



UGA Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment 2017 Frequently Asked Questions

When is recruitment?

Recruitment Dates: August 7 -14

Recruitment begins on Monday, August 7 at 3:30pm in the Tate Student Center Grand Hall. There will be an optional information session for parents at 2pm on both Sunday, August 6 and Monday, August 7. PNMs will meet with their recruitment counselor immediately following orientation. Please see the UGA Panhellenic website for a more detailed schedule of events (<http://panhellenic.uga.edu/fall-2017-recruitment.html>).

When do I move into my residence hall?

Potential New Members who will be living in University Housing will be permitted to move in on August 6th & 7th. In order to reduce vehicular traffic and move-in lines, student arrival times will be staggered. Specific times will be communicated by Housing beginning May 2017. PNMs who will be living off-campus must move into those residences as no special housing is provided. Please visit the housing website for more information: <http://housing.uga.edu/>

Will I receive anything in the mail about recruitment from UGA?

The Pointer, UGA's recruitment publication, will be provided to all new students at the Panhellenic information session during summer orientation. It includes pictures of what to wear each day, the schedule for the week, individual sorority information, and advice on how to prepare for the recruitment process.

Will I receive a Pointer if I'm already at UGA or an upperclassman?

No, but you may stop by the Greek Life Office during the summer or visit the Panhellenic website to access the online version.

How do I register for recruitment?

Register online at <http://panhellenic.uga.edu/fall-2017-recruitment.html> . Registration opens on April 1, 2017 and closes on August 1, 2017. You must register with UGA Panhellenic to participate in recruitment.

What is the fee for recruitment?

The cost to participate in recruitment is \$195 if registering **before May 1** and \$225 if registering **between May 1 and July 15**. Between July 16 and August 1, 2017 a late fee of \$250 will be charged.

What does this fee cover?

The registration fee covers the cost of putting on recruitment. It covers things like supplies, bus transportation, your Round 3 t-shirt, 6 breakfasts, and 2 lunches.

How do I make sure my registration has been processed?

After you complete the registration form, you will receive an automated e-mail with guidelines for next steps. If you receive this e-mail (which will be sent to the email address you submitted in your registration), your registration has been successfully submitted to Panhellenic.

What if I register for recruitment and change my mind?

Refund Policy:

- Full refund of your payment (less a \$10 processing fee) if a PNM requests to withdraw before July 21, 2017.
- NO REFUNDS for withdrawals beginning July 22, 2017.

What is a recommendation?

A recommendation (“rec”) is a letter written on your behalf by a woman who has graduated and is a member of that particular sorority. She does not have to be an alumna of UGA, only a graduated member of that particular sorority. A rec generally speaks of your character and verifies accomplishments, grades, and activities. Some cities and towns have Panhellenic Alumnae organizations that coordinate recommendation letters for potential members.

How many recommendations do I need?

It is suggested that PNMs secure one letter of recommendation for each sorority at UGA.

How do I obtain recommendations?

1. Begin to ask around and contact people you know from your area who were members of sororities: teachers, family members, neighbors, family friends or other older women you may know. Let them know that you are participating in recruitment at UGA and that you would like them to write a recommendation for you for her sorority. You will need to provide each woman writing a recommendation for you with an activity sheet or resume. The alum will send it to the respective sorority at the address provided below. It is nice to provide a pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelope with the sorority address to the alumna. Sending a thank you note to this alumna after is also recommended.
2. If you do not know of anyone in the area who is an alumna member of a particular sorority, you may contact the national headquarters to inquire about a local person from their organization who coordinates their recommendations. See national organization website addresses.

