

Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment 2019 Frequently Asked Questions

I am a legacy; does that mean I am guaranteed to get into that sorority?

No. Each sorority has their own policies regarding legacies. While it can be exciting to have a connection or tie to a chapter, the most important part is to keep an open mind through the recruitment process and find the best fit for YOU. Each chapter selects their own membership and being a legacy does not mean you will get a bid to join.

Are letters of recommendation mandatory for women to go through the recruitment process?

Letters of recommendation are NOT mandatory for the recruitment process. They will also not impact your chances of receiving a bid.

What are the expectations for a woman going through Panhellenic Recruitment?

The most important expectation is to have a good attitude. The recruitment process can be a long and stressful one, but it is important to keep positive and trust the Recruitment Guides and Panhellenic recruitment team. The other important expectation is that you attend ALL recruitment events, including orientation and all events on your schedule each day.

What is the time commitment involved being in a sorority?

As a new member in a sorority you should expect a few meetings a week - these range from chapter, sisterhood events, philanthropy events and more. In the end, the experience is what you make of it. While few events are actually mandatory, women who participate in a wide range of chapter events will get more of being in a chapter.

What if I have class and I need to miss a recruitment event?

If you have class or another important obligation, it is understandable to miss a recruitment event. If you have class, notify your Recruitment Guide and she will help you to register your excuse on the recruitment website. If you register your excuse, chapters will be able to see that and may still invite you to the next round. However, missing an event can greatly impact your recruitment experience and we recommend changing the conflict, unless it is class, to avoid missing any events. Remember if you do not have an excused absence and you miss an event it may result in you being removed from recruitment.

How do sororities decide who to invite back to their events?

Recruitment is a mutual selection process. This means PNMs rank the sororities they would most like to return to, and the chapters provide a list of PNMs they would like to invite back. Those two lists are matched, and that is how schedules for the following day are created. It is important to know that every sorority has a different, private process they go through in completing their lists.

How do I decide which sorority to join?

The Panhellenic recruitment structure is created so you are able to meet women from every chapter and get a glimpse of how you may fit into their chapter. While ultimately the decision is only one you can make for yourself, there are many resources to help make the process and decisions a bit easier. Recruitment Guides are counselors who support you through the decision-making process and are trained to help both with the college transition and recruitment process. If you are torn about what chapter to join, reach out to your Recruitment Guide or anyone on the Panhellenic Council and have them process with you.

Someone told me I'm guaranteed a bid, should I believe her?

No. One individual member cannot guarantee a woman will be able to join any organization. Sorority members are not allowed to promise membership to any potential new member. If a member tells you that you are "guaranteed" to be in her organization, let your Recruitment Guide or another authority figure know ASAP, in private, and she will handle it accordingly.