Panhellenic Recommendation Letters

What is a Recommendation?
- A letter of recommendation (also referred to as LOR, REC, or RIF) is a letter or statement recommending a woman for membership.
- A LOR is written by an alumna member of a sorority. This serves as your introduction to the sorority, so their members can get to know you in advance of primary recruitment in the spring. It is sent to the specific Baylor chapter that the alumna is affiliated with.

Why are recommendations important?
- Recommendations serve as an introduction of the Potential New Member (PNM) to the sorority
- Baylor PHC does NOT require PNMs to have recommendation letters. We only recommend them.
- Each sorority's recommendation letter requirements are different. Please check with each chapter to understand their requirements.
  - Having more than one does not provide an advantage

Who writes the Recommendations?
- Women who are alumnae of the nine different sororities at Baylor can write recommendations
  - These women do not have to be Baylor alumnae, only alumnae of the sororities represented on campus: for example, if they attended the University of Texas and the sorority they were in is also at Baylor, then they can write a recommendation.
- Alumnae are only able to write recommendations for the sorority they are a member
  - They cannot write a recommendation for any other sorority – only their own
    - For example, an Alpha Chi Omega alumnae cannot write a recommendation for Delta Delta Delta
  - There are 8 NPC sororities on campus, so there will be 8 recommendations – one for each sorority
Who is responsible for obtaining the recommendation form?
- The person writing the recommendation is responsible for obtaining the proper recommendation form.
  - Only that person can get the form
  - The form is unique to their sorority
  - They can obtain it from their national website, alumnae organization, or national magazine
- The person writing the recommendation will complete the form and send it directly to the chapter at Baylor – it does not go to the Panhellenic or Greek Life office

What do I give the person writing the recommendation?
- A resume with 2-4 pictures (or how many they request), an envelope addressed to the sorority and a thank you note. Be sure to stamp the envelope

What if I don’t have one for each sorority/what if I don’t know someone from each sorority?
- It is OK if you do not have one for each sorority
- It is the ultimate responsibility of the sorority to obtain the recommendation
  - However, this cannot be guaranteed
  - Do whatever you can to obtain them on your own
- Networking with friends, relatives, parent’s friends and business associates, teachers, friends from Church, friends who are already members can help etc....
- Once you get to Baylor, you may have a roommate, friend, etc.... that has a mother, sister or friend that could write a recommendation on your behalf

When should the recommendations be turned in?
- The deadline is December 1st
- Most sororities will be reviewing these as soon as school starts in the fall
- Best to get this done as soon as possible so you don’t have to worry

What is a Hometown/Alumnae Panhellenic?
- An Alumnae Panhellenic is a group of Panhellenic women in a certain area/city
One of the primary purposes is to inform local women who are going to college about the benefits of Greek Life.

- If you register with a hometown Panhellenic, it informs the area sorority women of your interest in Greek Life.
- The information you submit will be given to the sororities that have chapters at Baylor. These sorority alumnae will then decide if recommendations will be sent in on your behalf.
- There is no guarantee recommendations will be sent.
- There is no guarantee you will be invited to any parties or receive a bid.
- It only serve to get your name out in front of the local alumnae.

**Does registering with a Hometown/Alumnae Panhellenic register me with Baylor Panhellenic?**

- **NO!**
- You must register online with Baylor Panhellenic in order to be able to go through Panhellenic recruitment.
- Registration will be open after the September Recruitment Orientation.

**Please be sure to check the Greek Life website, as well as the Panhellenic Instagram account frequently.**

**Sorority addresses for recommendation**

- Alpha Chi Omega – One Bear Place #85611
- Alpha Delta Pi – One Bear Place #85612
- Alpha Phi – One Bear Place #97425
- Chi Omega – One Bear Place #85613
- Delta Delta Delta – One Bear Place #85614
- Kappa Alpha Theta – One Bear Place #85615
- Kappa Kappa Gamma – One Bear Place #85617
- Pi Beta Phi – One Bear Place #85618
- Zeta Tau Alpha – One Bear Place #85621

All Zip Codes are Waco, TX 76798