National Organization Website Addresses	
Alpha Chi Omega	www.alphachiomega.org
Alpha Delta Pi	www.alphadeltapi.org
Alpha Gamma Delta	www.alphagammadelta.org
Alpha Omicron Pi	www.alphaomicronpi.org
Chi Omega	www.chiomega.org
Delta Delta Delta	www.tridelta.org
Delta Gamma	www.deltagamma.org
Delta Phi Epsilon	www.dphie.org
Delta Zeta	www.deltazeta.org
Gamma Phi Beta	www.gammaphibeta.org
Kappa Alpha Theta	www.kappaalphatheta.org
Kappa Delta	www.kappadelta.org
Kappa Kappa Gamma	www.kappa.org
Phi Mu	www.phimu.org
Pi Beta Phi	www.pibetaphi.org
Sigma Delta Tau	www.sigmadeltatau.org
Sigma Kappa	www.sigmakappa.org
Zeta Tau Alpha	www.zetataualpha.org

3. Contact your local city Alumnae Panhellenic and they may be able to direct you to the alumnae in the respective sororities to write you a recommendation. This is not applicable in every city.

What if I still don't have a rec for all 18 sororities?

It is ultimately the sororities' responsibility to get recs for you, but it makes it easier on them if you do as much as possible to obtain them. In the interest of time, it is helpful to be proactive in this process. Again, although not required, it is highly recommended to secure at least one letter of recommendation for each of the sororities.

How do I know if a sorority received my rec?

You will not know if a chapter received your rec. You have to trust the alumna who you have contacted to write you a rec. If you send her a thank you note promptly, it may help remind her. We recommend contacting the alums one week prior to recruitment to verify your recommendation was sent.

How does an alumna find a recommendation form for her sorority?

A recommendation form and procedure should be available to the alumna through her national organization's website and/or magazine.

What's the difference between a reference form and a letter of recommendation?

Most of the time a reference form will include a space for personal comments or instructions for the alumna on how to attach a letter. Official recommendation forms (with or without a separate letter; each sorority is different) are what the chapters at UGA need.

Do I need additional letters of reference or support?

No. Our sororities are only concerned about recommendations. A letter of support is accepted, but it is not necessary to obtain one for each sorority and does not serve as an official recommendation.

Do grades matter?

Grades are very important. Overall, Greek women have a higher average GPA than the undergraduate women's average GPA. Most of the sororities require a 2.8 or above from high school, but most commonly a 3.0. In some rare instances, exceptions are made.

What about non-freshman potential new members?

The college GPA minimum is usually a 2.5 or above.

Do I need to send my transcript?

The Recruitment registration form allows PNM's to indicate their scholastic information and upload a transcript. It is your responsibility to provide a transcript to verify your GPA information.

Do alumna writing recs need an official final transcript?

Not necessarily. Discuss this with the women writing recommendations for you. Remember that each sorority will still receive your GPA information if you upload a transcript to your registration.

What is a Legacy?

Typically a PNM who is the sister, daughter, or granddaughter of a sorority alumna is considered a legacy.

I am a Legacy, so am I guaranteed a bid?

No, legacies are not guaranteed a bid. A legacy is no more obligated to join a particular sorority than the sorority is obligated to pledge her. The Potential New Member and the sorority should be looking for

compatibility, not necessarily a family connection to the group. Panhellenic has no policies regarding legacies because each sorority has its own policy, and Panhellenic has no input in individual sorority membership decisions. More specific questions regarding legacies should be directed to the individual sororities.

UGA Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment Week At-a-Glance

Day:	Round:	Attire:
Sunday, 8/6	Move-in & Check-In	Casual
Monday, 8/7	Orientation 3:30, Grand Hall	Come casual!
Tuesday, 8/8	Round 1 (Open House) Day 1	Casual dress/skirt/shorts with flats
Wednesday, 8/9	Round 1 (Open House) Day 2	Casual dress/skirt/shorts with flats
Thursday, 8/10	Round 2 (Philanthropy)	Dress or skirt + top
Friday, 8/11	Round 2 (Philanthropy)	Dress or skirt + top
Saturday, 8/12	Round 3 (House Tours)	Provided t-shirt with shorts/skirt
Sunday, 8/13	Round 4 (Preference)	Semi-formal attire
Monday, 8/14	Bid Day	White dress, comfortable shoes

How does membership selection work?

