

Winthrop University
Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life
Membership Policy

Winthrop University is committed to the support, safety, and prosperity of all fraternal organizations. Below are the requirements for intake/recruitment and new member education for all chapters recognized by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life (OFSL) at Winthrop University. The OFSL maintains these policies and will publish updates as appropriate. Recruitment/Intake and New Member Education is the prescribed process that students participate in; in conjunction with the respective organizations National Office, local chapter, and Winthrop University; to gain membership into a fraternal organization. These membership processes must be consistent with federal and state law, Winthrop University policies, and National Organizations standards.

Chapter Members, Chapter Advisors, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will work together to ensure a successful and positive experience for all involved. For the OFSL to assist chapters with the recruitment/intake and new member education and avoid potential problems, chapters must adhere to the following requirements outlined in this policy if they are to conduct recruitment/intake and new member education at Winthrop University.

Section 1: National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Intake Guidelines

All chapters falling under the National Pan-Hellenic Council/*organizations that use a new member presentation to present members are subject to this section of the policy.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Section 2: College Panhellenic Council (CPC) & Interfraternity Council (IFC) Recruitment and New Member Education Guidelines

All chapters falling under the College Panhellenic Council are subject to this section of the policy.

Alpha Delta Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Zeta

Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority Inc.

Zeta Tau Alpha

All chapters falling under the Interfraternity Council are subject to this section of the policy.

Pi Kappa Phi

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

National Pan-Hellenic Council Intake Guidelines

Intake Process Requirements:

- I. All required items as outlined in this policy must be submitted and approved at least one week (7 days) prior to an interest meeting. If it is not, you put your chapter in jeopardy of rescheduling your interest meeting.
- II. Any chapter opting to not conduct an intake process must submit a *Notice of Intention to Abstain from Conducting Membership Intake Form* (see page 7) no later than 24 hours prior to Unwritten Rules.
- III. The intake process from the induction ceremony/first meeting to the initiation ceremony will not extend beyond eight (8) weeks (fall and spring break do not count in this timeframe). This does not include new member presentations.
- IV. The intake process and new member presentation must be completed one week (7 days) prior to study day.
- V. All meetings MUST be held on Winthrop's campus. For permission to hold a ritual ceremony (Induction or Initiation) off campus in a public venue, please ask the Assistant Director in writing for special permission to do so.
- VI. All intake meetings MUST conclude by 12:00 midnight.
- VII. The individuals currently in your intake process will be listed on the Fraternity & Sorority Life website.
- VIII. If an individual withdraws from the process, the chapter is responsible for notifying the Assistant Director the following business day by email with the person's name, email, and reason for withdrawal.
- IX. All New Members are required to participate in the New Member Conference offered the semester following their intake process. It is the responsibility of the chapter to communicate the date of the New Member Conference to those just initiated and to ensure they attend. The date for the Conference will be given to the chapter at the beginning of the semester.

Meetings & Documentation:

- I. **Chapter Planning Meeting:** Prior to any intake activities, at least one chapter member, preferably the chapter president or intake coordinator will meet with the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life and/or Director of the DiGiorgio Campus Center. Please note: The chapter must also consult/contact any other necessary parties (i.e. National Office and Regional Director) to discuss the status of the chapter including chapter size, calendar, academic standing, university events, etc. To schedule an appointment, please email the Assistant Director or call 803.323.2248. At the Chapter Planning Meeting the chapter must submit/provide the following information in order to obtain approval:
 - A. Any national or regional paperwork that needs to be signed by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life (OFSL).
 - B. Copy of the chapter's National Intake Policy and Procedures (If a copy is already on file with the office, no need to resubmit, however, please provide any updates to the policy since the last time the chapter conducted intake). All steps of the process will be discussed at the meeting.
 - C. *Notice of Membership Intake Form* (see page 8)
 - D. *Fraternity & Sorority Life Hazing Compliance Form* (see page 9) (only valid if signed by current officers and advisors)
 - E. Copy of materials and information that is given to those attending the interest meeting (if applicable)
 - F. *Intake Plan*- Chapters must use the [template](#) provided by the OFSL on the [chapter resources page](#). The Intake Plan should include any intake activities/meetings with dates, times, and intended locations. All space requests entered for meetings must be reflective of the meeting or event (i.e. Interest Meeting, Intake Educational Meeting, New Member Presentation). Activities must be approved one week (7 days) before they commence. Activities to include on the calendar:
 1. Informational and/or interest meeting(s) (See Section II. for Interest Meeting Advertisement requirements)
 2. Selection date (s)
 3. Dates of notification
 4. Start date of the official process/education
 5. Date of when the Assistant Director (or designee) will meet with the candidates to review the OFSL resources and Hazing Policy. This needs to occur at the first meeting of the intake process.
 6. Dates of meetings (i.e. any time your intake coordinator will meet with those in the process)
 7. Final Test
 8. Initiation Date
 9. Projected date of Presentation of New Members (if applicable).
 - a. The finalized date of the New Member Presentation must be approved by the Assistant Director.

