

Michigan Tech Panhellenic

SORORITY RECRUITMENT 2022



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Greek Life at a Glance

As of 2021:

8,741.72 Hours of
community
service

\$35,425 raised for
local and national
philanthropies

11.4% of MTU
students are
apart of Greek life

Our Mission

"seek to redefine the
Greek experience by
advancing fraternal
ideals through a
commitment to our
rituals"



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Fraternity and Sorority
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The Panhellenic Creed

We, as Undergraduate Members of women's fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community.

Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character, inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.

Meet Our E-board!



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Terminology to Know

Active: a member of an organization that is initiated and enrolled in school.

Bid: An invitation for a potential new member to join a particular organization.

Chapter: An individual Greek organization established at a university.

Dues: The amount of money paid to a chapter by an active each semester.

Formal Recruitment: The process of fall recruitment followed by NPC sororities.

Hazing: A banned process at Michigan Tech for any and all student organizations and sports teams.

Interfraternity Council (IFC): The governing body of the men's fraternities.

Initiation: A ceremony in which a student becomes a full member of an organization.

Local: An organization whose chapter is only established at one university.

National: An organization which has chapters across the nation and has a (inter)national headquarters. National

Panhellenic Council (NPC, Panhel): The governing body of the national and local sororities.

New Member: A student who has already received a bid and is going through the new member process, but has not yet been initiated into the organization in order to become an active.

New Member Process: The process that a new member must complete to become an active or full member of a Greek organization. Time length varies by organization but generally lasts five to eight weeks usually concluding with a week of close chapter events. Previously known as pledging.

Philanthropy: The process of raising money for a specific organization or cause

Potential New Member: A student attending recruitment events; previously known as a rushee.

Preference: An invitation only recruitment event. A chance for a student to express an interest in receiving a bid by that organization.

Rush/Recruitment Event: An event which an organization sponsors to meet students.

Silent Period: The period of time between a NPC organization handing out a bid and a student's official answer; no NPC organization may be in contact with a potential new member at this time.

The Greek Alphabet

Α Β Γ Δ Ε

Alpha

Beta

Gamma

Delta

Epsilon

Ζ Η Θ Ι Κ

Zeta

Eta

Theta

Iota

Kappa

Λ Μ Ν Ξ Ο

Lamda

Mu

Nu

Xi

Omicron

Π Ρ Σ Τ Υ

Pi

Rho

Sigma

Tau

Upsilon

Φ Χ Ψ Ω

Phi

Chi

Psi

Omega

Recruitment Schedule



Cookie Decorating and
Info Session - vegan and
gluten free options
September 15th, Wads G17,
6-7pm

PSR Kickoff
September 16th, DHH
Ballroom, 6-7PM

Open Houses
September 17th & 18th

Invitational Parties
September 19th, 20th, &
22nd

Preference Parties
September 23rd & 24th

Bid Day
September 25th, Forestry
Main Space, 5-6pm





Questions to Ask

Scholarship

- Is there a grade requirement I must meet?
- What kind of scholarships does your sorority offer
- What kind of support does the chapter provide academically?
- Are there members in the chapter with my major?

Social

- What are some of your social functions?
- Is it mandatory to attend all social functions?

Sisterhood

- What sisterhood activities does the chapter plan?
- What do the members do for fun outside of mandatory events?
- What makes your chapter's sisterhood strong?
- How well do you get to know everyone in the chapter?
- What are your chapter's values?

Costs and Time

- What is the time commitment as a member?
- What are the financial commitments as a member?
- Are there any costs on top of dues?
- Do you have payment plans if needed?

Member Education

- What does the new member process look like?
- How long is the new member process?
- What is the time commitment for new members?

Lifelong Benefits

- What alumnae connections are available?
- Is there a local alumnae organization?
- Are alumnae actively involved with your chapter?

Activities

- Are your members involved in other clubs and activities on campus?
- Do any of your members belong to athletic teams?
- Do you participate in activities with other chapters?
- What philanthropies do you support?

