

T.O.R.C.H.

(Teaching, Obligations, Rights, Characteristics, History)

Process Synopsis

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically and economically.



POLICY ON HAZING:

“HAZING IS WRONG, PROHIBITED AND UNAUTHORIZED”

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HAZING DEFINED:

Hazing is any activity which causes or threatens to cause emotional or physical injury, or which causes emotional or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

By way of example, such prohibited activities and situations include, but are not limited to, blindfolding; hollering at or berating people; personal servitude; running errands or performing maid services; activities likely to cause fatigue; physical and psychological challenges; treasure or scavenger hunts; wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in stunts, pranks, degrading or humiliating games and activities; late work sessions; physical or emotional assaults; drinking games; or the encouraged, suggested or forced consumption of alcohol or other disorienting substances.

Any such activity is wrongful and in violation of the Sorority’s policy regardless of whether any person or persons involved in the conduct believe that the participants in the activities are doing so by consent.

The Sorority also adopts and incorporates herein the hazing policies established by the National Pan-Hellenic Council.



T.O.R.C.H. Program Timeline

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Chapter Submission of TORCH Calendar for Approval by Regional Syntaktes
2. Formal Rush
3. Interview
4. Chapter Selection of Candidates
5. Application Packet Completed by Each Applicant and Submitted to the Chapter
6. Educational Workshops (3)
7. Headquarters Receives Application Package for Processing

The entire application process must be completed within 21 days or less. Included in the application packet is Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated's Policy Against Hazing (outlined on page 2) and a legal Terms and Conditions document to be signed by both the applicant and the chapter's representative, stating their collective agreement to abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated, as well as their understanding of the punitive actions that result from doing otherwise.

APPLICANT APPROVALS

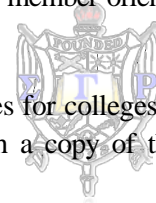
Only applicants for whom the chapter has received written approval from the Sorority's International Headquarters to proceed in the process – indication that they've met all basic requirements for membership— will be allowed to begin the Education and Training Components.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING MODULES

MODULE I	MODULE II	MODULE III	MODULE IV
The prospective members will become familiar with national and chapter history, the Founders and the regional officers.	Prospective members learn conduct expectations of members as representatives of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority during this module. They also prepare for sorority membership status during this period.	This module teaches prospective members how to effectively plan and execute projects.	The goal of this module is a completed community service project with letters of verification from the organization assisted.

The entire TORCH process must be completed in no more than 42 days. For undergraduate chapters, the TORCH process cannot be conducted during periods of normally scheduled school recess for two days or more (i.e., winter/spring breaks, year-end holidays). Abbreviated TORCH processes (processes that are less than 42 days) are only approved if required by school regulations and/or academic calendars. New member orientation, neophyte presentations and mentoring are scheduled following the induction.

Copies of the TORCH Process are made available to campus Greek Affairs offices for colleges and universities where Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority has or seeks to charter chapters, along with a copy of the organization's Constitution.



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