10. Any additional dates pertinent to a specific organization
11. A copy of the Interest Meeting Flyer must be provided to the OFSL for approval.
 - a. **The interest meeting/rush flyer/advertisement must include the date, time, location, dress code, and any additional expectations of aspirants (grade requirements, provide transcript, etc.), contact information for the chapter president, and contact information for the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life. View a sample flyer on the [OFSL website](#).**

Chapters **MAY NOT** conduct interest meetings until cleared to do so by the Office for Fraternity & Sorority Life after the Chapter Planning Meeting occurs. The president, intake coordinator, and advisor will receive an email from the Assistant Director giving approval to move forward.

II. Interest Meeting/Rush:

A. Advertisement

1. **Flyers/advertisements must be posted for a period of no less than one week (7 days) PRIOR to the meeting.**
2. Following the university [posting guidelines](#) chapters must:
 - a. Bring (4) copies of the interest meeting flyer to the Department of Student Engagement to be approved by the Administrative Assistant. Once approved, they can be turned in at the Information Desk to be posted on the DiGiorgio Campus Center bulletin boards.
 - b. A minimum of one flyer must be posted in the following locations: Thompson cafeteria, all residence halls, Kinard, Sims, Thurmond, Life Science Building, Owens, West Center, and Bancroft.
3. The OFSL will add the interest meeting to the OFSL website calendar and social media (if applicable) 1 week (7 days) prior to the interest meeting.

- B. Interest Meeting Roster (see page 10): This must be filled out by every candidate attending the interest meeting/rush. This form is due back to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life (OFSL) the following business day.

C. Participant Eligibility

1. The OFSL will verify that the candidates meet the minimum requirements to participate in intake and are on the eligibility list/Interest Meeting Roster. Minimum requirements to participate in intake of a fraternity or sorority are:
 - a. Enrollment as an active Winthrop University Student
 - b. Completion of 12 **University** credit hours (AP courses do not count)
 - c. 2.5 cumulative **University** GPA (Transfer students will need to provide an unofficial transcript from their previous institution to the OFSL in order to verify meeting the requirements). Your chapter's GPA requirements as outlined by your inter/national organization (if higher than the University) must be communicated at the interest meeting/rush.
 - d. [Register with the OFSL](#) to be verified for aspirant eligibility.
 - e. Attendance at Unwritten Rules the same semester they are going to go through an intake process or attend an interest meeting. The Unwritten Rules program is held at the second Wednesday of each semester.
2. **No chapter shall offer membership to a student not listed as eligible by the OFSL as verified on the Interest Meeting Roster.**

III. Progress Meeting: Upon approval or next phase of intake, the president/intake coordinator must schedule a meeting with the Assistant Director prior to the notification to the candidates. Chapters **MAY NOT** notify candidates until cleared to do so by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life after the Progress Meeting occurs.

A. The following documentation must be submitted at this meeting:

1. A copy of the intake approval letter from your Regional Director or National Office
2. Typed list of selected/rejected candidates (all those in attendance at the Interest Meeting/Rush should be on one of these lists)
3. A copy of the acceptance/rejection letter
4. Final/updated Intake Plan Chapters must use the template provided by the OFSL to include any intake activities/meetings with dates, times, locations, and brief descriptions for the intake process. Below are examples of brief descriptions:

- a. Example: 2/14/17 5:00pm at the Shack - Induction: The women/men will get inducted into our intake process. The individuals will receive their line numbers.
- b. Example: 2/16/17 9:30pm-11:30pm in Owen 401- First Meeting: Assistant Director will come speak with the women/men about hazing policy and then the remainder of the meeting we will inform the candidates of the intake process timeline and begin to review the Founders and Purpose of our organization.

