



PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

When is recruitment?

Recruitment Dates: August 12-16, 2017

Recruitment week is August 12-16, however there is a MANDATORY Recruitment Orientation for the women going through recruitment on Friday, August 11 from 5-7pm in the Colvard Student Union Bill R. Foster Ballroom. The potential new members will receive a phone call from their Gamma Chi (recruitment counselor) before, Thursday, August 10. There is also an optional Parent Orientation on Friday, August 11th at 3:00pm in the Betterworth Auditorium in Lee Hall.

Will I receive anything in the mail about recruitment?

For information regarding Panhellenic Fall Recruitment, please visit our website at www.greeks.msstate.edu. It includes a detailed schedule of events for the week, pictures of what to wear each day, individual chapter information, and advice for recruitment week. If you have any questions about the information, please send an email to our Director of Recruitment, Madison Rhodes, at msupanrecruitment@gmail.com and we will be happy to help.

How do I register for Recruitment?

Registration for recruitment begins June 1st and goes through July 31st at www.greeks.msstate.edu. **No applications will be accepted after July 31st at 11:59pm.** You must be registered and paid by this time in order to participate in sorority recruitment.

What is the fee for recruitment?

The recruitment fee is \$115 until June 30th and \$150 starting July 1st. This fee includes one t-shirt to wear on the first day of recruitment, snacks during the evening selection, and registration fees.

How do I know that my registration is complete?

After you register online, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email please contact the Director of Recruitment, Madison Rhodes, at msupanrecruitment@gmail.com.

What is the schedule like for Recruitment Week?

Friday, August 11th- Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment Move-In Day; optional Parent Orientation at 3pm; MANDATORY Student Orientation from 5-7pm for every student registered

Saturday, August 12th- Go Greek Day

Sunday, August 13th- Philanthropy Day

Monday, August 14th- Sisterhood Day

Tuesday, August 15th- Preference Day

Wednesday, August 16th- Bid Day!

You should plan on devoting all day during these days to recruitment. A more detailed schedule is available on our website www.greeks.msstate.edu

Do grades matter?

A specific GPA is not required to register and participate in the Panhellenic formal recruitment process at Mississippi State University, in accordance with the guidelines of the National Panhellenic Conference. However, each sorority has a grade point average requirement specific to their organization standards. Typically, the average to extend a membership invitation is a 3.00 grade point average. Women who have below a 3.00 grade point average are advised they are at a greater risk to be released from the recruitment process due to their academics.

Academic performance is a standard within the fraternity/sorority community; therefore grade point averages are a significant factor in the membership selection process. However, academics are only one of those factors. The scale below is provided to help explain how academics may affect participation in formal recruitment.

Green Zone = your options are not likely to be limited based on GPA (Green Zone: 3.00 +)

Yellow Zone = your options are more likely to be limited by GPA (Yellow Zone: 2.75-2.99)

Red Zone = your options are very likely to be limited based on GPA (Red Zone: 2.74 and below)

What is a recommendation letter?

A letter of recommendation is a form filled out by an alumna of a sorority on behalf of a potential new member. The recommendation letter generally speaks about your character and verifies accomplishments, grades, and activities you are involved in. The alumna should refer to the national website of her affiliation for more information on these forms as they vary from sorority to sorority. Each woman going through recruitment is encouraged to have a letter of recommendation for each chapter, but they are by no means necessary. Don't stress if you do not know anyone who can write you a letter of recommendation! It is ultimately the responsibility of the sorority to obtain a letter of recommendation for each potential new member. You will not know if a chapter receives your letter of recommendation, you must trust the alumna who you have asked to write your letter of recommendation. If you send her a thank you note promptly, it may help remind her. Recommendation letters generally need to be received by the chapters no later than August 1st.

How do I obtain recommendation letters?

