

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Important Information and Requirements for Colonies to become Chapters

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity continues to adhere to the high standards that have prevailed ever since the founding of the Fraternity. Therefore, the following information is presented to make certain that Colonies are fully acquainted with the minimum standards and requirements which must be met before the National Board of Directors will consider the petition of a colony for chapter status.

1. A Colony must have an Adviser who has been officially appointed by the National Board of Directors.
2. A Colony must have a Constitution and set of Rules of Conduct and means to discipline its membership. Further, a Colony must be fully acquainted with the National constitution of Alpha Gamma Rho.
3. The Colony must maintain a GPA above the all-men's average for the campus.
4. The Colony must submit accurate monthly financial reports, which are due at the National Headquarters not later than the 20th of the following month.
5. The Colony must demonstrate that it can maintain itself, both in regards to membership and finances. A membership of less than 20 is not considered adequate to properly maintain operations. Current semi-annual national dues are \$65 per man and the current liability insurance premium is \$165 per man per year.
6. The Colony must have submitted approved initiation forms and fees for all of its members. Current one time initiation fee is \$225 per member.
7. During the year, the Colony should issue at least two Crescents and one Newsletter. They will serve both as historical value in future years, as well as keeping others abreast of the activities of the Colony.
8. All Colonies must have an undergraduate representative present at National Conventions. The representative will be required to give a report on conditions of the Colony to the National Board of Directors.
9. All Colonies have four years in which to be installed as a Chapter. On the anniversary of the fourth year of a colony's existence, the Colony will be required to submit to the National Board of Directors a written request for an extension of Colony status to include an explanation as to why the extension is warranted. This extension may not exceed one year. Annual requests will be required until Colony is installed as a Chapter or Colony status is revoked

10. Approval of a petition does not automatically insure installation of a chapter at any certain time. A petition presented after the above standards have been met is always more impressive than one submitted earlier.

Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution and Statutes of Alpha Gamma Rho applies to the installation of colonies. The text of Article XII, Section 1 states:

- a) The National Board of Directors shall investigate on a continuing basis the desirability of establishing Undergraduate Chapters at new locations having adequate college agricultural enrollment and courses of study, and the National Board of Directors shall initiate each Colony and direct, and assist in action leading to, the establishment of a Colony when the circumstances so warrant;
- b) The formal chartering procedure for any Colony shall begin when such group seeking a charter submits to the National Board of Directors, at its express written invitation, a petition signed by not less than twenty (20) undergraduate students of the institution and members of the Colony at which the Undergraduate Chapter, if chartered, will be located, all of whom must reside together in a house rented or owned by an Alumni Corporation as provided in Section 3 of this Article XII;
- c) The National Board of Directors shall thereupon appoint an official investigating officer who shall visit the Colony and its college institution at which it is located to confirm all pertinent qualifications for a chapter and who shall submit to the National Board of Directors a full report of his finds;
- d) If the National Board of Directors is satisfied with the report of its investigating officer, it shall cause such report together with such other supporting material as may be appropriate to be distributed to all Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters for their consideration; provided, however, no report shall be made on any Colony which has not for the full twelve-month period preceding the date thereof, served meals, maintained near-capacity occupancy of its house, and avoided an operating loss;
- e) The chartering of a new Undergraduate Chapter shall require approval of not less than 75% of the votes cast in either a mail vote in which each Undergraduate and Alumni Chapter shall be entitled to one vote, or a two-thirds vote of the National Convention;
- f) The cost of publication and distribution of a petition by any Colony seeking a charter shall be borne by the petitioners;
- g) A newly chartered Undergraduate Chapter shall be installed under the direction of the National Board of Directors.