B. The following information will be discussed at the Progress Meeting:

- 1. Process of how acceptance/rejection will be communicated
- 2. Review of Intake Plan- Chapters need to be prepared to discuss each meeting and give a broad overview of what will occur.
- 3. Confirm date for when the Assistant Director (or designee) will meet with the candidates to review the OFSL resources and Hazing Policy as well as complete the Aspirant Anti-Hazing Compliance Form (see page 11). This needs to occur at the first meeting of the intake process.
- 4. New Member Presentation date (if applicable): Bring a copy of the space request or reservation confirmation email for both primary and rain locations (if applicable).
 - 1. An additional meeting will need to be scheduled to review and discuss the show.

IV. **Verification of Aspirants:** All chapters conducting intake must submit a Verification of Aspirants Form (see page 12) **within 24 hours** following the start date of the official process/education of aspirants listed on the chapter's Intake Plan. This form lists the individuals approved by your chapter that will be submitted to your regional or national representatives as aspirants for membership. This will be the list of names that is published on the Fraternity & Sorority Life website. In cases where the National intake team conducts the intake process, all correspondence forwarded to any regional or local representatives should also be forwarded to the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life. The verification form contains the following information:

A. List of candidates for membership that will include each aspirant's:

- 1. Name (please print)
- 2. Student WID
- 3. Signature: Academic Waiver

B. Total number of candidates

C. Original signature of the Chapter President

D. Signature of Faculty and Grad Chapter Advisor (chapter must bring in form with the original signature; **no faxes will be accepted unless prior approval is given by the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life**).

E. A separate line for verification of date received. (Completed by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life)

V. **Communication & Process Updates:** Chapters will keep candidates, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, and their respective national/regional staff informed of the process of intake and any potential problems.

A. **In the event that dates and times, and/or locations need to be changed on the Intake Plan, the chapter president or intake coordinator must notify the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life (in writing) no less than 2 business days prior to the new event time.**

B. If an individual withdraws from the process, the chapter is responsible for notifying the Assistant Director the following business day by email with the person's name, email, and reason for withdrawal.

All documents supplied to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life are kept confidential from students, student workers, or student leaders, including respective council officers. They may be shared with university officials and national organization staff as needed.

Presentation of New Members: All organizations must adhere to the following guidelines when presenting new member to the campus community:

- I. Presentation of new member **MUST** take place within **2 weeks of the initiation** date listed on the chapter's Intake Plan (spring and fall breaks do not count in that two week requirement), or at least one week (7 days) prior to "Study Day," whichever comes first. Special permission to this guideline can be requested for chapters wanting to have the New Member Presentation as part of their Founder's Week.
- II. Chapters having a New Member Presentation Show will have to schedule a meeting with the Assistant Director to review the show as well as adhere to both the guidelines detailed below and those regarding Special Events as outlined in the [Student Organization Handbook](#).
- III. **New Member Presentation Show Guidelines:**
 - A. The date of the New Member Presentation must be approved by the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life.
 - B. A space request for the show must be submitted with the event title as New Member Presentation or something similar noting what the event is.
 1. Chapters must be knowledgeable of the space use policies. Space users assume the necessary responsibility to ensure the safety and security of event attendees and the appropriate use of campus facilities.
 2. A copy of the space request or reservation confirmation email for both primary and rain locations (if applicable) must be brought to the Progress Meeting with the Assistant Director.
 - C. A flyer for the show must be submitted and approved by the Assistant Director.
 - D. Pre-identified list of individuals that will be onstage assisting with the presentation (President, Intake Coordinator, Advisor, etc.) as well as a list of line numbers and name for each new member must be submitted to the Assistant Director at least one week (7 days) prior to the show.
 - E. No explicit or revealing attire is to be worn.
 - F. **No profanity. This also applies to any music used during the show. It all must be the clean, radio-edited version.**
 - G. **No alcoholic beverages will be permitted.** This includes visiting chapters, alumni, and/or graduate members.
 - H. No physical abuse will be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: slapping, kicking, spitting, punching, pushing, poking, caning, etc. (Canes, staffs, sticks, etc. may be used as part of the performance but may not be used as a weapon to harm another individual)
 - I. In the event of an altercation during the presentation, those fighting will be disciplined immediately. If a member of the presenting organization is involved, the presentation show will be stopped immediately. (See Violations section for further details)
 - J. **No references to hazing and/or illegal activities.**
 - K. No bricks, bats, and/or paddles will be allowed at any new member presentations.
 - L. Disruptions by other attending organizations will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: walking through the presenters' show, talking over the presenting organization, etc.
 - M. If a new member decides that they cannot or decides not to participate in the show (or cannot or decides not to participate in the show to the same extent as the others involved), a written and signed letter by the new member must be submitted to the OFSL no more than 1 week before the show explaining why they cannot, or have decided not to participate.
 - N. No skipping of numbers will be allowed. (ex. 1,2,3,4,5)
 - O. The duration of the show should be no longer than 2 hours total. Shows may not be scheduled to begin after 9:00pm and must start within **15 minutes of the scheduled time advertised**. Following the show, members of the presenting organization must vacate the areas within 30 minutes (this will help with crowd disbursement). The presenting organization will be responsible for ensuring the site used is left in its original state after use.
 - P. The Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life (or designee) **MUST** be in attendance at any New Member Presentations.
 - Q. It is the chapter's responsibility to notify visiting and alumni members of all Winthrop University New Member Presentation rules.
 - R. If a New Member Presentation does not occur, new members must be presented in some formal way (reception, Instagram, email, flyer, Twitter, etc.) acknowledging all new members.

