

Timeline for Sorority Recruitment - Fall and Spring Recruitment

This timeline is for all Potential New Members (PNM) participating in recruitment, including those universities who have Deferred Recruitment in January. These deadlines are designed to give PNMs an advantage during the recruitment process. They are recommended in order to give the PNM, the sorority alumnae and the chapters plenty of time to focus on the PNM and give her the best chances for success.

PRE-RECRUITMENT: START NOW

- Take SAT and ACT. Documentation of results is required.
- Start planning your pictures. Three poses are recommended.
- Build your resume. Update it as the year progresses. Identify and work on those areas that need strengthening.
- START networking! Locate every adult woman that is an alumna who was in a sorority.
- Locate your friends who are currently in sororities. Let them know you will be a PNM participating in recruitment. Share contacts with your friends.
- Keep careful records of names, phone numbers, and addresses of all women helping you with recruitment. **Know which sorority GREEK LETTERS go with each contact name!**
- Clean up those social WEBSITES! Sororities look...
- Make wise choices. Guard your behavior and reputation.
- Decide which university you will attend. At least narrow it down to the top 3.

February (check the website for specific date)

- Attend the Sorority Recruitment Information Forum. Check the website for details at **www.praptx.org**. Parents are encouraged to attend!!! The forum is sponsored by Plano-Richardson Alumnae Panhellenic (PRAP) Association.
- Register with PRAP online at **www.praptx.org**. There are no fees involved with registering with PRAP.
- You will receive a reply confirming the receipt of your registration with the contact list for the PRAP Area Recruitment Chairs.
- Please join our group on Facebook under **Plano-Richardson Alumnae Panhellenic**.

March 1st

- Carefully read and follow the PRAP Recruitment Information that was given to PNMs at the February Forum or obtain a copy from the PRAP website at **www.praptx.org**. In addition, you should review the Recruitment Guide Book for very detailed information including details on transcripts, pictures, and your resume.
- Begin contacting sorority alumnae for help in securing RIFs and LOS (References and Letters of Support).
- **Contact the Collegiate Panhellenic Office at your campus for instructions on registering for recruitment. Do not miss their deadlines! There is a fee required. Keep your receipt!** Generally, registration starts at the beginning of summer.
- High School and College (if applicable) Transcripts: Request copies. Be sure to get the **front and back** of the transcripts. Have at least 3 copies for each sorority on your campus plus extras for unexpected requests. Most alumnae accept unofficial copies.
- Finalize your pictures. PRAP recommends three poses. Have plenty on hand for unexpected requests.
- Fine tune your resume.

- Confirm deadlines for scholarship applications. See the PRAP website at www.praptx.org for details.
- Remember to join our group on Facebook! ***Plano-Richardson Alumnae Panhellenic.***

March 31st

- Deadline for registering with PRAP online at www.praptx.org.
Late registrations are accepted but put PNMs at a disadvantage.
- Deadline for providing recruitment packets to alumnae...even for deferred recruitment. PRAP Area Recruitment Chairs generally process all RIFs and LOS for the 2013-2014 school year ***at one time*** during April. ***Delivering late packets are accepted but put PNMs at a disadvantage.***
- All thank you letters to alumnae should be in the mail.

May 15th

- All information should be completed and turned in.

June 30th

- Verify completed registration (including fees) at Collegiate Panhellenic Office.

Summer

- Continue securing additional recommendations and letters of support. Send thank you notes.
- Attend the freshman orientation.
- While at freshman orientation PRAP highly recommends you verify registration with the Collegiate Panhellenic Office to be certain they have received your fees and packets.
- Select your Recruitment Week wardrobe. Wear any new shoes...break them in!
- If you change universities, let PRAP know via email to recruitment@praptx.org. Contact alumnae who have written a RIF or LOS and send them new packets as needed.
- If you decide not to participate in recruitment, let us know via email to recruitment@praptx.org and contact the alumnae who have written RIFs and LOS.

August

Off you go to college and the beginning of the rest of your life. Enjoy every minute and remember to keep on making wise choices!

During Recruitment Events

- Sparkle, be friendly, and be engaged in the conversation with collegiates during recruitment.
- "Sell" yourself to the collegiates. Pay attention while being interviewed.
- DO NOT: act bored, aloof, fake, phony or look around the room while being interviewed.
- BE YOURSELF! Be yourself and you will find the right place for you!

At the conclusion of Recruitment Week

- Email results@praptx.org, immediately, and give us your recruitment results. Please save us a phone call!

PNMs are NOT guaranteed a bid. In the event you do not receive a bid, it is NOT the end of the world. You usually have other options. Before you drop out of recruitment, speak with your Recruitment Advisor or someone in the Collegiate Panhellenic Office to learn what options are available to you.

Some schools offer additional ways for girls to be offered a bid to join a sorority. Sometimes one of the requirements is to remain in recruitment and attend as many parties as you can. You must not drop out of recruitment to be eligible for some of these options. Speak with your Recruitment Advisor or someone in the Collegiate Panhellenic Office for the options at your college/university.

What happens if you miss a deadline?

These deadlines are not hard and fast. Some girls do not meet these deadlines are still offered a bid. Regardless, PRAP highly recommends this timeline to give PNMs an advantage during the recruitment process.

DO NOT MISS THE COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC'S DEADLINES!

Please encourage your friends to register with PRAP. Registrations are accepted throughout the summer.

If you have further questions, please contact one of the Fraternity Education Team at frated@praptx.org