

SORORITY RECRUITMENT INFORMATION



**LONGVIEW AREA
ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC
2018**

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THE PANHELLENIC CREED

WE, THE UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS of women's fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community: Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

WE, THE FRATERNITY WOMEN OF AMERICA, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE SORORITIES

(Those in **bold** are represented within Longview Panhellenic)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GREEK LETTERS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GREEK LETTERS</u>
Alpha Chi Omega	ΑΧΩ	Delta Zeta	ΔΖ
Alpha Delta Pi	ΑΔΠ	Gamma Phi Beta	ΓΦΒ
Alpha Gamma Delta	ΑΓΔ	Kappa Alpha Theta	ΚΑΘ
Alpha Epsilon Phi	ΑΕΦ	Kappa Delta	ΚΔ
Alpha Omicron Pi	ΑΟΠ	Kappa Kappa Gamma	ΚΚΓ
Alpha Phi	ΑΦ	Phi Mu	ΦΜ
Alpha Sigma Alpha	ΑΣΑ	Phi Sigma Sigma	ΦΣΣ
Alpha Sigma Tau	ΑΣΤ	Pi Beta Phi	ΠΒΦ
Alpha Xi Delta	ΑΞΔ	Sigma Delta Tau	ΣΔΤ
Chi Omega	ΧΩ	Sigma Kappa	ΣΚ
Delta Delta Delta	ΔΔΔ	Sigma Sigma Sigma	ΣΣΣ
Delta Gamma	ΔΓ	Theta Phi Alpha	ΘΦΑ
Delta Phi Epsilon	ΔΦΕ	Zeta Tau Alpha	ΖΤΑ

A	B	Γ	Δ	E	Z	H	Θ
Alpha <i>al-fah</i>	Beta <i>bay-tah</i>	Gamma <i>gam-ah</i>	Delta <i>del-tah</i>	Epsilon <i>ep-si-lon</i>	Zeta <i>zay-tah</i>	Eta <i>ay-tah</i>	Theta <i>thay-tah</i>
I	K	Λ	M	N	Ξ	O	Π
Iota <i>eye-o-tah</i>	Kappa <i>cap-ah</i>	Lambda <i>lamb-dah</i>	Mu <i>mew</i>	Nu <i>new</i>	Xi <i>zzEYE</i>	Omicron <i>omm-u-cron</i>	Pi <i>pie</i>
P	Σ	T	Υ	Ψ	Χ	Ψ	Ω
Rho <i>roe</i>	Sigma <i>sig-mah</i>	Tau <i>taw</i>	Upsilon <i>oop-si-lon</i>	Phi <i>fie</i>	Chi <i>keYE</i>	Psi <i>sigh</i>	Omega <i>o-may-gah</i>

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TEXAS

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Pi Beta Phi

Zeta Tau Alpha

Delta Zeta

Phi Mu

TEXAS A&M COMMERCE

Alpha Phi

Chi Omega

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Delta

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Zeta Tau Alpha

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Epsilon Phi

Alpha Omicron Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Gamma

Delta Zeta

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Delta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Pi Beta Phi

Zeta Tau Alpha

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Delta Pi

Sigma Sigma Sigma

Zeta Tau Alpha

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Gamma

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Pi Beta Phi

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Omicron Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Gamma

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Phi Mu

Pi Beta Phi

Sigma Kappa

Zeta Tau Alpha

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Zeta

Zeta Tau Alpha

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Omicron Pi

Delta Phi Epsilon

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Alpha Xi Delta
Chi Omega
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Gamma Phi Beta
Zeta Tau Alpha

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Phi
Alpha Xi Delta
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Pi Beta Phi
Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Alpha Chi Omega
Chi Omega
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Sigma Kappa
Phi Mu
Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

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

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – ARLINGTON

Alpha Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta

Delta Zeta
Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – AUSTIN

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Epsilon Phi
Alpha Phi
Alpha Xi Delta
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Pi Beta Phi
Sigma Delta Tau
Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – DALLAS

