

# Southern Methodist University

There are 8 Panhellenic Chapters at SMU and you should try to secure recommendations for each group:

Alpha Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Chi Omega

Delta Gamma

Kappa Alpha Theta

Pi Beta Phi

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Twitter: @SMUpanhellenic

Facebook: SMU Panhellenic – there is an online Recruitment Guide from 2015 that is very detailed

Recruitment is held in January 2017. Recruitment at SMU is “deferred” until the Spring semester after grades are in. The dorms are open for the girls to live in during recruitment. 12 college hours and 2.5 minimum GPA but academics are very important at SMU and most of the chapters cumulative average is 3.3 or higher. The average GPA for a PNM last year was 3.4.

**Registration for recruitment begins August 1** and is all completed online.

**They have 3 mandatory Recruitment Education sessions beginning in September.**

## Recruitment Schedule

They have 4 rounds of parties – **Open House** all 8 houses (t-shirt and jeans), **Philanthropy** up to 6 houses (Go Greek t-shirt and jeans), **Sisterhood** up to 4 houses (nice dresses or skirts and blouses with heels – think brunch), **Preference** 2 houses (nice dresses wedding wear not club wear – nothing too short)

## Finances

- Sorority dues at SMU range from \$1030-3700 the first semester and from \$830-1900 for future semesters. The initial new member semester is the most expensive due to some one-time fees. After initiation into the sorority, the dues are reduced for the following semesters.
- Dues cover different expenses depending on the organization. It may be important for you to know if certain expenses are covered, such as your sorority badge, t-shirts, etc.

- Keep in mind that dues generally don't cover "extras" like tote bags, sunglasses, t-shirts, and any of the many products you can purchase with your letter on it. While it's possible you may receive some as gifts, if it's important to you to stock up on sorority swag, you'll want to consider that as you budget.

### **Let's Talk...Conversation Tips**

You have a killer resume, glowing recommendations and a fabulous wardrobe, but once you actually step in the door of the sorority house it's the conversation that counts. Here are some suggestions:

1. Think of questions you might be asked, and think of possible responses. These are topics you will probably talk about:

Round 1: Hometown, high school activities, summer activities, favorite movies/TV shows, SMU (major, dorm, roommate, what you're most excited for).

Round 2: Volunteer activities in HS, philanthropy at SMU (within sorority and participation in other groups' events), what you want to be involved in at SMU or within sorority.

Round 3: Leadership in HS and positions within sorority and on campus, passions likes and dislikes, hobbies, HS activities, what you're looking for in a sorority

Round 4: How you're feeling about the sorority, questions or concerns you have, qualities you want in sisters, qualities you could bring to the sorority

2. No one word answers! It's a dead end to a conversation, creates awkward silence and it makes you appear disinterested.

4. Ask open-ended questions that can't be answered yes or no.

5. Don't complain. Everyone is tired. The sorority members have even longer days than you do.