

Panhellenic Recruitment



PANHellenic SORORITY RECRUITMENT GUIDEBOOK

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The Panhellenic Creed

We, as 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, as Fraternity Women, 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.

Rotationals

Thursday/Friday, September 3rd - 4th

The Rotationals Round of recruitment is 100% virtual; consisting of pre-recorded videos from chapters and recruitment registration information from PNMs. Pi Chi Groups will watch each chapter video together over a Zoom meeting before being instructed to submit priority rankings in the PNM Companion App.

Philanthropy Day

Saturday, September 5th

This first invitational round will be 100% virtual, consisting of multiple Zoom parties. PNMs will receive an email with their party schedule & spreadsheet of Zoom links the morning of Philanthropy Day. PNMs can be invited back to up to five chapters this day. Each party will be 35 minutes long.

Preference Day

Sunday, September 6th

This priority round will be 100% virtual, consisting of multiple Zoom parties. PNMs will receive an email with their party schedule & spreadsheet of Zoom links the morning of Preference Day. PNMs can be invited back to up to two chapters this day. Each party will be 45 minutes long.

Bid Day

Monday, September 7th

Bid Day will be hosted mostly in a virtual capacity, and will consist of a Panhellenic hosted Bid Day celebration and chapter specific Bid Day celebration. Bids will be distributed electronically via email.

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CHAPTERS



Alpha Delta Pi



Delta Gamma



Gamma Phi Beta



Kappa Alpha Theta



Kappa Delta



Phi Mu



Zeta Tau Alpha

RECRUITMENT LINGO

PNM: Potential New Member (that's you!) Any undergraduate student at Saint Louis University not affiliated with a national sorority. This includes students of all classification (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) as well as transfer students.

Round: A round of recruitment references the different stages of recruitment. SLUs Recruitment process has a total of three rounds.

Rotationals: The first and second day of recruitment. Rotationals is split into two different days and you will meet every chapter during these days. Rotationals is often referred to as "speed dating". These parties are shorter than the rest and you get a surface level look into each chapter. This years Rotationals Round of recruitment will consist of PNMs viewing pre-recorded videos introductions to each chapter and the registration information PNMs provide, including an introductory video/document.

Philanthropy Day: This is the third day of recruitment. These parties are longer than rotationals and provide you with a deeper look into each chapters' national philanthropy and how the local chapter contributes to that organization through service, advocacy and fundraising. You are eligible to be invited back up to 5 chapters this day. This year philanthropy round will be held entirely over Zoom.

Preference Day: This is the last day of recruitment. You are eligible to be invited back to up to 2 chapters. These parties will be longer (45 minutes). This is the final opportunity for you to get to know the sisters in each chapter you were invited back to. This years preference round will be held entirely over Zoom.

Party: A party references the individual times the chapters and PNMs have together during each round of recruitment. There will be several parties each round of recruitment to accommodate the number of PNMs interested in joining a sorority.

Bid: An invitation to join an organization. This year bids will be distributed via email. Chapters may distribute physical Bid Cards at a later date.

Bid Day: This is the Monday after recruitment weekend. Each PNM that is offered a bid is invited to join the Panhellenic community in celebration of growing our sisterhood, welcoming Pi Chi's back to their chapter affiliation, and joining new sisters in fun and getting to know more women from your new chapter. This year Bid Day festivities will be held in a virtual capacity.

Pi Chi: Recruitment Counselors and the Recruitment Operations Assistants. These girls have disassociated from their chapters and they will be your guides through the recruitment process.

Disassociate: Our Pi Chis have disassociated from their chapters, meaning they have temporarily given up their letters, so that they can help you find yours.

Sorority vs. Chapter: A sorority is a national organization and a chapter is the local sector of each sorority

Legacy: Refers to being a relative of a woman who is affiliated with a sorority. This often refers to grand daughters, daughters, and sisters. Most chapters national organization have removed any preferential treatment previously given to a legacy throughout the recruitment process in order to give every PNM the same opportunities for membership.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need references or letters of recommendation?

No, references are not necessary. All you need to bring to recruitment is a smile and an open mind! However, if you would like to submit a recommendation or letter please send directly to each chapter.

How long is recruitment?

Recruitment is a five day long process from the start of recruitment through Bid Day. Each day of recruitment can be lengthy depending on the number of chapters you are invited back to for each round. The parties of each round get longer throughout the stages of recruitment.

What should I wear during recruitment?

Each day of recruitment has a recommended attire. Since our recruitment process is virtual this year, PNMs are being provided one t-shirt to wear on Philanthropy Day.

Rotationals: No parties. Wear whatever you are comfortable with in the comfort of your own home.

Philanthropy Day: Provided shirt and Zoom Background (Panhellenic Provided).

Preference Day: Dress a little more formal this day. Consider a sundress, romper, or pants and top combo and comfortable shoes and Zoom Background (Panhellenic Provided).



ZOOM BACKGROUND



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I'm a legacy?

If you are a legacy of an organization on SLU's campus, please indicate as such on your recruitment registration. Know that while being a legacy may mean you share a special bond with a relative, most chapters have recently removed any prior preferential treatment or special consideration during the recruitment process. This ensures that all PNMs are provided the same opportunity for membership no matter their relatives access to a college education.

Is it possible I won't receive a bid?

No PNM is guaranteed a bid. However, it is highly likely that you will receive a bid if you complete the recruitment process and maximize your options. Maximizing your options means that you keep an open mind regarding every sorority throughout the process.

Is there a minimum GPA requirement?

No, there is not a minimum GPA requirement to go through the recruitment process. However, each chapter does have a minimum GPA requirement for new members to be eligible to join their organization and GPA requirements for members to maintain members in good standing after being initiated. As of the of the Fall 2019, the All Sorority Average GPA at SLU was a 3.504 and the All Sorority New Member Average GPA was a 3.416.

What costs are associated with joining an organization?

Each chapter has different dues for new members and for initiated members. You will learn these on the first day of recruitment. New member dues are often the most expensive, because of one time only fees included with the semesterly dues.



In April of 2020, the College Panhellenic Council, represented by all seven sororities, unanimously agreed to name **Circle of Sisterhood** as the Panhellenic-wide philanthropy at Saint Louis University. Circle of Sisterhood is a non-profit organization that partners with Panhellenic communities to raise money and awareness for women's education. For many girls around the world, education is limited, even though it can be the answer to many of the world's issues such as poverty and oppression. \$1 of your recruitment registration fee goes towards the Circle of Sisterhood and helps to sponsor something for PNMs on Philanthropy Day of recruitment.