



DECLARATION OF NEW MEMBER/PLEDGE/ASSOCIATE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PLEASE READ:

New Member/ Pledges /associates in the Rutgers-Camden Fraternity/Sorority System have the following rights and responsibilities. This statement is to be read, understood, and practiced during the pledging/new member education process of fraternity/sorority:

A New Member has the right:

- To disregard traditional rituals and / or acts if the New Member/Pledge/Associate finds them demeaning or dangerous in any way
- To remain an individual despite pressures to conform to group standards of one's fraternity/sorority
- To voice complaints of the New Member/Pledge/Associate program to one's brotherhood, sisterhood, the fraternity or sorority council, the Office of Campus Involvement, or the Associate Provost of Student Affairs
- NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO ANY HAZING PRACTICES
 - **The University defines hazing as any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity/sorority premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations include paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside the confines of the house; publicly wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.**

A New Member/Pledge/Associate has the responsibility:

- To maintain his/her satisfactory academic standing with the University while pledging / associating
- To refrain from questionable activities that may jeopardize or demean the image of fraternities/sororities in the Rutgers community
- To make a constructive contribution to his/her pledge / associate program while pledging.

It is the responsibility of the chapter officers to understand and abide by the NJ criminal codes (N.J.S.2C:10-3 et seq.).

- "Hazing" - a person is guilty of hazing, a disorderly person offense if, in connection with initiation of applicants to or members of an organization, he / she knowingly or recklessly organizes, promotes, facilitates or engages in any conduct other than competitive athletic events, which places or may place another person in danger of bodily injury.
- A person is guilty of aggravated hazing, a crime of the fourth degree, if he / she commits an act prohibited in subsection "a" which results in serious bodily injury to another person.
- The act further provides that consent of anyone placed in jeopardy or injured shall not be available as a defense against prosecution under this act.

When an action is taken or a situation created that appears to be contrary to the expectations of the University, the Office of Campus Involvement and the State of New Jersey, a charge will be filed alleging a hazing incident. All charges of hazing must be submitted in writing to the Office of Campus Involvement. Also, hazing is a criminal offense; therefore charges will be reported to the Rutgers University Police Department. Hazing charges will be investigated and adjudicated with the respective disciplinary procedures for individual and group violations.



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New Candidate Registration Form

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Fraternity/Sorority that you are pledging: _____

Class year: ____ Major: ____ Current GPA: ____

Number of credits currently completed towards your degree: ____

Number of credits that you are carrying this semester: ____

Home address: _____
City State Zip

Home telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone # (include cell or pager also): _____

High School: _____ public ____ private ____

Do you plan to live in the house (if applicable)? YES ____ NO ____

In order to pledge -- you must have a minimum of 12 credit hours and a 2.0 cumulative GPA. If you are in violation of these criteria, upon investigation, you will be dropped from the pledge program. Greek organizations cannot induct candidate(s) until the University certifies that the candidate(s) meets the induction criteria. An organization's failure to comply will result in the loss of pledging privileges.

I hereby authorize the Camden Campus Center & Student Activities to verify the information contained on this form to certify that I am a student in good standing and that I meet the criteria for participation in a fraternity/sorority at Rutgers University - Camden.

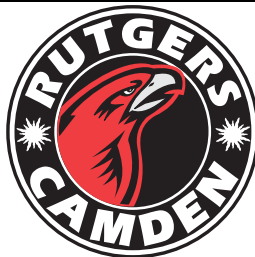
Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Fall ____ Spring ____ 20 ____

CCC & Student Activities Use ONLY

Name	Credits	Term GPA	Cum GPA	Date Approved



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**PERMISSION TO RELEASE STUDENT RECORD INFORMATION
Grade Point Average Verification Form**

I hereby release my grades to:

___ National Fraternity/Sorority Office for _____
(i.e. Sigma Delta Tau)

___ Alumni Board c/o _____

___ Other (please specify) _____

Print Your Name

Signature/Date

**THIS RELEASE SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT DURING MY TENURE AS A RUTGERS' STUDENT UNLESS I NOTIFY
OFFICE OF CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT *IN WRITING* OF MY INTENT TO REVOKE.**

**This form must be returned by the Pledge/Perspective/ Associate Educator *BEFORE ANY* Pledge /
Associate activities can begin!**