Alpha Gamma Delta
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Zeta
Kappa Alpha Theta

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – TYLER

Alpha Chi Omega
Delta Gamma

ALABAMA

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Xi Delta
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Gamma Phi Beta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma

Phi Mu
Pi Beta Phi
Sigma Kappa
Sigma Sigma Sigma
Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Phi
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Gamma Phi Beta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Phi Mu
Pi Beta Phi
Sigma Delta Tau
Sigma Kappa
Zeta Tau Alpha

ARKANSAS

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Omicron Pi
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Phi Mu
Pi Beta Phi
Zeta Tau Alpha

LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Phi
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Phi Mu
Pi Beta Phi
Zeta Tau Alpha

MISSISSIPPI

MILLSAPS COLLEGE

Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Kappa Delta
Phi Mu

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Delta Pi
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Kappa Delta
Phi Mu
Pi Beta Phi
Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Phi
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Phi Mu

OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Xi Delta

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Delta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Phi Mu

Pi Beta Phi

Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Phi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Gamma

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Pi Beta Phi

TENNESSEE

RHODES COLLEGE

Alpha Omicron Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Kappa Delta

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Omicron Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Delta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Pi Beta Phi

Zeta Tau Alpha

\$\$ MONEY \$\$ MONEY \$\$ MONEY

The following comparison of costs is available for your information. Any specific costs will need to be obtained from the college Panhellenic office. Several definitions are included for clarification.

Average New Member Year Dues
Average Active Year Dues
Average Room / Board (Dorm)
Average Room / Board (House)
Average Room / Board (Apartment)

Dues and House (Parlor) Fees

Dues cover National Sorority dues, local Panhellenic sorority dues, and expenses of local chapter such as social events, recruitment, and philanthropic events.

House (Parlor) Fees are used for the upkeep of those areas in the house used by the chapter as a whole. This portion is not applicable if members reside in-house as this is then covered under room and board. These fees may apply even if the chapter does not reside in a house.

Financial bills to the sorority can include any or all of the following:

Activity or Favor Fund
Dances/Parties
Individual Party Favors/T-shirts
New Member Fee
Initiation Fee
Sorority Pin
Big Sister/Little Sister Gifts
Building Fee
Dues
House (Parlor) Fees
Event Pictures
Security/key deposits
National Dues
Liability Insurance

Expenses will vary campus to campus and sorority to sorority. However, payment plans are generally available (by the month, by the semester, or by the year).

This information is to serve as a guide only. For more specific information on financial considerations, contact your campus Panhellenic office.

(Compiled from data on Texas campuses.)

GREEK TERMINOLOGY

ACTIVE – an initiated member of a sorority in college.

ALUMNA –a sorority/fraternity member no longer in college.

ALUMNAE –a woman who was a member of a sorority in college.

ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC – an area organization of alumnae of National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) member group sororities

BID –an invitation to a prospective new member to join a sorority. This comes at the end of Recruitment Week or during Open Recruitment.

BID CARD – recruitment membership acceptance binding agreement.

BID DAY – The final day of formal recruitment when the potential new member receives an invitation to join a chapter.

CHAPTER – an individual sorority group on a particular campus.

COLLEGE PANHELLENIC – the cooperative college organization of women’s NPC member sororities.

DEFERRED RECRUITMENT – Spring Recruitment.

FORMAL RECRUITMENT – the week or two weeks in which sorority recruitment parties are held at the school.

INITIATION – the formal ritual ceremony a new member goes through (six months or so after pledging) to become a true member of the sorority.

LEGACY – a girl whose grandmother, mother, and/or sisters have been a member of a certain sorority is known has a “legacy” to that sorority.

LETTERS – Greek initials that stand for the sorority’s Greek name.

MEMBER – a girl who has joined a sorority.