Hazing:*Winthrop University, Policy Description*

Hazing is a very serious offense and a violation of S.C. Law. Winthrop University student organizations and individual students should not condone or engage in this activity. On November 4, 1978, the Winthrop Board of Trustees adopted the following as a policy statement concerning hazing: The Board of Trustees of Winthrop University considers the hazing of students by fellow students to be contrary to the mission of the University and prohibits such activities.

Winthrop University Hazing Policy

HAZING is defined as any action taken or situation created, which produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities and situations include assault in any form, creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks, wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, nudity; situations or tasks that interfere with scholastic activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with the regulations and policies of Winthrop University and otherwise isolate or create different standards for new members for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with a chartered or non-chartered student organization.

Consistent with state law, it is a violation of the hazing policy for any person to

1. Knowingly permit or assist any person in committing hazing activities or
2. Failing to promptly report hazing activities to the appropriate university official. The implied or express consent of a person to participate in hazing does not constitute a defense to violations of the hazing policy.

EXAMPLES OF HAZING

Depending upon circumstances, the following activities have, at one time or another, been construed by the courts and/or institutions of higher education as hazing. Such activities are often required or implied as conditions of inclusion or exclusion from a group, formal or informal. Hazing, therefore, may be perpetuated by individual(s) against individual(s), individual(s) against the group, the group against individual(s) or group against group.

1. "PT" (Physical Training): requiring calisthenics such as sit-ups, running or any form of physically abusive or excessive exercise; any physical action or restraint that may inflict harm or pain on an individual(s) or place them in a position or situation of possible harm or threat.
2. Forcing, requiring, recommending and/or coercing consumption of alcoholic beverages or any other kind of drug; requiring ingestion of an undesirable or unwanted substance (food, drink, concoction).
3. Harassment or bullying, whether verbal, mental or physical of individual(s) or group(s).
4. Scavenger hunts that require or result in theft; forced or coerced road trips, dangerous activities, and/or kidnapping.
5. Endorsing or conducting pranks such as borrowing or stealing items, destruction of property or objects, pulling false fire alarms, or any other activity in violation of the law.
6. Personal servitude (doing chores or errands for the group(s) or individual members).
7. Sleep interruption or deprivation; conducting activities that do not allow adequate time to study.
8. Degrading, humiliating or embarrassing games or activities.
9. Line-ups or any interrogation for information about the history, purpose or direction of the organization that is not consistent with legitimate testing
10. Forced isolation from other members, friends or the rest of the campus. This includes any prohibition on speaking or social interaction (including public marching or walking in lines or "on line.")
11. Deception and/or threats contrived to convince the pledge he/she will not be able to join the organization or that inflicts mental stress by not revealing the requirements or basic timetable for joining.