At UGA, we use the National Panhellenic Conference process of priority recruitment. At the end of each round, PNMs rank the chapters whose parties they have attended in preferential order. At the same time, the chapters are submitting their selection of PNMs to invite back. Each PNM's preferences and each chapter's selections are processed through a computer system to generate invitations to the next round. The ranking by the PNMs does not mean the PNMs will receive invitations from the sororities they ranked.

What percent of PMs did not received a bid last year?

Last year, 4% of the PMs who completed the recruitment process did not receive a bid.

What happens if I get no invitations back to any of the sororities on any given day? Or bid day?

If a PNM has have not received any invitations back to the next round of recruitment, she will be notified by her Gamma Chi.

Can I go through spring recruitment or again next fall?

Yes. If a PNM was not matched to a sorority through the formal recruitment process, they will be eligible to join a sorority at the next available opportunity.

What happens on Bid Day?

Bid day is fun! Each sorority plans its own events for the day. After you receive your bid in Tate Grand Hall, you will hop on a bus with your new sorority sisters and go directly to your sorority house. Events at the house might include a catered dinner, games, live music, and other activities. Dress in a comfortable white dress and shoes. Some choose to bring a bag of comfortable clothes to change into later that evening. However, you don't have to bring a bag. No alcohol or men are allowed on bid day. Sleeping at your new sorority house may be offered, but it is optional.

What if my parents want to come to bid day to congratulate me?

Bid day is for you. It is not advised that your parents come to bid day since you will be spending your time meeting your new sorority members at the house. They can congratulate you over the phone and in person later. If they insist, it is best for you to call them once you have received your bid, and then tell

them at which house to meet you, as only new members are allowed in the Grand Hall for bid distribution.

What is sorority life like after recruitment?

How much time does a sorority take?

There is a required meeting once a week where you will receive information on chapter events and sorority education. Weekly study sessions, sisterhood activities, community service projects and social events are also potential time commitments.

How long will it take to be initiated?

The new member period is usually six to eight weeks. This time is an opportunity to meet other members, learn sorority history and begin to feel at home. Each sorority establishes its own new member program and initiation dates. All sororities have a zero tolerance for hazing.

Do I have to join a sorority in the fall semester?

Some sororities are able to recruit and pledge women in the spring. Events are organized and scheduled at each sorority's convenience. If you want the opportunity to interact with all 18 of our sororities before making your sorority choice, then you should participate in Fall Formal Recruitment.

Do I have to live in the sorority house?

Each sorority has its own policies regarding living in the house. Most require a member to live in the house during their second year of membership. However, there is usually a wait list to live in the house because it is a desired part of being in a sorority at UGA. Therefore, most members living in the sorority houses are sophomores or older.

May I eat my meals in the sorority house once I am a member?

Not necessarily. If you are living on campus and have already purchased an UGA meal plan, you will find that to be the most convenient option. UGA residence halls are located near several dining halls, whereas the sorority house will be a bus ride or long walk away. Most sororities will provide one meal on Monday nights for all sorority members. This expectation is communicated during the recruitment process.

I'm visiting UGA this summer, may I tour the houses?

Panhellenic will be at the Orientation Information session the second day of orientation and we'll be happy to visit with you then. Sorority houses are closed during the summer, so tours are not available. We encourage you to take a drive down Lumpkin St. and Milledge Ave. during your visit to view these beautiful historic homes from the outside!

Does one sorority tend to be more expensive than the others?

Expenses vary. The fees end up ranging from \$2000-3200 for the first year and then \$1700-2800 for future years, both including one chapter meal a week at the house, house usage, activity fees, but not including living in the house. The first year of membership is more expensive because of one time fees such as national fees, your new member pin and sorority badge.

Contact:

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