NEW MEMBER – one who has been accepted as a probationary member of a sorority. After a period of training in the history, ideals and traditions of the organization and after earning a designated grade average, she may be initiated.

OPEN RECRUITMENT – informal recruitment that continues through the years after formal recruitment.

PANHELLENIC – meaning “all Greek” – an organization composed of representatives from all the different national sororities.

PHILANTHROPY – a charitable project to raise money and awareness for a particular cause sponsored by a chapter on campus.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER – anyone going through sorority recruitment

PREFERENCE –the order of prospective new member’s choices of which sorority to join; also called PREF.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER (PNM) –a high school graduate or college student who is eligible for recruitment at a college which has national sororities.

QUOTA – the maximum number of prospective new members a sorority may obtain set by Panhellenic.

RECOMMENDATION – alumnae members of each sorority may send information in the form of recommendations to their groups. Many sororities require a recommendation before a prospective member may join; also called a REC.

RECRUITMENT WEEK – the period before pledging, characterized by a series of parties. Method by which sororities supplement their membership.

RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR – a member of a sorority who disaffiliates during recruitment and assists PNMs through the recruitment process.

SILENCE –the rule during recruitment that forbids prospective new members to talk with anyone except other prospective new members except at specified Panhellenic Recruitment Parties.

SISTERS –what sorority members call one another.

STANDARDS –Sorority rules of conduct enforced by the Standards Committee.

STUDY HALL –The place where new members spend 10-14 hours a week; the sorority’s method of enduring that new members study so they will make the minimum grades required for initiation.

SUICIDING – putting only one sorority on a prospective new member’s final PREF card.

RECRUITMENT/SORORITY FAQ'S

What is Sorority Recruitment?

Each year sororities increase their membership through this mutual selection process. Sorority Recruitment is a formal process for prospective sorority members to meet women of the sorority chapters at the campus, and for the sorority women to meet the potential members. This is the time to learn about the values, traditions, and programming of the individual sororities; as well as learn more about sorority life. Recruitment is a mutual selection process that takes place over a period of several days, usually consisting of 3-4 rounds of parties or events - the emphasis is on you and the sorority membership to meet and for you to learn more about sorority life and their sorority in particular; conversation and getting to know each other. Recruitment is different at every campus; traditionally, colleges conduct formal recruitment in the fall, but some campuses, such as Baylor University, conduct sorority recruitment in the spring. Be sure to contact your campus for more information and to register for recruitment with your college's panhellenic office.

How do I register for recruitment?

The registration process varies from campus to campus. You should receive information during the summer from your college. College orientation is also a good time to ask questions. If you do not receive information by mid-July, we suggest you contact your college's Greek office or Panhellenic office. Many colleges provide this information through their website.

How can Longview Area Alumnae Panhellenic help me with sorority recruitment?

Sorority alumnae assist in the sorority recruitment process by providing recommendations, also called references to their collegiate chapters at various colleges and universities. To facilitate the recruitment process, prospective members from the Longview area may register their intent to participate in sorority recruitment with the Longview Area Alumnae Panhellenic.

What are references, or recommendations?

Recruitment references can be compared to job references. They are personal endorsements, from sorority women, of women going through the recruitment process. Our Longview Panhellenic Information Form provides the necessary information for Longview Area Panhellenic to write references or recommendations on your behalf. The Longview Area Alumnae Panhellenic distributes your information sheet to each respective sorority representative in the panhellenic's association. It also gives sororities advance notices that you plan to participate in recruitment; however, it does not guarantee an invitation to membership from a sorority.

What is the difference between a “letter of recommendation” and a “letter of support”?

A letter of recommendation is written by an alumna member of an organization for the purpose of introducing a woman to a chapter. It provides a brief description of her interests, activities and personality. This is what Longview Area Panhellenic does with each young lady's packet. A

letter of support is a personal letter of reference submitted by anyone who wishes to provide additional support to a young lady. **No more than 2 letters of support are needed.**

What do I do?