The University prohibits any form of hazing of its students, or at any location on or off campus, including chapter houses, private residences, or public property. The University will respond swiftly to investigate reports of hazing received from any source, and will promptly determine whether to proceed with campus disciplinary action, to forward a report to appropriate law enforcement officials for investigation as a criminal matter, or both. University students who voluntarily participate in hazing, as well as those who inflict it, are subject to such action.

South Carolina Law ([Section 59-101-200](#))

Hazing means the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm by a superior student to a subordinate student with intent to punish or injure the subordinate student, or other unauthorized treatment by the superior student of a subordinate student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature

Hazing at all state supported universities, colleges, and public institutions of higher learning is prohibited. When an investigation has disclosed substantial evidence that a student has committed an act or acts of **hazing**, the student may be dismissed, expelled, suspended, or punished as the president considers appropriate.

Violations:

Violations of the intake policy may result in probation or suspension and referral to the Dean of Students Office. Whether the chapter will be placed on probation or receive automatic suspension is based upon the infractions and is at the discretion of the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life and/or the Dean of Students Office. During the period of probation, if the chapter commits any violation of the intake guidelines or any other rules set forth by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, the chapter will be placed on suspension. Suspension is noted by a period wherein all social and formal programming (this includes community service, all fundraising activities, and intake functions) is prohibited. The suspension period will be determined through the conduct process.

Violations include:

1. Intentional submission of improper paperwork (i.e., changing of dates of forms, falsifying original signatures, incomplete paperwork, etc.)
2. Offering membership to any individual(s) that have not been verified as eligible by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
3. Holding membership intake without adhering to the Intake Guidelines set by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
4. Hazing: Any violations of the Winthrop University Hazing Policy will result in a referral to the Dean of Students Office.
5. Overt activity, defined as any activity related to intake conducted in defiance of these guidelines or warnings by chapter advisors and/or the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
6. Failure to adhere to Presentation of New Member Guidelines (included in this packet).

Guidelines for Review of Chapter Status for Suspension:

1. Executive Board: Chapter President and/or one representative must be present.
2. The Chapter Advisors must be present (both Faculty and Graduate Chapter advisor(s)).

All questions and concerns must be expressed by the Chapter President to the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life. If any questions regarding the Guidelines arise, they may be discussed between the members of the chapter and the Assistant Director. Final jurisdiction and decision-making authority rests in the hands of Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Affairs and/or the Dean of Students Office.

Students found guilty of hazing will be subject to penalties outlined by the Winthrop University Student Conduct Code, as well as any sanctions outlined by the national organization.

Intake: Things to Remember

1. All required items as outlined in this policy must be submitted and approved **at least one week (7 days) prior to an interest/informational/rush meeting**. If it is not, you put your chapter in jeopardy of rescheduling your interest meeting.
2. Each chapter must submit an Intake Plan (calendar of events), a Notice of Membership Intake Form, and a Fraternity & Sorority Life Hazing Compliance Form at the Chapter Planning Meeting with the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life and/or Director of the DiGiorgio Campus Center. The Intake Plan must be approved at least one week (7 days) before any intake related activities commence.
3. The Notice of Membership Intake Form and Fraternity & Sorority Life Hazing Compliance Form must contain the original signature (**no faxes or scans will be accepted**) of the Chapter President and Advisor(s).
4. Submit the proposed date of the new member presentation at the Chapter Planning Meeting and bring a copy of the space reservation confirmation to proceed at the Progress Meeting. Please note, a meeting with the Assistant Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life is required at least **two weeks prior** to review the show as well as adhere to both the **Presentation of New Member Guidelines** detailed below and those regarding Special Events as outlined in the [Student Organization Handbook](#).
5. Communication is a crucial part of this process as well as to ensure compliance with this policy. Chapters will keep new members, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, and their respective national/regional staff informed of the process of intake and any potential problems. This includes changes with any events, weekly process updates, and any withdrawals.

Without the submission of the required paperwork, intake will not be approved. If the intake activities begin without the knowledge and signed approval of the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, and/or the chapter has not adhered to these written Intake Guidelines, intake activities will cease immediately, and the chapter may be placed on suspension. These sanctions will be administered appropriately at the discretion of the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Affairs and/or the Dean of Students Office.

