



**DECLARATION OF NEW MEMBER/PLEDGE/ASSOCIATE
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

PLEASE READ:

New Member/ Pledges /associates in the Rutgers-Camden Fraternity and 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 Dean of Students
- 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

Please print clearly.

Name: Last First Initial RU ID

Graduation Year: College Affiliation: Major:

Home address:

Cell phone: E-Mail:

Please initial in each box:

- I have received the New Member Rights and Responsibilities Statement.
I have received a copy and aware of Rutgers-Camden Hazing Policy and understand where I can bring forth issues of concern.
I hereby authorize the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to release my cumulative and previous semester grade point average (GPA) to each fraternity/sorority President and Intake/Recruitment chair.
I hereby authorize the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to release my cumulative and previous semester grade point average (GPA) to National Headquarters and/or alumni board.
I further understand that I must be academically eligible to participate in Intake/Recruitment. Academic eligibility for continuing Rutgers University students is based on the completion of 12 college/university credits (AP credits are not acceptable), a minimum 2.25 cumulative GPA, a minimum 2.00 GPA from the previous semester, and full-time Rutgers-Camden status. Please Note: These are minimum requirements; most chapters have a higher GPA requirement.

By signing this form, I confirm authorization for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to release my GPA to the Presidents, Recruitment/Intake chairs, National Headquarters, and alumni boards and this release shall remain in effect during my tenure as a Rutgers student unless I notify the Office of Campus Involvement in writing of my intent to revoke this agreement.

Date:

Print Name:

Signature:

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Table with 6 columns: Approver's Name, Credits, Term GPA, Cum GPA, Organization, Date Approved