Leadership

- What leadership opportunities are there? Are there positions I can hold as a new member
- What kind of positions are there in your sorority?
- Do you feel being in a sorority has made you into a better leader?

Housing

- What duties are assigned for cleaning and other tasks?
- What areas are visitors allowed (or not allowed) in?
- Am I required to live in the sorority house? If so, for how long?
- How much does living in house cost, does it change my dues?
- How much space is available for each member's belongings?
- Do you live in house? Do you enjoy it?

Personal

- Why did you choose this sorority?
- How were you sure it was the right choice for you?
- How has being in this sorority benefited you?
- What has been your best experience within the greek community?

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Making Your Final Decision

ABOUT THE MRABA: At the completion of the primary recruitment period, all women are given the option to sign a membership recruitment acceptance binding agreement (MRABA). In order to receive a bid from a sorority, an MRABA must be signed. By signing this document, you as a potential new member agree that you are willing to accept a bid for membership from any sorority that you rank on the MRABA. If you receive a bid from a sorority that you ranked on your MRABA, you are bound to that group for one calendar year (September 2021 to September 2022). If you receive a bid and choose not to accept it you are NOT eligible to participate in continuous open bidding (COB) in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.

WHEN DO I SIGN THE MRABA? After your last event, you will meet with the Panhellenic Advisors (Jessie Stapleton and Rochelle Spencer) to go over and sign your MRABA. You can discuss your concerns with your Rho Gamma, but they cannot be present for the signing of your MRABA. Before signing, you are encouraged to consider the options detailed on the next page.

MRABA Options

1.

You may choose NOT to sign the MRABA, thus withdrawing from recruitment. If you choose this option, you are eligible to accept a bid from any sororities participating in COB.

2.

You may choose to list any sorority whose preference event you attended and from whom you are willing to accept a bid for membership. You should not rank a sorority on your MRABA that you are not willing to accept a bid from. If you match with a sorority listed on your MRABA you are bound to that bid for a year regardless if you accept it or not

3.

You may choose to limit your chances to just one sorority whose preference you attended and you are willing to accept a bid from. You must understand that if you chose to intentional single preference, you are not guaranteed a bid for membership. PNMs that maximize their options and list all chapters they attended preference at will receive a bid for membership during primary recruitment.



Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING IN A SORORITY?

Some of the benefits include: leadership experience, academic support, friendships, mentorships, community service, networking, lifelong memories, life skills development, and potential for scholarships!

AM I GUARANTEED A BID?

Recruitment is a mutual selection process, so while you are looking for an organization that is best for you, chapters are determining who they think will be best for the organization. So, unfortunately, bids are not guaranteed.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Time commitment to the sorority varies by chapter and is a good question to ask during your rounds! Structured recruitment schedules are available and PNMs should expect to dedicate 15 hours towards the recruitment process.

IF I PARTICIPATE IN RECRUITMENT, AM I OBLIGATED TO JOIN A SORORITY?

PNMs who participate in recruitment are not obligated to join a sorority. The recruitment process gives you the opportunity to explore greek life and see if it is the right fit for you!

DO I NEED TO GO TO ALL OF THE EVENTS LISTED ON MY RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE?

You should! These events ensure that you can learn as much as you can about the chapters on campus. Going to all of the events will help you make a decision regarding membership. If you must miss an event, be sure to communicate with the recruitment directors.



What to Wear

OPEN HOUSE AND INVITATIONALS: CUTE & CASUAL

You will be sitting in classrooms meeting with sorority women. Often PNMs wear a nice shirt with shorts, jeans, or a skirt. Sandals or sneakers recommended!

PREFERENCE: SEMI-FORMAL

Preference is typically a nicer dinner and house tour offered by the sororities. It is common for dress-code to be semi-formal. Feel free to wear a dress, jumpsuit, blouse and pants or skirt.

BID DAY: COMFORTABLE & FUN

Bid day is at the Forestry Building this year so don't worry about dressing to be outdoors. Wear something your comfortable in and get excited to meet your new sisters!

