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When is recruitment week?

Recruitment week is August 12-15, 2022. Move-in day for women going through recruitment will be August 11, 2022. There is a **mandatory** Orientation for women going through recruitment on August 11, 2022 at 5 PM, 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 the Orientation. There is also an optional virtual Parent Orientation on August 3, 2022. More details about this will be posted on our social media.

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 the events for the week, pictures of what to wear for 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, at panrecruitment@saffairs.msstate.edu, and we will be happy to help!

How do I register?

Visit www.greeks.msstate.edu to register. Registration for recruitment opens June 1 and closes July 25. No applications will be accepted after July 25 at 11:59 pm.

What does the fee for recruitment go to?

The registration fee is \$100. This fee includes t-shirts for the Philanthropy and Sisterhood rounds of recruitment, snacks during the days of recruitment, and administration fees to assist with recruitment.

How do I know 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, at panrecruitment@saffairs.msstate.edu.

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. Many national organizations have made changes to their legacy policies so we encourage you to visit your national organization to learn more about their policy.

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, the individual potential new member's personality, character, resume, grades, etc., are the main determining factors for membership selection.

Is Mississippi State Panhellenic on Social Media?

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

Website: www.greeks.msstate.edu

Facebook: Mississippi State University Fraternity & Sorority Life

Instagram: [@msu_panhellenic](https://www.instagram.com/msu_panhellenic)



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What is a recommendation letter?

A Recommendation/Reference (also called a REC or RIF) serves as your introduction to the sorority, so their members can get to know you in advance of primary recruitment in the fall. These official forms, which are unique to each individual sorority, are provided by the national organization for their alumnae members to fill out on behalf of potential new members. Please note that each sorority has its own policy as to whether or not they require a recommendation/reference and that the MSU Panhellenic does NOT have access to individual sorority Recommendation/Reference Forms.

A letter of recommendation is a form filled out by an alumna of a sorority on behalf of a potential new member and 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. You will not know if a chapter receives your letter of recommendation but must trust the alumna 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 1.

Alpha Chi Omega:

Refer to National website at:
<https://www.alphachiomega.org/resource-center/recommend-a-member/>

Alpha Delta Pi:

Submit letters to: <https://www.alphadeltapi.org/>
or P.O. Box #6302 Mississippi State, MS 39762

Chi Omega:

Email address: chiomega.phidelta@gmail.com
Mail address: P.O. Box #866 Mississippi State, MS 39762

Delta Gamma:

Mail address: P.O. Box #2103 Mississippi State, MS 39762

Delta Delta Delta:

Mail address: Tri Delta P.O. Box #3873 Mississippi State, MS 39762

Kappa Delta:

Mail address: P.O. Box #2674 Mississippi State, MS 39762

Phi Mu:

Refer to National website at: <https://phimu.org/>

Pi Beta Phi:

Refer to National website at: <https://www.pibetaphi.org/>

Zeta Tau Alpha:

Refer to National website at:
<https://zetataualpha.org/alumnae-experience/refer-pnm>



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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 relationships throughout the week. 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! Everyone will then walk to the MSU Amphitheater, where you will run to join your new sisters!

Each chapter plans its bid day theme and has activities for the potential new members to participate in that evening. 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. A sorority can take as much or as little of your time as you want it to.

Do I have to live in the sorority house?

Mississippi State requires you to live in the residence halls your freshman year. Each sorority has its own policy regarding living in the

chapter house. Some sororities require members to live in the house for one school year, while others may require a two-year commitment. Hathorn Hall is also an option for sorority women after their freshman year. Most chapters have a floor in Hathorn where women of that chapter can live together.

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 less expensive than other meal plans because you will also be paying for a meal plan within your chapter. Once you join a fraternity, visit Dining Services' website at <https://msstatedining.campusdish.com> to change your meal plan. Your meal plan will not change unless you complete the Meal Plan Change form.

How much does it cost to be in a sorority?

Please visit the Panhellenic website at www.greeks.msstate.edu and click Potential New Members 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 any questions you have regarding recruitment. Sorority houses are closed during the summer, so tours are not available. You will receive tours of the sorority houses throughout 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 | panrecruitment@saffairs.msstate.edu