

Due WITHIN 48 HOURS of Bid Acceptance

DECLARATION OF NEW MEMBER/PLEDGE AND CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

This statement is to be read aloud, understood and practiced during the new member education period in your chapter. This is to be signed by each new member/pledge and submitted to Residential Life – Fraternity & Sorority Life within 48 hours of bid acceptance.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ANTI-HAZING POLICY

HAZING IS PROHIBITED

In determining whether an activity constitutes hazing, the University shall use the common and ordinary meaning of the terms in the definition. If an organization is unsure whether a proposed activity will constitute hazing, the organization should feel free to contact the Office of Residential Life - Fraternity & Sorority Life. As a reference the following definition is provided:

Hazing Defined: Any reckless or intentional act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition of continued membership in, a group or organization, is prohibited. This may include the destruction or removal of public or private property, or any act that a reasonable person would find demeaning, uncomfortable, embarrassing, humiliating, or ridiculing. The express or implied consent of participants will not be an excuse. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts; they will also be considered violations of this policy

The undersigned potential new member understands that they have the following responsibilities:

- To understand and abide, in fact and in spirit by the above definition of hazing;
- To maintain their satisfactory academic standing with the University while participating in the pledge/new membership/intake process;
- To refrain from questionable activities that may jeopardize or demean the image of fraternities/sororities;
- To make a constructive contribution to their education program and chapter.

The undersigned chapter officer understands they have the following responsibilities:

- To understand and abide, in fact and in spirit, by the above-definition of hazing;
- To conduct a pledge/membership/intake program tapered to the needs of individuals, that is a positive, educationally sound, growth experience.

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**THIS FORM HAS BEEN READ TO ALL NEW MEMBERS/PLEDGES OF THE
CHAPTER. WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE
AFOREMENTIONED STATEMENTS.**

Organization, Semester, Year

Alumni/(Inter)National Advisor

Membership/Recruitment
Officer

President

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