

Be You, Be Greek at K-State!

K-State offers a wide variety of ways for students to get involved. One of the best ways for your student to optimize their experience at K-State is by joining the award-winning Greek community.

What is Greek Life at K-State?

Greek life at K-State is truly an incredible experience. The community consists of 11 sorority chapters that are a part of the Panhellenic Council, 24 fraternities that make up the Interfraternity Council and 10 multicultural fraternities and sororities.

The Greek community offers several different avenues of involvement on campus. The community is characterized by philanthropy and community service that benefits both the Manhattan community and numerous national causes.

Scholarship is extremely important to the Greek community. The Greek community has had a higher GPA than the university non-greek GPA for over 27 straight years. Sorority recruitment has a recommended 2.90 GPA for incoming freshman to participate in formal recruitment. Fraternities recommend a 2.5 GPA for incoming freshman going through recruitment.

How does my student join the Greek community?

There are two ways to go through recruitment. The largest recruitment event is formal recruitment week for sororities traditionally the week before fall classes begin. The 11 Panhellenic sororities participate in the weeklong event. Interested students can register for formal recruitment online at K-State's Greek Web site for a small fee of \$65. The week consists of women visiting every chapter to meet current members of the chapter while learning more about each organization.

Mutual selection allows women to choose the chapters they are interested in while

chapters in turn choose the women they are interested in. At the end of formal recruitment week, women will attend a Bid Day celebration upon receiving their official invitation to join one of the 11 sororities. For more details on the process of formal recruitment week go to: www.kstate.edu/greek/recruitment/allthedetails.html.

Fraternity recruitment relies on both the chapter houses as well as the individual interested in joining a fraternity. Interested students simply need to register online with K-State Greek Affairs. The student should research K-State fraternities to find potential fits for their interests and after researching, should initiate contact with the chapter house and attend ongoing recruitment events. Fraternities can sign members as early as April and continue signing throughout the summer.

Where will my student live?

For sororities, the largest recruitment event is formal recruitment week, traditionally held the week before classes begin. Sororities generally require members to live-in for at least one year, but considering the large size of sororities, most of the live-in members are sophomores and juniors.

Fraternity men typically move into the fraternity house their first semester at K-State.

What kind of cost accompany Greek Life?

The cost of joining a fraternity or sorority is comparable to off-campus and on-campus housing. Live-in members pay monthly house bills. The house bills cover room and board, meals and funds for social activities. All members pay chapter and international dues to help cover the operation costs of the chapter.

For more detailed information, visit the Greek Affairs Web site at www.k-state.edu/greek or call their office at (785) 532-5546. — Kelsey Shaw ■

Frequently Asked Financial Assistance Questions

What about the K-State Scholarship Application?

The application is due Nov. 1st for high school seniors and Feb. 1st for all previously-enrolled college students. Be thorough on the application. Before filling it out, sit down with your student to discuss accomplishments and in preparation for completing the form, take notes! Put down more information than you think you need; it may be helpful at a later time or on another application. Keep in mind: leadership positions and community service activities are heavily emphasized on the application.

Who should fill out general scholarship applications?

Students. Encourage your student to take charge of their scholarship applications. Scholarship Nominating Committees can tell if a parent filled out an application and this can negatively affect the student's chances of obtaining scholarships.

How thorough?

Scholarship applications should be grammatically correct and void of spelling errors. On applications involving essays, revise for clarity of thought and innovation of ideas. It is always helpful to have two or three people review your student's application(s) and offer suggestions and corrections.

Does your student have some extra time on his or her hands?

As high school seniors, students should consider the scholarship search process to be their part-time job.

Does your student know his or her major already?

If your student has chosen a major, have your student search for scholarships related to his/her intended major.

How often should my student apply for scholarships?

Your student should actively pursue scholarships before and throughout the college experience; many scholarships are renewable or offer re-application opportunities every year.

Why are we doing this?

The scholarship search and application process is necessary and beneficial. Even if students are not awarded a scholarship for every application filled out, they will gain valuable learning experience from their efforts.

Parents and students can visit with an advisor in the Office of Student Financial Assistance to learn more about receiving student financial assistance. Their office is located in 104 Fairchild Hall or you may e-mail finaid@k-state.edu or call (785) 532-6420 or (877) 817-2287 (toll free).

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