If you complete the [Longview Panhellenic Information Form](#), we will make your information available to the Longview Area Panhellenic representatives of each NPC sorority at your campus, for them to use as appropriate.

Registration with Longview Area Alumnae Panhellenic does not register you for recruitment at the college. IT IS NECESSARY TO REGISTER WITH YOUR COLLEGE PANHELLENIC. You, as the prospective member, are responsible for registering for recruitment at your college's campus. College Panhellenics will provide information about what you can expect during the recruitment process on their campus, as well as information on each sorority on campus. When you register with your university's Panhellenic, be sure and see which sororities are represented by Longview Panhellenic, so you don't make more packets than are necessary. The information you receive from your college Panhellenic contains rules, dress guidelines, photo examples, etc. Be aware of deadlines. Ask what materials/information you need to submit (pictures, transcripts, fees, resume, etc.).

We discourage the enclosure of colored/specialty paper, binder clips, glitter, ribbons, bows, or decorations of any kind, including decorative folders. Our goal is to conserve paper, money and the time of the mothers and daughters who are preparing these resources.

Why join a sorority?

Sororities were created with the desire for friendship, leadership, and philanthropy and they continue to provide these opportunities. They offer programs and leadership development that student might not otherwise have the opportunity to receive. Sororities offer a "home away from home" by providing membership in a group of women with similar interests and goals. Membership in a sorority is a lifetime opportunity - not just for your college years. There are sorority alumnae chapters in almost every area of the country and some overseas. This is an instant way to network with people when you move to a new area.

Top Ten Reasons To Join a Sorority

- 1. A Place to Belong - That feeling of belonging, an identity. Sorority life is based on a family type situation. It gives a firm basis to experiencing college life with sisters who are interested in helping you adjust to your new college experiences.*
- 2. Inspires You to Develop High Standards - Sorority life inspires you to develop as a person by promoting high standards for scholarship, citizenship, and social conduct.*
- 3. Encourages Commitment - Sorority life pushes you to meet your greatest potential according to your skills and talents. Sororities emphasize excellence.*
- 4. Teaches Management Skills - Sorority life teaches you to manage your time wisely in addition to organizational and decision making skills that will serve you well in the future.*

5. *Provides Training - Sororities provide training programs aimed at developing your greatest potential.*
6. *Encourages Loyalty - Sorority life encourages your loyalty and allegiance to your sisters, your college, and your nation.*
7. *Emphasizes Academics - Sororities highly emphasize academics by providing the right atmosphere and encouraging good study habits.*
8. *Promotes Leadership - Sororities promote leadership by encouraging your participation in chapter government and campus activities.*
9. *Fosters Concern for Others - Sorority life encourages you to participate in philanthropic projects that enable you to give of yourself to help others and the world around you.*
10. *Develops Lifelong Friendships - Sorority life develops and encourages lifelong friendships that grow strong with common experiences and remain true over years to come.*

What if I'm not familiar with any or all of the sororities?

You'll have ample opportunities to learn about the sororities on your campus. Before recruitment, visit all of the websites, both the national and local chapter. Look beyond the great photos each will have and study the types of programs and activities with which each is involved. Be aware of the philanthropic projects they support. During recruitment, ask questions. It is best not to make up your mind about joining a certain sorority until you have met its active collegiate members. You are not joining a "name" but choosing a closely-knit group in which you expect to make lasting friendships in college and alumnae life. Chapters vary by college, so any advice you get before recruitment may not apply to that particular chapter. Since recruitment is a mutual selection process and each sorority is unique, don't pre-judge one sorority by a stereotype given to you for the whole group.

What is a Legacy?

