



Guidelines for Potential New Members

Greek Life at Lindenwood University has much to offer students. The decision to join a social Greek organization is a decision that will affect your time at LU as well as your life after graduation. Joining a Greek organization can give you an advantage academically and socially. Members of social Greek organizations develop leadership and networking skills that can help put them a step ahead of other students.

How to Become Greek

In order to become a member of a social Greek-lettered organization, you must meet establish a relationship with the organizations on campus, meet their minimum membership requirements, and receive a membership bid. Meeting the membership requirements does not guarantee that a student will receive a bid from an organization.

Recruitment and Rush

Sorority Recruitment (Women) and Fraternity Rush (Men) is an opportunity for the chapter to get to know you and you get to know the members of each chapter through a series of events. It is a mutual selection process that is filled with activities designed to offer prospective members the chance to learn about the fraternities and sororities. Whether or not you decide to join Greek Life, recruitment is a great way to meet people and get acquainted with life at Lindenwood University.

Recruitment Etiquette and Tips

There is nothing more important than being yourself during recruitment. Do not try to fit into an image you perceive to be cool or "right." By being yourself, you'll be in a better position to make the decision that's right for you. There are specific rules, guidelines and procedures followed by the participating sororities and fraternities as well as the Campus Panhellenic Council (Women) and the Interfraternity Council (Men).

Do not pre-judge a chapter. We ask that you keep an open mind as each organization has much to offer. Do not judge a chapter based on what you have heard from friends, roommates, or other students. Make your decision based on where you feel comfortable.

Consider each organization carefully. Joining a fraternity or sorority is an important decision. Talk to as many members as possible to get a better feel for what each chapter is about. Be sure that the organization that has given you a bid is the one that you want to join. You do not have to accept a bid.

As a prospective member, you are encouraged not to post (or allow your friends to post) any photos or information about yourself on Facebook or other social media sites that you'd be embarrassed to show your grandmother, a professor, or a potential employer.

Alcohol is not allowed at any recruitment or rush event or activity. IFC, NPC, and university policies stipulate that all events and activities associated with Greek recruitment must be alcohol free. Violation of this rule is a serious infraction and the guilty chapter is subject to severe disciplinary action.

Sorority Recruitment Rules (*Rules that apply to women going through formal recruitment*)

In an effort to prevent current members from influencing a potential new members choice of affiliation, potential members should not be using Facebook or any other form of social media to communicate with chapter members during formal recruitment.

In accordance with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) policies, the signing of the of the Membership Acceptance will be binding to the extent that a potential new member shall be considered

ineligible for one calendar year to accept a bid from any NPC sorority on campus. However you may accept a second bid by the same sorority chapter at any time within the calendar year.

Statements and situations that would be considered inappropriate are those that may imply that a bid is being promised or guaranteed, or that a chapter member is attempting to unfairly influence you. If you experience any situation where comments like these are said, please contact the Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership/Greek Life at (636) 949-4704 or via email at akeller@lindenwood.edu.

Useful questions you might want to ask during recruitment:

- What values are important to your organization?
- What do you like most about your chapter? Greek Life?
- Why did you choose this particular organization?
- How much emphasis does your chapter place on scholarship?
- What types of scholarship programs are offered by your chapter?
- What is your new member education/orientation program like? What is its purpose?
- How involved is your chapter with LGC, Student Government, and other student organizations?
- What kind of time commitment will be expected of me as a new member? As a member?
- How will your organization help prepare me for graduation and life after college?
- How much will it cost to join your organization?
- What kind of social activities does your organization have each year?
- What type of community service does your organization participate in each year?
- What are the requirements for living on the chapter floor?
- What makes your chapter unique?

We hope you will stop by and see what Greek Life at Lindenwood has to offer. You can't go wrong going Greek at Lindenwood University! No matter your personality, your goals, your ambitions, your faith, your values, your orientation, your ethnicity, or your past, you will find a true home as a whole sisterhood or brotherhood of lifelong friends when you GO GREEK! And no matter which sorority or fraternity you choose, we are all part of one big amazing community that wants to see you succeed in life and at Lindenwood University.

GO LIONS! We hope to meet you soon.