

Texas A&M Recruitment 2016

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Registration

- The link will be posted on May 1st, when registration opens. All registration is completed online. Call the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office at 979-458-9275 on Mondays from 9:00am-11:30am, Tuesdays from 1:00pm-4:00pm, and Wednesdays from 5:15pm-7:30pm to speak with a member of the Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment Team!

Registration Dates & Rates 2016

“Early” Registration: May 1st – July 15th - \$120.00 registration fee

“Regular” Registration: July 16th – August 7th - \$150.00 registration fee

“Last Chance” Registration: August 8th – August 14th - \$250.00 registration fee

ALL Registration closes August 14th at 11:59 p.m. All materials and payment must be submitted online or postmarked by this date.

Women not registered by August 14th are not eligible to go through recruitment. NO EXCEPTIONS.

The Recruitment Registration Fee is non-refundable after **July 15**.

When should I register?

Incoming Freshman Students - We recommend incoming freshman students wait until they have graduated high school to complete the registration process. This is to make sure the academic information you have put in is the most current and accurate. It also allows for end of year awards to be included in the honors and awards section of your application.

Transfer and Current Students - We recommend that students currently in college wait until the end of the spring semester to register. This ensures that the academic information you provide is the most current.

What do I need to register?

Prior to registering, make sure you have all the necessary information to complete the registration form. Once you start the form, you must complete it in its entirety. The following information is needed for the registration form:

- Email Address, Phone Number and Mailing Address you can be reached at throughout the summer
- Information on High School, College, and Community Involvement
- High School GPA (preferred on a 4.0 scale) & Class Rank
- GPA and Hours Completed for all Colleges & Universities attended
- SAT (Writing, Math, Critical Reading and Composite) and ACT (Composite) Test Scores
- A picture of you in JPEG or BMP form to upload with your registration information (Note: A senior or professional portrait is recommended)
- Names, affiliations and colleges attended for any legacy connections you have
- A credit card or check to make a secure, online payment

I have already registered with my Hometown Panhellenic, do I still need to register?

Yes! In order to participate in recruitment, you must register online with the Collegiate Panhellenic Council on this website. Registration with hometown Alumnae Panhellenic Associations is an optional step in the recruitment process. Registration with the Collegiate Panhellenic Council is a mandatory step in our recruitment process. **Until you have completed our online registration form, you are not registered with us and eligible to participate in recruitment.**

How will I know if I am registered for recruitment?

After your registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with the subject, "Thank you for enrolling in Fall 2015 Sorority Recruitment." Once all of your information has been verified, you will receive a second email from CPC Recruitment Team confirming they have reviewed your form and that payment has been received. Do not be alarmed if you do not receive this email immediately following submission of your form. It takes time for these officers to review all of the forms we receive, so please be patient with us.

Do I need to send in my high school/college transcript?

Yes! In order for your registration to be complete, please email your current transcript. Your transcript should include grade point averages and class rank. Your G.P.A. needs to be converted to a 4.0 scale. Please upload a PDF file of your **final** transcript on your application. You will not be allowed to submit your application without doing so. No faxing or emailing transcripts allowed.

Other Helpful Hints

- Make sure that you complete the registration form thoroughly, as this is the primary way chapters will learn about you.

- **Throughout the form, be sure to read the information that is to the right of the form fields.** This contains helpful and important instructions about what to put in each of these fields.

Eligibility & Grades

To participate in recruitment, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a full time student (taking at least 12 hours in the fall semester). Gateway students are permitted to participate in recruitment if they are fully accepted to Texas A&M for the fall. **Blinn Team students may participate in recruitment.**
2. Must have never been initiated into full membership of a Panhellenic sorority at Texas A&M University or any other campus.
3. Must be able to attend all recruitment events, including convocation. If you have a university excused scheduling conflict with any recruitment events, please contact the Panhellenic VP Recruitment at tamurecruitment@gmail.com immediately. Please note that we will do our best to accommodate excused absences however make up opportunities may not be offered.

Is there a grade requirement to go through recruitment?

Academics are very important to all of our sororities. While there is not academic cutoff for recruitment, it is highly recommended that women going through formal recruitment have a high school GPA of no less than 2.75, and a college GPA of no less than 2.50 (for upperclassmen). If your GPA is lower than these numbers, you can expect to receive significantly fewer invitations than women with higher GPA's. Some grade exemptions may be granted, but not many. Each sorority has its own academic cut-off established, and these will vary.

2016 Recruitment Schedule:

Formal Recruitment is Saturday, August 20th, 2016 through Saturday, August 27th, 2016

Convocation – Saturday, August 20th (Check-In is to be determined)

LOCATION: MSC

- Convocation is a **mandatory** orientation for Recruitment. Women will receive their Go Greek t-shirt, meet their Rho Gamma Group, and learn about the week that is before them. This will occur on Saturday.
- Only women registered for recruitment should attend this program. We do not have space to accommodate parents and guests.

On Saturday, we would like to invite the parents of women participating in Recruitment to join us for a separate **Parents Convocation at 4:00pm and 5:00pm** to address any questions you have concerning sorority life and recruitment, as well as welcome you to our Greek family. We will introduce the schedule for the week, highlight the benefits of sorority involvement, discuss your role as a member of the Greek family and hear from current Family members in the Greek community. In addition, we will have a vendor fair of local businesses for you to visit.

