES, AND POLICIES AND REGULATIONS OF (SORORITY) AND OF MY CHAPTER, NEVER KNOWINGLY TO VIOLATE ANY PART OF THEM.

I pledge to encourage and support good manners, good morals and good order at all times and under all circumstances.

I promise to vote conscientiously and for the best interest of the Sorority in all cases requiring a vote.

I pledge to accept three lifetime obligations to my Sorority: to recommend women for membership, to remain actively involved and always to meet my financial obligations.

I understand that my badge is the symbol of my lifetime membership in (Sorority).

In the event that at any time International Council should question my loyalty to the foregoing pledge and if my worth as a member must be proved, I shall voluntarily surrender my badge at the beginning of the investigation. Moreover, if such investigation should deem me unworthy of membership, or if for any reason my membership is terminated, I shall renounce my right to my badge and all insignia of membership.

(signed prior to initiation)

Reaffirmation Pledge

By upholding the highest ideals of womanhood and the highest standards of conduct as a member of _____ Chapter of (Sorority), I promise to accept the lifelong responsibilities of membership in the international Sorority. I acknowledge and promise to abide by the Sorority Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, and policies of the international organization and the house rules, standing rules and bylaws of my chapter.

I will be responsible for my conduct in maintaining my personal dignity and in reaching my scholastic potential. I will abide by my chapter's policies for attendance and financial commitment.

I will use the position statements of the Sorority as guidelines for appropriate behavior and will abide by the Sorority policies on alcohol, hazing, illegal drugs, housing and visitation. I will keep in confidence all rituals and business transactions of (Sorority) and my chapter.

I acknowledge that the executive board of my chapter has the responsibility to maintain the standards and ideals of (Sorority). I understand that a violation of chapter, Sorority and/or university rules and regulations or local, state, province and/or federal laws can result in disciplinary actions.

(signed by each collegiate member annually)

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(Women’s Fraternity) Statement of Obligation
(a contract with (Fraternity).)

As a member/new member of the _____ chapter of (Fraternity), I accept the responsibilities of lifelong membership in the Fraternity. I am familiar with and at all times will abide by the Constitution, policies and procedures of the (fraternity) and the _____ chapter’s bylaws and standing rules.

I will live by the high standards and ideals of sisterhood of the (Fraternity). I will strive to achieve my scholastic potential and I will provide, and hereby authorize my university to provide, copies of my grade reports to the director of scholarship within two weeks after grades are released. I will meet my financial obligations, will abide by the chapter’s housing policies, and hereby permit the _____ chapter of (Fraternity) to release to my parents/guardian information regarding my financial obligations incurred as a member in the chapter. I will hold in confidence the business and rituals of (Fraternity) and of my chapter.

I understand that the Honor Board of the _____ chapter has the responsibility to enforce all chapter, Fraternity, and university rules and regulations, and to require me to comply with all local, state, provincial, and federal laws. I understand that a violation of any of these requirements will result in disciplinary action against me by the chapter Honor Board in accordance with the procedures of (Fraternity).

If for any reason my membership is terminated, I promptly will return my badge and my membership certificate.

(signed and dated by member/new member and witnessed)

(Fraternity) Dues and Fees Contract

In consideration of the fraternal and societal benefits received and to be received as a member of (Fraternity), and other good and valuable considerations which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned student-member agrees to be responsible for the full amount of dues and fees set forth herein for the entire period of this contract stated below.

The undersigned Student agrees to be responsible for the full amount of dues and fees for the entire period of this contract, in accordance with the following payment schedule:

(payment schedule table here)

If this contract is terminated earlier than the stated period solely because of Student’s termination of student status at the School, or termination of Student’s membership in (Fraternity), prorated charges only to the end of the month in which the date of such termination occurs, will be paid by Student at the date of such termination; the exceptions being per capita fees which shall be paid in full and resident rent payable according to the housing contract. A supplemental Dues and Fees Contract reflecting fees required in the chapter standing rules may be executed for students leaving campus during the contract period to study abroad. These are the only exceptions to the obligation of payment for the entire period of this contract as set forth above. Should legal action be required to enforce the collection of the fees stated above, the undersigned Student agrees to pay all costs, including bank charges and court costs, and legal and collection fees incurred by (Fraternity)

(signed and dated by student, witnessed by financial vice president and advisor)

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