



## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE COLLEGIAN

This document is intended to provide an introduction to Alpha Kappa Alpha's Undergraduate Membership Intake Process and Anti-Hazing Policy. This document does not supersede or replace rules and regulations outlined in other official sorority documents.

### INTRODUCTION

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® congratulates you on your choice to pursue higher education and extends best wishes for a most successful college experience.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is an international organization of college and graduate women whose purpose is to encourage scholarship, friendship and service. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated does not discriminate based upon race, religion or national origin. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors, which includes ten Regional Directors who supervise membership within an identified geographical area, including colleges and universities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded in 1908 at Howard University, Washington, D.C., and is the oldest sorority, founded by women of African descent. We believe that all people should be treated with dignity, respect and kindness. Therefore, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has a zero tolerance policy regarding hazing.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® takes this opportunity to share important information about its membership process.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Alpha Kappa Alpha's official undergraduate Membership Intake Process (MIP) begins with a Rush. This activity will be publicized for a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the event. There is no "pledging." MIP activities in the name of the sorority prior to Rush are prohibited. Your university may have additional requirements, which will impact this process.

#### General Requirements for Membership Include:

- High ethical and moral standards;
- Matriculating as a full-time undergraduate student;
- Creditably completing the semester immediately preceding Rush as a full-time student at the institution where application is made (or as defined by the university)
- Have attained the cumulative average of C+ and the semester average of C+ immediately prior to submitting an application;
- Attendance at the official Rush which will be announced at least two (2) weeks in advance;
- Good standing with the university.

College women interested or seeking membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® should not participate in demeaning, degrading or unkind acts. Should members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® ask you to perform tasks or participate in activities other than those outlined in our MIP, they do not represent the values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

Further such activities/tasks are in violation of the policies and practices of the sorority and will not be tolerated. Completion of any of the following activities/tasks for favorable consideration of membership is prohibited, per Alpha Kappa Alpha's Anti-Hazing Policy. Additional information is available at: [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com)

- Attending unauthorized meetings or activities (The official Rush is the initial required meeting and two weeks is the required Membership Intake activities);
- Participation in specified activities, organizations, etc.
- Participation in individual or group physical activities;
- Purchasing of any item (gifts, gasoline, tickets, food, drink, clothes, etc.) for or from any member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated® or her designee;
- Dressing in a particular color or in any similar manner;
- Performing tasks/chores for any member of Alpha Kappa Alpha or her designee;
- Giving money to individual members of Alpha Kappa Alpha;
- Attending any study/history sessions.

**There will be no Membership Activities between Rush and receipt of an OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE LETTER.**

The Graduate Advisor will advise when the Membership Intake Process begins after an Official Acceptance Letter inviting one to membership is received.

### MEMBERSHIP IN ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, WILL NOT BE EXTENDED TO:

- An individual who knowingly participates in activities outside of the official Membership Intake Process;
- An individual who knowingly participates in activities that are demeaning, degrading, or demoralizing;
- An individual who knowingly submits falsified documents or credentials.

### TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS PLEASE VISIT [WWW.AKA1908.COM](http://WWW.AKA1908.COM) OR CONTACT:

Graduate Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Director Carrie J. Clark \_\_\_\_\_

### ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® ANTI-HAZING POLICY

Reference: Anti-Hazing Handbook, Say "No" To Hazing!

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, and to be of service to all mankind. Hazing does not represent the values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® and will not be tolerated. Hazing may include, but is not limited to:

- Attending unauthorized meetings, sessions or activities;
- Removing garments;
- Eating or drinking anything as a requirement for membership;
- Being subjected to any form of verbal, physical or mental harassment or intimidation.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® requires that those interested in membership will support our policy against hazing, harassment and/or humiliation of any kind. Colleges and universities also have rules that prevent hazing and penalties for such acts. Hazing is against the law in MOST states in the United States.