Day #1, Part 1, Go Greek! – Sunday, August 21st

- 8 events, each visit 20 minutes in length, 15 minute breaks. Women will visit 6 chapters on this day, 2 of the events will be a 20-minute break
- Each PNM will be provided a t-shirt to wear. This is typically paired with cute shorts or a skirt. This is normally worn with sandals or flats. No athletic shorts are allowed and no alterations to the provided t-shirt are allowed.

Day #2, Part 2, Go Greek! – Monday, August 22nd

- 8 events, each visit 20 minutes in length, 15 minute breaks. Women will visit the remaining 6 chapters on this day, 2 of the events will be a 20-minute break
- Each PNM will be provided a t-shirt to wear. This is typically paired with cute shorts or a skirt. This is normally worn with sandals or flats. No athletic shorts are allowed and no alterations to the provided t-shirt are allowed.

Day #3, Part 1, Philanthropy Round/Financial Obligations – Tuesday, August 23rd

- 4-5 visits, each visit 35 minutes in length, 15 minute breaks
- Typically, a cute casual sundress is worn with sandals or flats. You will be doing a lot of walking this day so wedges are not recommended.

Day #4, Part 2, Philanthropy Round/Financial Obligations - Wednesday, August 24th

- 4-5 visits, each visit 35 minutes in length, 15 minute breaks
- Typically, a cute casual sundress is worn with sandals or flats. You will be doing a lot of walking this day so wedges are not recommended.

Day #5, Sisterhood Round – Thursday, August 25th

- 6 visits, each 35 minutes in length, 20 minute breaks
- This round is typically described as wedding attire. It is a little bit dressier than the previous round with sandals or wedges.

Day #6, Preference Round – Friday, August 26th

- 3 visits, each 60 minutes in length, 30 minute breaks
- This round is typically described as semi-formal attire. Women are the most dressed up this day with wedges and heels.

Day #7, Bid Day – Saturday, August 27th

- Women will receive invitations to membership. They will be bussed to Sorority Row and spend the evening getting to know their new sisters.

Continuous Open Bidding (COB)

The primary recruitment period for the Texas A&M Collegiate Panhellenic Council occurs in August prior to the start of fall classes. Given that College Panhellenic Associations are only allowed to host one formal recruitment process per year, the Texas A&M Collegiate Panhellenic Council does NOT host formal spring recruitment. Women interested in sorority membership following fall formal recruitment or in the spring should read through all of the information on this page, and then fill out the form at the bottom of the page to register to participate in COB.

What is Continuous Opening Bidding (COB)?

Continuous Open Bidding (COB) is an informal recruitment process that Panhellenic sororities use to recruit new members outside of the designated formal recruitment period to reach Panhellenic Total.

How does COB work?

Unlike formal recruitment, COB is a very casual and unstructured and it is important to point out that each chapter does COB differently. The College Panhellenic Association does not set dates for recruitment events or offering of bids. Chapters individually contact a potential new member and invite her to an informal recruitment event or chapter activities in an effort to get to know her better.

What chapters participate in COB?

Any Panhellenic sorority that has an overall chapter membership below Chapter Total is allowed to participate, but is not required by Panhellenic to pledge additional new members up to Total. Participation in COB is ultimately up to the discretion of the chapter. Because COB is an informal process, a list of chapters participating cannot be released because it is always changing at different times throughout the year.

Why do chapters sometimes fall below total?

Chapters can fall below Chapter Total for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, members graduating early, long-term study abroad or internship participation, early alum status.

If a woman receives a bid during COB, what are her options?

If a woman receives a bid during COB from a chapter that she is not interested in joining she may decline the bid. If a woman receives a COB from a chapter she is interested in joining she can accept the bid. If a woman receives a COB from a chapter and is unsure about accepting at that time, she may ask to wait to accept or decline the bid. Each chapter is responsible for determining the deadline for when a bid must be accepted or declined.

Who is eligible for COB?

All women, who are full-time Texas A&M University students, are eligible to participate in COB provided that (1) they have never been initiated into a National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sorority and (2) they did not participate in the previous fall formal recruitment and receive a Bid from a chapter at Texas A&M University and decline the bid or accepted their bid and broken their pledge period.

How many women will receive bids through COB?

Given that COB is not mandatory and that chapters have the option to recruit up to Chapter Total, we cannot speculate the overall number of bids that will be issued and/or the number of women that will receive bids.

Is there a cost associated with COB?

No. There is not a cost to participate in Continuous Opening Bidding.

When is COB?

Chapters are allowed by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) to extend bids or offers of membership to unaffiliated women throughout the academic school year beginning immediately after the fall formal recruitment process ends.

If a woman completes the COB Interest Form is she guaranteed a bid for membership from a sorority?

Filling out the COB Interest Form does not guarantee that a sorority will contact a potential new member nor does it guarantee that she will receive a bid.

What do I need to do if I want to be considered for COB?

Women interested in participating in COB should submit their information by using the link at the bottom of this page to complete the COB Interest Form.

Sorority Chapters

Alpha Chi Omega
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Gamma Phi Beta
Kappa Delta
Pi Beta Phi

Alpha Delta Pi
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Zeta Tau Alpha

You should try to secure recommendations for each of these groups.

Dues

- Sorority dues at Texas A&M range from \$2000-2700 the first year and from \$1600-2000 for future years. 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, Texas A&M (major, dorm, roommate, what you're most excited for).

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

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

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