

New Member Bill of Rights

The process of becoming an initiated member of my chapter shall help me become both a better individual and an integral part of my organization. I understand that I am entitled to certain rights while at the same time taking on certain responsibilities that are essential to my role as a new member of the Greek community.

I have the right to retain my individuality while becoming a member of my organization. My talents, needs, goals, and skills are unique, and when developed and used appropriately can help strengthen my chapter and the Greek community.

I have the right to be treated fairly, to be respected, and to not be intentionally humiliated by any active members or alumni of the chapter. I am responsible for approaching the leaders or advisors of my chapter if I feel that I have been treated without the respect or dignity upon which fraternity/sorority membership is based. I shall have the opportunity to approach my big brother/big sister, new member educator, chapter president, or chapter advisor without ridicule or repercussion if I do not support or understand the reason for an activity.

I have the right to be initiated within eight weeks after Formal Recruitment at Saint Leo University, as per Interfraternity Council, and Panhellenic Council policies and to be told of the initiation date early enough so as not to significantly impact my scholastic expectations or scheduled obligations. I have the right to be a student first and foremost and will be encouraged to fulfill my academic potential while being a member of my chapter.

I am responsible for learning about my organization to better understand the history, traditions, principles, and values of my chapter. I have been selected to carry on a legacy left by those before me, and I will strive to support the positive goals and direction of my organization.

I am responsible for serving as an ambassador to the campus and greater community on behalf of my chapter and the Greek community. I understand that my actions will reflect on both my organization and others as well as influence the perceptions associated with the Greek system.

I am responsible for respecting the rights, convictions, and privacy of others, and will work to improve Greek relations with the other chapters and the surrounding community.

I am responsible for being a fully involved member after initiation, to maintain my financial obligations to the chapter, to seek out leadership positions in my organization and others on campus, to recruit new members to enhance the growth and success of my chapter and Greek community, and to fully support all social, philanthropic, and service activities of my chapter and others during my time as a member.

Signed _____
(New Member)

Date _____

Signed _____
(New Member Educator)

Date _____