Generally, it is defined as a daughter or sister of an initiated member. Some sororities also recognize a granddaughter, step-daughter, or step-sister. Sororities try to extend every courtesy to legacies and try to get to know them, but sororities cannot guarantee invitations or membership. At times there are more legacies entering recruitment than a college chapter has membership openings. Legacies must meet the same qualification standards that non-legacies meet. If you are a legacy to any sororities, be sure and list them on your form.

What is the cost of belonging to a sorority?

Expenses for membership include new member fees, initiation fees, building fees, and dues. Fees will vary by sorority, so to secure accurate information regarding the expenses for each chapter on your campus, go to the college website under "Greek Life" or "Panhellenic Council". Costs may vary from year to year and one of these can provide reliable information. You and your parents should be clear about the financial responsibility before registering for recruitment. Failure to meet financial obligations can result in loss of membership.

Where can I find more information?

www.thesororitylife.com

This website provides information and answers about the recruitment process and sorority life.

Being in a sorority is NOT what you see on TV and in movies. Yes, there are social functions, fraternity men, and visitors from the international organizations, but life does not revolve around these things. It is so much more!

What it is:

- A life-long support system that provides career opportunities and networking opportunities during college and in the real world.
- An organization that values philanthropy and community service.
- A place where women learn to be leaders.
- A place to meet amazing friends who will always be there for you when you need them.
- A place to enjoy formal dances, date parties, and other fun social events.

What it is NOT:

- A place that puts your looks and wardrobe ahead of your values and personality.
- Full of ditzy girls who are only out to have a good time.
- A place that will haze you or make you do things against your will.
- Full of rich, spoiled, and snobby girls.
- A place that is only interested in your money while you're in school and will forget about you after you graduate.

GENERAL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION

Recruitment Rules

- The Longview Area Panhellenic cooperates with the recruitment rules of the individual colleges and urges that each potential new member going through recruitment learns and obeys the rules of her chosen school.
- You are responsible for knowing and abiding by the rules of your college Panhellenic and are subject to penalties for infractions of any rules. Violation of rules could result in removal from recruitment. Check your college Panhellenic rules carefully. "Recruitment" includes any activity engaged in by college sorority members and/or their agents who attempt to persuade or influence a potential new member in favor of a particular sorority.
- Sororities are bound by college Panhellenic rules. An infringement of the rules can result in penalties to the college chapter of the sorority involved.

Membership

- Our sororities, members of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) are private social organizations whose collegiate members have the right to invite into membership the women they deem to be most congenial. The privilege of choice is mutual.
- Although a sorority has the right to choose whom it will invite to recruit, you, the prospective new member, also have the right to choose which sorority you wish to join.
- Do not make up your mind about joining any sorority until you have met its active college members.
- Remember that you are not joining a "name", but choosing a closely-knit group in which you can expect to make lasting friendships in college and alumna life.
- Also, remember that individual sororities differ from campus to campus.

When your final decision is being made in your preferential signing at the end of recruitment, you will be urged to list more than one sorority, in preferential order, when indicating the sororities you are interested in joining.

Sororities Seek Prospective Members With...

Scholarship Ability... Since each sorority wishes to maintain a high chapter grade point average, each must consider a potential new member's ability to adhere to its scholarship standards. It is hoped that each new member recruited will place importance on the completion of her education.

Compatibility... Sororities are based upon friendship, congeniality, and mutual ideas. The ability to get along with others and the enjoyment of being with people with diverse personalities are desirable qualities.

Interest in Involvement... Those who are group-oriented and who enjoy working with people are more likely to contribute to a sorority and to benefit from membership. The potential new member's list of activities in high school need not be long if there is indication that she has truly participated in some rather than being a "joiner" in many activities.

Financial Responsibility... Membership dues finance each sorority. Prospective new members should be aware of the cost of sorority membership and be willing to accept this financial obligation.

