

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER ALPHA CHI OMEGA?

- Our members are diverse, talented women who help make our organization unique and authentic.
- Alpha Chi Omega is a place where real, strong women find sisterhood, a community of support and leadership opportunities among those who encourage them to chase their passions and value them for who they really are – and want to become.
- Learn more at #WhyAlphaChi on Instagram.

WHAT ARE ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS AND VALUES?

- Our membership standards are Character, Academic Interest, Financial Responsibility, Leadership Ability and Personal Development.
- At Alpha Chi Omega, we are devoted to cultivating impactful communities where women are inspired to connect, lead, grow and serve.

WILL ALPHA CHI OMEGA PARTICIPATE IN PRIMARY FORMAL RECRUITMENT FALL 2021?

- Yes, Alpha Chi Omega will participate in the first round of Panhellenic's formal recruitment.
- After the first round of recruitment, we'll start our own recruitment process. Learn more below!

WHAT IS ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S RECRUITMENT PROCESS?

- Our recruitment process will start at the beginning of fall 2021.
- We are looking for freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors who meet our membership standards and want to make the most of their college experience by being a part of an amazing sisterhood.
- After the first round of Panhellenic formal recruitment, we will host a series of events including interest sessions, a philanthropy event and an invite-only preference style event. We will be tabling throughout campus, meeting with prospective new members on coffee dates and seeking recommendations from the Mississippi State community. An important part of our process is an interview with an Alpha Chi Omega alumna.
 - Interest Sessions: August 25, August 31, September 2
 - Philanthropy Event: September 8
 - Interview Week: September 13-17
- An interview is a 15-20-minute conversation with an Alpha Chi Omega alumna. The goal of this interview is for the alumna to get to know the potential new member on a more personal level (and vice versa) and determine if Alpha Chi Omega is a good fit for you.

WHAT IS ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S PHILANTHROPY?

- Alpha Chi Omega's national philanthropy is domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention.
- Our chapter will partner with the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the nearby shelter Safe Haven in Columbus by donating their time and dollars to support survivors of domestic violence. In doing so, our members are able to make a local impact.
- Alpha Chi Omega's founding members have the opportunity to create a signature philanthropy event and can support various initiatives on campus and in the community.
- Giving back to Alpha Chi Omega is not solely focused on raising money - many chapters volunteer with local non-profits to support those affected by domestic violence or sexual assault.

WILL ALPHA CHI OMEGA HAVE A HOUSE?

- Yes! Alpha Chi Omega is in the process of building a house. We will be located on Robert Louis Jones Circle!

- Members will be able to live in the house starting fall 2024.
- Prior to moving into the house, members will have plenty of opportunities for sisterhood bonding, endless memories and a lot of fun through events taking place in various spaces around campus and sometimes even off campus.

WHAT WILL ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S DUES BE FOR FALL 2021 AND SPRING 2022?

- There are two different membership dues for full time members of Alpha Chi Omega. The first is New Member dues, paid the first semester of membership, which will be \$2,462.50. The next is Lifetime Member dues, paid from the second semester on, which are \$2,122.50.
- *Dues amount is subject to change. Payment plans are available upon request.

WHAT DO DUES INCLUDE?

- Lifetime membership in Alpha Chi Omega (local chapter fees and national fees)
- Access to all chapter events: philanthropy, sisterhood, social events (swaps/date parties) and retreats
- Alpha Chi Omega badge
- New member education materials and Alpha Chi Omega apparel

WHAT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DOES FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP OFFER?

- With Alpha Chi Omega, our founding members will have the opportunity to be leaders right away. Every member will be able to attend a committee fair to help select the committee she will serve on for the academic year.
- In the 4th week of membership, the prospective chapter will elect their 14 executive board officers and then the following week will elect the 40+ non-executive board officers.
- Opportunities available range from finance to philanthropy to public relations and marketing, there really are many ways that a founding member can leave a legacy with the chapter.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

- Alpha Chi Omega is currently holding coffee dates to connect with potential new members about our chapter.
- Visit our website msstatealphachi.org to find out more ways to stay connected!

WHAT IS ALPHA CHI OMEGA LEGACY POLICY?

- A legacy to Alpha Chi Omega is a sister, daughter, granddaughter or great-granddaughter of a member. The Alpha Chi Omega member and her family member define their legacy relationship, i.e. step relations, blended families, etc. Alpha Chi Omega values the relationship between a legacy and an alumna member.
- Any potential new member who meets the university requirements as well as the membership standards outlined in the policies of Alpha Chi Omega is eligible to receive a bid. Beginning in fall 2021, chapters will no longer provide preferential treatment to legacies or any other potential new members in the recruitment process.
- Legacies are valued potential members during our recruitment process and have the opportunity share a special bond with their family members should they also join Alpha Chi Omega. Membership is the decision of both the chapter and the woman going through recruitment. These decisions are often a matter of women finding a chapter and organization where they will be the happiest and have the most rewarding experience.

I AM AN ALPHA CHI OMEGA ALUMNAE. WHERE CAN I MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER?

- If you are a member of Alpha Chi Omega, please ensure your member profile information is correct on alphachiomega.org to receive updates regarding the perspective chapter, alumnae events, and support opportunities.

- To recommend a potential new member, please submit a recommendation form at alphachiomega.org/resource-center/ then click 'Recommend a Member' and log into the Alpha Chi Omega website to submit your recommendation.

I AM A FRIEND OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA. WHERE CAN I MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER?

- If you are a friend (non-member) of Alpha Chi Omega, you can visit our website at msstatealphachi.org and click the "Recommend a Friend" tab to recommend a potential new member at MSU!