Begin to ask around and contact people you know who were members of sororities: teachers, family members, neighbors, family friends, members of your church, etc. Let the woman know that you are participating in recruitment at Mississippi State and that you would like them to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. The alumna should know how to obtain the form from her respective chapter, usually from the national website. Once someone agrees to write a recommendation letter for you, you will need to provide the woman with a resume and photo of yourself (wallet size senior portraits work great!). It is nice to provide a pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelope for the alumna. The addresses to which each chapter at Mississippi State would like their letters of recommendation sent to can be found below. We encourage you to follow up with a thank-you note.

Alpha Delta Pi:

PO Box 4410

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Delta Gamma:

PO Box 2103

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Pi Beta Phi:

PO Box 6219

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Chi Omega:

PO Box 866

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Kappa Delta:

<http://www.kappadelta.org/alumnae-life/recommendation-forms/>

PO Box 2674

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Delta Delta Delta:

PO Box 3873

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Phi Mu:

PO Box PH

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Zeta Tau Alpha:

2702 Self Creek Road

Maben, MS 39750

What is a legacy?

A legacy is typically a sister, daughter, or granddaughter of a sorority alumna. However, each chapter has different requirements for considering a potential new member a legacy.

Am I guaranteed a bid if I am a legacy?

No, no one is ever guaranteed a bid to a sorority. Each sorority has different policies on legacies. Ultimately, it is the individual potential new member's personality, character, resume, grades, etc. that are the main determining factors for membership selection.

What happens on Bid Day?

On Bid Day, you will meet your Gamma Chi and the rest of your group in the Colvard Student Union Bill R. Foster Ballroom. You will get in a circle with your Gamma Chi group, with whom you will have created lasting friendships throughout the week, and your Gamma Chi will hand each of you an envelope containing your bid. Everyone will open their bid cards at the same time, you may even find that some of the other women in your Gamma Chi group received a bid from the same sorority as you! Then, everyone will walk to the amphitheater where you will run to join your new sisters! Your parents are welcome to join us at the amphitheater for bid day festivities! Each chapter plans their own bid day theme and has activities for the potential new members to take part in that day. An older, active member of the chapter will be your bid day buddy.

What is sorority life like after recruitment?

How much time does a sorority take?

Every chapter has a required weekly meeting where you will receive information on chapter events. Weekly study hall hours, sisterhood activities, community service projects, and social events are also potential time commitments.

Do I have to live in the sorority house?

You are required by Mississippi State University to live in the residence halls your freshman year. Each sorority has their own policy regarding living in the chapter house. Some sororities require members to live in the house for one school year. Hathorn Hall is also an option for sorority women after their freshman year. Each chapter has a floor in Hathorn Hall where women of that chapter can live together if there is not enough space in their chapter house.

Can I eat at the sorority house once I join?

Yes. If you join a sorority that offers a meal plan, Mississippi State allows you to change from the Unlimited Meal Plan to the Greek Meal Plan. The Greek Meal Plan is slightly less expensive than other meal plans because you will also be paying for a meal plan within your chapter. Once you join a sorority, you can contact Dining Services by visiting their office located next to Subway to change your meal plan. **Your meal plan will not change unless you contact Dining Services in person to change it.**

How much does it cost to be in a sorority?

Please visit the Panhellenic website at www.greeks.msstate.edu for the most up to date information on fee structures for each chapter.

I'm visiting Mississippi State this summer, can I tour the houses?

Each chapter will have a table set up at the Organization Fair during Orientations this summer and will be happy to answer questions you have regarding recruitment. Sorority houses are closed during the summer, so tours are not available. But, you will receive a tour of each sorority house during the first day of recruitment!

The answer to my question isn't in this packet, who can I ask?

We are happy to help answer any questions you may have! You may contact the following people regarding recruitment questions:

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

(662) 325-3917

Madison Rhodes, Director of Recruitment

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Mady Mclay, Panhellenic President

mstatepanhellenicpresident@gmail.com

Jackie Mullen, Panhellenic Advisor

jmullen@saffairs.msstate.edu

Is Mississippi State Panhellenic on social media?

Yes! And we'd love to keep in touch with you that way!

Website: www.greeks.msstate.edu

Facebook: Mississippi State Panhellenic

Twitter: @msupanhellenic

Instagram: @msu_panhellenic