Notice of Intention to Abstain from Conducting Membership Intake

The officers and members of _____(chapter) of _____(organization) does not intend to conduct membership intake during the **Fall** or **Spring** (Circle one) semester of _____(year). We understand that should that decision change, we must notify the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life in writing, with approval from the Chapter Advisor. We understand that if we engage in pre-pledging activities not a part of the inter/national process, it will be reported to the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life, the Dean of Students Office, and/or Campus Police and the inter/national organization.

President's Name Printed

President's Signature

President's Phone Number

Grad Chapter Advisor Name Printed

Grad Chapter Advisor Signature

Grad Chapter Advisor Phone Number

Faculty Advisor Name Printed

Faculty Advisor Signature

Faculty Advisor Phone Number

Notice of Membership Intake

The officers and members of _____ (chapter) of _____ (organization) are proud to announce the intake of new members for the **Fall** or **Spring** (Circle one) of _____ (year).

Interest Meeting(s) will be held on _____

Inter/national Organization GPA/Credit Hour Requirement for Membership is _____

Selection will conclude on _____

Education of aspirants/intake process begins on _____

Aspirants will be initiated on _____

New Members will be presented on _____

Person in charge of the intake for the chapter will be:

Chapter Advisor supervising intake for the Chapter will be:

Name

Name

Title in Chapter

Title in Chapter

Email

Email

Phone Number

Phone Number

Regional Director Contact Information:

National Organization Intake Contact:

Name

Name

Email

Email

Phone Number

Phone Number

Address

Address

The above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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President's Signature

President's Phone Number

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Grad Chapter Advisor Signature

Grad Chapter Advisor Phone Number

Faculty Advisor Name Printed

Faculty Advisor Signature

Faculty Advisor Phone Number

Office Use Only: *Date/Time of Chapter Planning Meeting* _____

Date Received: _____

Winthrop University Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Hazing Policy Compliance Form

All Winthrop fraternities and sororities must file this form with the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life to certify compliance with this policy. The preceding document remains in effect until the new one is filed. The document filed must always have the most current officers and advisor signatures.

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Anti-Hazing Agreement

We, the undersigned, certify the following:

1. We have read AND understand Winthrop's Hazing Policy as outlined in the Membership Policy and Student Conduct Code
2. We have read and understand the South Carolina Hazing Law
3. We have read and understand our National Hazing Policy
4. We verify that this policy will be read to our chapter on _____ (date)
5. We verify that all new members will receive a copy of this policy
6. We verify that all activities sponsored or required by our chapter, in whole or part, comply with this policy.
7. Failure of my organization to uphold this policy, in whole or part, will result in the referral of my organization and any individual members involved for discipline.
8. **Furthermore, if a hazing incident occurs, the president and new member educator/intake coordinator may be referred to the Dean of Student's Office for supplying false information to a University Official (if they knew of the hazing occurring and did not take steps to stop it.)**
9. **If I suspect, see, or know hazing activities are occurring, it is my responsibility to report these activities to the appropriate office.**

By signing this form we agree to abide by the above.

Fraternity or Sorority

President Name Printed

Signature

Date

New Member Educator/Intake Coordinator Name Printed

Signature

Date

Chapter/Grad Advisor Name Printed

Signature

Date

Start Date for New Member Education: _____

End Date for New Member Education: _____

Date Received: _____

Interest Meeting Roster

Organization: _____ Date of Interest Meeting: _____

I understand this is an interest form and that I am not obligated in any way to the Fraternity and Sorority community at Winthrop University in filling out this form, nor do they have any obligation to me. For the purpose of interest in participating in ALL/ANY fraternity/sorority intake activities, I give my consent to the Department of Student Engagement to release my cumulative grade-point average and hours and understand that this information will be shared with the President and/or Intake Coordinator of the above organization for which I am seeking membership. I further consent to my name being listed on the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life website should I proceed in the membership process.

