

## "HOW TO JOIN"

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **Q: WHAT EXACTLY IS A FRATERNITY?**

**A:** A fraternity is a non-profit organization that fosters personal development through meaningful connections, education, and leadership development. Essentially, a fraternity is designed to help its members form friendships that start in college but last a lifetime. There is one difference between typical friend groups and a fraternity – a fraternity constantly encourages you to be the best version of yourself while also creating positive change in our society.

#### **Q: HOW DO I JOIN?**

**A:** Most undergraduate members join after getting to know initiated members on a specific campus. These relationships are formed through individual and small group conversations, meetings, social events, and campus activities that take place throughout the year. Many campuses also offer a “formal rush” period which is a concentrated time-period (typically one week) where all fraternities on a campus organize daily activities that encourage potential new members to meet the initiated members of different chapters. You can ask to join Delta Sigma Phi or an initiated member can invite you to join – we encourage open conversations so that everyone approaches this decision when they feel ready. A local chapter officer will be able to provide you with forms necessary to become a recognized member by Delta Sigma Phi and your campus.

#### **Q: HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

**A:** New members are asked to pay a \$99 joining fee to start their new member education program. After completing this program (4-6 weeks) you will be eligible to participate in our initiation ceremony to become eligible for full membership benefits. The initiation fee for Delta Sigma Phi is \$225 and is due at the time of your initiation ceremony. To continue your membership, you are asked to pay national membership dues as well as local chapter dues each academic term. National dues are, on average, \$250 per academic term. Local dues are determined by the membership of the chapter and should be discussed prior to joining so you fully understand the financial commitment associated with your membership experience.

#### **Q: CAN I LIVE IN A FRATERNITY HOUSE?**

**A:** While many chapters have a residential house, they vary in design. For example, some chapters own large on-campus facilities that accommodate 20+ members and offer full-service meal plans, while other chapters prefer to rent 4-5 bedroom residential homes. The experience and financial commitment of chapter housing is dependent on the chapter's decisions and we encourage you to discuss housing opportunities and requirements with your local chapter leadership.

## **Q: WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?**

**A:** On average, members dedicate 5-6 hours per week to Delta Sigma Phi, however, members in leadership roles will likely dedicate closer to 10 hours per week with the organization. A typical week may include the following time commitments: 1-hour chapter meeting, 2-hour service or social activity, 1-hour leadership training, 1-hour assisting brothers with fraternity-related operations. Additionally, many of our members attend unique campus events such as football games, homecoming activities, lectures, and philanthropic events which add optional time commitments.

## **Q: IS HAZING PART OF THE JOINING PROCESS?**

**A:** No. Delta Sigma Phi does not condone hazing in any form. We define hazing as, "any act or attempt to embarrass, humiliate, intimidate, ridicule, shame or endanger physically or mentally any person, or to compel physical activity or do physical or emotional harm to any person, or to require consumption or ingestion of liquids, food, or other materials." If any member suspects an act of hazing has, or will, take place, they should report a concern immediately to our office.

## **Q: HOW CAN PARENTS OF FAMILY LEARN MORE?**

**A:** Family members are encouraged to contact Delta Sigma Phi's national office at 317-634-1899 or email [info@deltasig.org](mailto:info@deltasig.org) with any questions. Someone from our team will be more than happy to discuss our organization with you or direct you to a local advisor or campus administrator should they be better equipped to meet your needs.

## **Q: WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD I BE ASKING?**

**A:** Sometimes we don't know what we don't know. Delta Sigma Phi partners with a fantastic consulting firm that provides simple resources for undergraduate leaders and potential new members. [Check out this guide](#) to learn more about the questions you should consider asking before joining Delta Sigma Phi.

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