



The University of Texas at Austin

Sorority and Fraternity Life

Office of the Dean of Students

Sorority and Fraternity Life Affiliate Membership

What is Affiliate Membership?

[Affiliate Membership](#) assists social sororities and fraternities by connecting organizations with Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) in order to provide resources and support. Affiliated organizations and their members receive resources and benefits associated with being an official recognized Greek letter organization. Read more details below, and then [proceed to the application](#).

Benefits of Affiliate Membership

- Official recognition as a sorority or fraternity at The University of Texas at Austin
- Listed on [TexasGreeks.com](#) and in the *Sorority and Fraternity Information Guide*
- Advising from Sorority and Fraternity Life Staff
- Access to Sorority & Fraternity Life Funding Program and Fiscal Advising
- Member Grade Verification and Reports
- Invitations to Participate in Sorority and Fraternity Life hosted events
- Communications with Regional and National Organization
- Alumni and Long Term Institutional Engagement
- Individual and Organizational Recognition Opportunities, including Order of Omega Honorary Society and Sorority and Fraternity Life Awards
- Campus Engagement Opportunities, Leadership Development Experiences, and Invitational Meetings
- Assistance with petitioning for Council Membership
- Intake/Recruitment Assistance
- Support in Building a Successful Organization

How can my organization start the affiliate membership process?

Complete [the Affiliate Membership Application](#). [Read the requirements](#) and download all available prerequisite materials before beginning the application.

When should my organization affiliate with Sorority and Fraternity Life?

The affiliation process is driven by your timeline and initiative. Once your organization has registered with Student Activities, the student members/interests may apply to affiliate with our office. We also understand that you may need to take some time to create and gather the [documents that are required to affiliate](#). No matter where you are in the process, we recommend connecting with us so we can help you!

How can my organization begin to recruit before being recognized as a student organization?

We understand that an interest group may need to gain a few members before petitioning Student Activities to become an organization, which is the first step of affiliation. Please contact Sorority and Fraternity Life to be connected with the expansion and affiliation coordinator. This staff member will assist your organization with a few room and tabling reservations in order to jumpstart your recruitment efforts even before you affiliate with our office. Once you've gained three members you can apply to be a registered student organization, and will have access to room reservations.

What is the best way to begin expansion and gain new members/interests at UT?

- Many organizations who are new to campus get their name out through a myriad of tactics:
- Table on campus
- Hold info sessions
- Create opportunities for students to get involved, such as a service day or speaker
- Connect with Councils to make announcements or be a guest at an event
- Connect with academic areas and request to make announcements at events or send a flyer out on their listserv
- Meet with UT academic and student affairs leaders and ask for recommendations
- Connect with other student organizations which may have related values
- Request other chapters' "No Bid Lists"

What is the process once my organization submits this Affiliate Membership Application?

1. Sorority and Fraternity Life staff will review the application once it is received. This process may take up to one month depending on staff schedules and the time of year. Thank you for your patience.
2. If the application is complete, and the organization meets the minimum requirements to be an Affiliate (see below), the organization will be asked to schedule a presentation for the Sorority and Fraternity Life staff. At the presentation, the organization will be asked to present on purpose, mission, new member process, risk management plan, and other related foundations.
3. After the presentation is complete, Sorority and Fraternity Life staff will provide feedback, and after criteria are met, offer the organization Affiliate Membership.

What are the requirements to becoming an Affiliate?

- Organization is social and greek lettered
- Organization's members are all University of Texas at Austin students
Roster will be uploaded to Affiliate Membership Application. Download and complete [this Roster Template](#) before beginning the Application.
- Organization is registered as a student organization with [Student Activities](#), and is in good standing
- Organization will acknowledge its capacity to complete Sorority and Fraternity Life Good Standing requirements and affiliate expectations. *(See below.)*

- ❑ Organization has a minimum 2.5 cumulative chapter grade point average (GPA)
To calculate this, everyone listed on the roster (actives, new members, pledges, etc.) must complete the [Grade Release form](#). Once all forms have been collected, please deliver all copies to Sorority and Fraternity Life, Attn: Affiliate/Expansion Coordinator, within two days of submitting application.
- ❑ Organization has a local, active advisor
Contact information will be submitted in Affiliate Membership Application.
- ❑ Organization has a local chapter Constitution
A copy of your organization's Constitution will be uploaded to the Affiliate Membership Application. Collect this resource before beginning the Application.
- ❑ Organization has local bylaws
A copy of your organization's bylaws will be uploaded to the Affiliate Membership Application. Collect this resource before beginning the Application.
- ❑ Organization has a list of values and guiding principles
A copy of your organization's mission and values will be uploaded to the Affiliate Membership Application. [Download and complete this template](#) before beginning the Application. You will also upload your organization's crest, if applicable.
- ❑ Organization will provide recruitment/interest/intake efforts outline
An outline of your organization's recruitment events, activities, and communication samples for the upcoming semester will be uploaded to the Affiliate Membership Application. Collect this resources before beginning the Application.
- ❑ Organization has a comprehensive Risk Management Plan
A copy of your organization's Risk Management Plan will be uploaded to the Affiliate Membership Application. Collect this resource before beginning the Application.
- ❑ Organization has a detailed Academic Plan
A copy of your organization's Academic Plan will be uploaded to the Affiliate Membership Application. This plan will include member requirements and resources, sanctions, programming and other guidelines to assure academic success. Collect this resource before beginning the Application.
- ❑ Organization will provide a detailed New Member Education Process and/or Handbook
A copy of your organization's New Member Education Process and/or Handbook will be uploaded to the Affiliate Membership Application. This plan will include member rights, requirements and resources, sanctions, programming and other guidelines to assure new member/interest success. Collect this resource before beginning the Application.
- ❑ Organization will provide a Presentation to Sorority & Fraternity Life staff
Once the Affiliate Membership Application has been submitted and processed, SFL staff will work with your leadership to find a time to meet.

Sorority and Fraternity Life Good Standing Program Requirements

Once you're accepted as an Affiliate, note the requirements below to stay in good standing in our community.

- Submit complete roster by Roster Day each semester
- Re-Register and be in good standing with Student Activities by the last Friday in April
- Complete New Member Paperwork and Forms (if applicable)
- Submit grade release forms for new members or transfer members each semester
- Complete or Update Chapter Leadership, Facility, & Dues Information Form each semester
- Chapter will achieve a minimum average GPA of 2.5 or higher each semester (includes total membership, active and new members)
- One advisor's contact information will be on file with SFL each semester
- Maintain good standing with your council each semester (i.e. current on payment of council dues, attendance at meetings, engagement in events)
- Attend 80% of your council's regular meetings each semester
- Executive board attends SFL's Ladder of Risk in the spring semester each year
- All new members attend SFL's New Member Orientation each year
- Sponsor/Co-sponsor one of the following each semester
- The Institute - Have 1 member apply and if chosen attend The Institute
- IMPACT retreat - Have 1 member apply and if chosen attend the IMPACT Retreat
- Chapter President or authorized representative attends at least one-chapter coaching meeting with SFL staff per semester
- Chapter President or authorized representative attend 60% of Gavel Club Meetings each semester
- Have 2 members attend the Texas Leadership Summit in the spring semester
- Organization will abide by all University of Texas at Austin, Sorority and Fraternity Life, state and local policies, laws, and guidelines

Which Councils can my organization join?

Once your organization has been recognized by Sorority and Fraternity Life as an Affiliate, you can begin to petition Councils to become a member. Learn more about the Council Communities by [reviewing information online](#) or [contact a staff member](#) with any questions. Additionally, you can [review their Constitutions](#) for membership requirements.