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This roster is due to The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life the following business day after the Interest Meeting

Date Received: _____

Winthrop University Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Aspirant Anti-Hazing Compliance Form

Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. Hazing is a broad term that encompasses a multitude of actions or activities. The term hazing refers to any actions or activities that may negatively affect the development of a person or an organization; which cause mental or physical harm; or which subject individuals to harassment, embarrassment, ridicule, or distress. Winthrop University prohibits any form of hazing of its students, at any time, or at any location on or off campus, including fraternity/sorority houses, private residences, or public property. Hazing is typically associated with membership selection and initiation into an organization. It is possible for hazing to occur before, during, and after membership selection and initiation. The University will respond swiftly to investigate reports of hazing received from any source, and will promptly determine whether to proceed with campus disciplinary action, to forward a report to law enforcement officials for prosecution as a criminal matter, or both. Winthrop students who voluntarily consent to hazing, as well as those who inflict it, are subject to such action. If you believe you or someone you know has been a victim of hazing, contact the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity & Sorority Life at 803-323-2248.

South Carolina Law (59-101-200): Hazing means the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm by a superior student to a subordinate student with intent to punish or injure the subordinate student, or other unauthorized treatment by the superior student of a subordinate student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature. Hazing at all state supported universities, colleges, and public institutions of higher learning is prohibited. When an investigation has disclosed substantial evidence that a student has committed an act or acts of hazing, the student may be dismissed, expelled, suspended, or punished as the president considers appropriate.

Winthrop University Hazing Policy: HAZING is defined as any action taken or situation created, which produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities and situations include assault in any form, creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks, wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, nudity; situations or tasks that interfere with scholastic activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with the regulations and policies of Winthrop University and otherwise isolate or create different standards for new members for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with a chartered or non-chartered student organization. Consistent with state law, it is a violation of the hazing policy for any person to 1) Knowingly permit or assist any person in committing hazing activities or 2) Failing to promptly report hazing activities to the appropriate university official. The implied or express consent of a person to participate in hazing does not constitute a defense to violations of the hazing policy.

Anti-Hazing Agreement

We, the undersigned, certify the following:

1. We have read AND understand Winthrop’s Hazing Policy as outlined in the Membership Policy and Student Conduct Code
2. We have read and understand the South Carolina Hazing Law
3. We have read and understand our National Hazing Policy
4. We verify that all we have received a copy of this policy
5. We verify that all activities sponsored or required by our chapter, in whole or part, comply with this policy.
6. Failure of my organization to uphold this policy, in whole or part, will result in the referral of my organization and any individual members involved for discipline.
7. **Furthermore, if a hazing incident occurs, the president and new member educator/intake coordinator may be referred to the Dean of Student’s Office for supplying false information to a University Official (if they knew of the hazing occurring and did not take steps to stop it.)**
8. **If I suspect, see, or know hazing activities are occurring, it is my responsibility to report these activities to the appropriate office.**

By signing this statement, I agree that I have read and understand the Winthrop University Hazing Policy. I agree to comply with this policy, local and state laws, the policies of my fraternal organization and the local and national governing council to which my organization belongs. I further consent to my name being listed on the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life website should I proceed in the membership process.

Organization: _____

Date of Interest Meeting: _____

*PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL FORMS AS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES

Date	Candidate/Aspirant’s Name (Print Name)	WU ID #	Signature	UR (Office Use Only)	GPA/HR (Office Use Only)
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This form is due to The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life the following business day after the first educational session the Assistant Director attends

Winthrop University Verification of Aspirants Form

Organization & Chapter Name: _____

We hereby declare that on _____ (date submitted), the following individuals are aspirants for membership into our organization and will be duly initiated pending the decision of our regional/national representative(s). If any of the individuals listed below withdraws from the organization at any point after this date, the chapter is responsible for notifying the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life the following business day by email with the person's name, email, and reason for withdrawal.

Total Number of Candidates: _____

President Signature: _____ Grad Chapter Advisor Signature: _____

Signing Agreement: By signing this document, I hereby wish to waive my rights granted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and permit Winthrop University to release my academic information about me to my fraternity/sorority. I understand this waiver will be in effect until I notify the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life (OFSL) that I am no longer an active member of my fraternity/sorority. I further consent to my name being listed on the OFSL website as I am proceeding in the membership process.

Aspirant's Name (Printed)	Winthrop Student ID #	Signature: Please review Signing Agreement before signing.	Cumulative GPA (OFFICE USE ONLY)
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If you have more than 20 aspirants, make two copies of this form and staple them together.

This form is due to The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life within 24 hours following the start date of the official process/education of aspirants listed on the chapter's Intake Plan