RECRUITMENT TIPS

1. Develop or improve your self confidence. Remember, recruitment is marketing yourself.
2. Personal presentation is an important part of recruitment. Be aware of the benefits of good health and exercise to insure you are physically at your best.
3. Your clothes for recruitment should fit into your personal style while expressing a poised polished image.
4. Dress to complement your figure and suitably for the weather. Remember, you may have to sit on the floor so select clothing that allows you to move freely and sit comfortably.
5. Wear clothes that you feel good in!
6. Wear comfortable shoes! (You will be walking and standing most of the time!)
7. Wear conservative make-up. (Do wear mascara, blush, and lipstick.)
8. Wear conservative jewelry.
9. Get lots of sleep!!!
10. Learn how to start a conversation by asking open-ended questions-ones that cannot be answered with a simple yes or no.
11. Have genuine and honest conversations.
12. **DO** talk about summer vacations, college sports you enjoy, your major, where you are from, hobbies and interests, where you are living, or even the weather.
13. **DON'T** talk about other sororities, who you know in sororities, boyfriends, politics, fraternities, religion, or other controversial subjects.
14. Be interested and ask questions of the sorority members during recruitment. Compliment the skit, songs, decorations, etc.
15. Meet as many members as possible.
16. **SMILE!** Your smile is the most important thing you wear every day during recruitment.
17. **BE YOURSELF.**
18. Be prepared for loud singing, clapping, yelling, skits, and 'snake' lines.
19. Attend all pre-recruitment functions when invited (in accordance with recruitment rules).
20. Be open-minded and friendly to all sororities.
21. Let good taste and good manners guide your conduct during recruitment.
22. Avoid pressure from actives, boys, and alumnae.
23. Most forms of social networking (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) are accessible to others, including sorority members -- you can be certain they will be checking and looking! Clean up your accounts NOW. Be mindful of your security setting, accepting friends, and sharing personal information and private photos online. This type of information will be accessible to sorority members during the entire recruitment process! Basically, you wouldn't want anything on your page that you wouldn't want your parents to see.

MOST IMPORTANT – **Do not** decide **BEFORE RECRUITMENT** which sorority you want to join. All sororities have much to offer and you can't learn everything about them until you have gone through recruitment. Only then can you select the sorority in which **YOU** feel the most comfortable. Remember, your decision is a lifetime!

An Important Word for Parents

As tempting as it may be, any gift (flowers, baked goods, food or signage) delivered to the chapter facility in support of a particular potential new member is not considered during membership selection and will not increase the PNM's chance at receiving a bid.

Let your daughter's decision be her own. She is the one who will have these women as her sorority sisters for a lifetime.

SUGGESTED DRESS FOR RECRUITMENT WEEK

OPEN HOUSE Casual summer dress: linen shorts or capris, sandals or flats. NO jeans.

PERIOD 1 Casual summer dress or blouse and skirt and comfortable shoes.

PERIOD 2 Church dress.

PERIOD 3 (PREF) Church dress or fairly conservative After 5 dress with heels, and conservative jewelry. NO taffeta or sequins. Many prospective new members wear black.

CLOTHES HINTS:

1. Wear crisp ironed clothes made of natural fibers (cotton, silk, or linen for summer recruitment; wool or cashmere for spring recruitment). You might also select poly-cotton or rayon blends or polyester crepe. Look for fabrics that do not wrinkle excessively.
2. Dress suitably for the weather during recruitment. (Remember, it is very HOT in August in Texas. You may want to save your 'fall' clothes for later!)
3. Have several changes of clothes handy.
4. Dress appropriately for the party. The College Panhellenic Recruitment booklet will give helpful hints.
5. Wear comfortable shoes! (You will be doing a lot of walking and standing!) A great idea is to take a pair of flats/sandals when you are wearing heels, so you can walk from house to house more comfortably.
6. It may be necessary to sit on the floor during recruitment parties so select clothes that enable you to move freely and sit comfortably.
7. Have extra hose, make-up, etc.
8. Dress to compliment your figure.
9. Have a put-together look. Coordinate your outfits and accessories.
10. Use perfume sparingly.

