

2016 Panhellenic Council Formal Recruitment Breakdown

Formal Recruitment

Each round of recruitment is designed to help you and sorority members acquaint yourselves with each other. Each sorority is set up in their own room on campus, where the rounds are structured as parties meant to foster interaction between sorority women and potential new members. If you go through the process of Formal Recruitment you will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with sorority members, which allows the opportunity to ask questions and gain insights about each sorority. Each night of recruitment is themed around the topic of conversation that sorority women will present about in their room, which provides information about each sorority's activities, events and values. Membership selection through formal recruitment is a mutual decision between the women who goes through recruitment and the sorority. Both you and sorority members are active participants and you both must consider several factors when deciding invitations.

Panhellenic Life Informational: Academics and Finance Informational) (September 1-2, 2016)

This is an informational that focuses on financial commitment and time management when committing to a sorority. There will be presenters from The Office of Student Success to give tips on how to manage time with the commitment of a Greek organization, as well as how to budget in order to pay dues each semester. This event is required for any woman who signs up for recruitment and open to any NSU student. We want you to know that anyone can join a Greek organization, and finances or time management should not be a hindrance to an opportunity to join a great organization! There will be two of these meetings to accommodate everyone interested. Attendance to one of these times is required for all registered women, and open to all interested in Formal Recruitment.

Meet your Recruitment Guide (Rho Gamma - PT) (September 7, 2016)

This event serves as an orientation for all the Potential New Members participating in formal recruitment. During this meeting, all women who have signed up for recruitment will be given all the details you will need throughout the rest of the week. You will also be able to meet and interact with your assigned Rho Gamma, which is a current sorority women who temporarily disassociated from her sorority in order to be a counselor for you and all women going through recruitment. You will be going through this exciting experience with other women assigned to the same Rho Gamma for recruitment. Groups are created alphabetically based on last names. This is a great opportunity to begin fostering a relationship your Rho

Gamma, where you can play icebreaker games to get to know each other and feel comfortable with your Recruitment Guide!

Sorority 101 (September 8, 2016)

The first night of recruitment is an event where you will attend separate rounds/parties for all four of the organizations. Your Rho Gamma will walk with your group to each room on campus where the respective sororities are holding their rounds. You will meet sorority women who share the responsibilities and benefits of being a part of sorority life. Here, you will begin to learn how each sorority is unique. On this night and future ones, you should ask the questions about sorority life, scholarship, financial requirements, and leadership opportunities for each organization. At the end of this night you will meet with your Rho Gamma to process the evening.

Dress attire for the first round is: Casual; jeans, PC Recruitment Shirt, and comfortable shoes.

Values and Traditions (September 9, 2016)

In the second round you could attend up to 3 rounds/parties (and in some cases less). This round focuses on each sorority's national and/or local philanthropy, their financial obligations, values and traditions. During the round, you will get the opportunity to talk to several members of the sorority to gain further insight and understanding about sorority life so you will become more familiar with each sorority beyond their colors. At the end of this night the women will have the opportunity to rank their choices. All ranking will be done in the Office of Campus Life & Student Engagement (formerly the Office of Student Activities). It is important on this night to begin determining which sororities you prefer, for the following night which is the final voting night.

Dress attire for the second round is: Business casual; pants/shirt/dress, and comfortable shoes.

Preference Night (September 10, 2016)

Preference round marks the end of the formal recruitment rounds. You may be invited back to a maximum of two rounds which indicates a sorority's strong interest in you as a future member. During the preference round/party you will participate in a formal ceremony with the sorority members. Each sorority's ceremony reflects the ideals and values held in high esteem by its members. You will hear from current members the impact the chapter has had on their collegiate experience. You will also speak with the sorority members one-on-one, usually someone who you really connected with over past few days. You are encouraged to

Speak with your Rho Gamma about your experiences as you try to figure out where you can see yourself in the future. We highly suggest that maximizes your options by ranking the organizations available to you. Each chapter can extend bids up to quota regardless of their current size at the beginning of the process. Think about your experiences and go with your heart and instinct! After preference night is over, you will rank your available choices (you can rank your choices immediately following your round/party in the Office of Campus Life & Student Engagement. Once you hit enter on the computer – you have accepted your bid for the following day.

Dress attire for preference: Formal; cocktail dress.

Bid Day (September 11, 2016)

Bid Day is an exciting day you to meet your new sorority sisters. Your Rho Gammas distribute your official paper bid individually that morning and you will go to the assigned area to pick up your bid day shirt for the revelation ceremony. After revelation, the PNM meet their new sisters. Each sorority has a fun-filled evening activity planned for the chapter and the new sisters. Remember that all activities 24 hours after revelation are Alcohol-Free.

Dress attire for Bid Day is: Casual; shorts (possibly a bathing suit) and comfortable shoes. Most important is the zip up jacket for your reveal to the sorority members.

New Member Period (Fall 2016)

The New Member Period is the period of time between when you join your sorority and their official initiation. Sororities take advantage of this time and use it as a new member education period; here you will learn about the history of their chapter, inter/national organization, and other Greek organizations as well as the opportunities for leadership on campus. Building friendships and getting to know your new sisters and fellow new members is the best part of this process. This is accomplished through special events and functions including service, social, scholastic, and sisterhood events throughout 6-8 weeks. The new member period teaches you about responsibilities, benefits, and values of being a sister as you begin to understand and experience the unique bond that exists in your chapter. Everything during your new member period is to help create and strengthen that bond among the chapter and its members.

****Please note chapters will require new members to pay their sorority dues early in the process. Dues are NON-REFUNDABLE in most cases. If you have questions, please contact the chapter advisor or chapter headquarters.***