RECRUITMENT PICTURES

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Stand up or sit gracefully.	Lie down in the picture.
Wear a church dress or casual outfit.	Wear a sexy outfit.
Wear a flattering color.	Wear a loud print dress.
Be alone in the picture.	Have an animal or boyfriend in the picture.
Wear shoes and hose.	Look too casual, sloppy, or lazy.
Use a pretty background.	Let the background detract.
SMILE! BE HAPPY! LOOK NATURAL.	Look too glamorous or sexy.
	Be too far away to clearly see your face.

Two poses may be submitted with each information form. One picture can be a “head and shoulders” close-up. The second can be ¾ or full-length picture. (4” x 6” or wallet size only) On the back of your pictures, list the following information: your name, the name of your high school, the university you will or currently attend, your hometown city, and classification for next year (freshman, sophomore, etc.). Creating labels to stick on the back of the picture with this information is preferred and makes the process easier to complete.

The photos do not need to be taken by a professional, but they should be clear, flattering, and as close-up as possible. The pictures should be clear enough to be scanned. If you are interested in professional photos, please schedule as soon as possible so they will be available when you return the forms.

These pictures are used so that the girls will recognize you when you arrive at the parties, not to judge you. Make sure that it represents you well.

On some campuses before Recruitment an individual sorority may request additional pictures. You may want to have some extra photos handy. These could be more casual pictures made with a digital camera.

Please note that many campuses will require you to submit photos to the College Panhellenic upon registration for recruitment. These photos are generally distributed to the individual sororities on campus.

*National Panhellenic does not require the submission of photos with recruitment information.

COUNTDOWN TO RECRUITMENT

- _____ 1. Visit [Longview Area Alumnae Panhellenic website](#) and download the "Panhellenic Packet".
- _____ 2. Read through the Panhellenic Packet.
- _____ 3. Begin filling out Information Form. You MUST use the form – do not make your own.
- _____ 4. Schedule pictures to be taken.
- _____ 5. Make 1 copy of the Information Form for each sorority on your college campus (see “College Campuses” under “What is Recruitment?” on the website). Attach photos and transcripts to each form, and include any Letters of Support.
- _____ 6. Place all items in a folder without pockets (one folder for each sorority on your college campus). On the front of each folder, include your name, college, and the sorority who will be receiving that folder. DO NOT include bows, ribbon, separate holders for pictures, etc.
- _____ 7. Attend Spring Drop-Off – Sunday, April 22, 2018, from 2 pm – 3:30 pm
Location: [14 Meadowchase Trail, Longview](#)
This is the deadline to turn in completed forms.
- _____ 8. Register with the Panhellenic office at the college/university you will attend by the campus deadline. Send pictures/information as requested.
- _____ 9. Read the Panhellenic Packet and the Recruitment rules to begin preparation for Recruitment.
- _____ 10. Have a great recruitment!!!!!!

*Please note that National Panhellenic does not require photos to be submitted.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

FRESHMAN:

SOPHOMORE:

JUNIOR:

SENIOR:

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

FRESHMAN:

SOPHOMORE:

JUNIOR:

SENIOR:

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SPECIAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

*If providing a **Letter of Support** (a personal letter written by sorority alumna(e) on your behalf), please include it with this packet.*

By signing this form, I agree to release this information to the Longview Area Alumnae Panhellenic for distribution to the National Panhellenic Sorority Alumnae Members represented. I understand that this does not register me for sorority recruitment at my university, and I must register with the University Panhellenic at the school I plan to attend in order to participate.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

RETURN the appropriate number of copies of this form (based on the school you are attending) **and your most recent high school or college transcripts** to the Longview Area Alumnae Panhellenic no later than the Spring Drop-Off.

FOR RECRUITMENT OR PANHELLENIC INFORMATION

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