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“Sorority membership opens the doors of opportunity for kindling contacts and enriching fellowships.”

Sarah Ida Shaw Martin, Founder

Providing References for Potential New Members

A reference is simply a letter of introduction provided to the collegiate chapter by a Tri Delta member. Writing a reference is a great way to show your support for Tri Delta and the fraternity and sorority movement.



THREE SIMPLE STEPS

DISCUSS SORORITY MEMBERSHIP WITH POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS YOU KNOW.

Ask about her accomplishments and goals. You may ask her for a resume. Ask her what she hopes to gain from sorority membership. Talk to her about how sorority membership can help her achieve her goals.

COMPLETE A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER REFERENCE FORM.

The potential new member reference form included in this issue of the magazine is designed to help you include all of the information the chapter needs about a potential new member.

SEND THE REFERENCE.

If you know there is an alumnae chapter in or near the potential new member's hometown, send the reference to the area's alumnae chapter reference chairman.* The alumnae chapter will assist you in getting your reference to the chapter. If there is no alumnae chapter near the potential new member's hometown, or if you prefer, you may send the reference directly to the collegiate chapter reference chairman.*

** Current directories are available on www.tridelta.org in the Deltas Only section.*

IMPORTANT NOTE

Membership selection is the privilege and the responsibility of the collegiate chapter. A reference or letter of introduction does not guarantee an invitation to membership.

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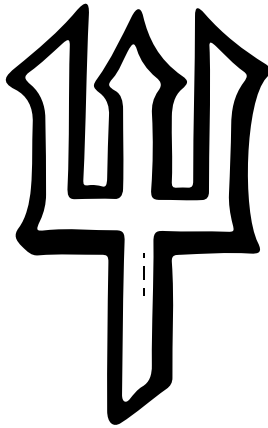
WHAT TO EXPECT

AFTER YOU WRITE A REFERENCE

Once you write a reference, your work is complete. Please do not call the chapter during recruitment. If the chapter needs more information, the reference chairman will contact you.

AFTER RECRUITMENT

Most chapters post a list of new members on their Web site after recruitment. Within two to four weeks after recruitment, if the chapter extended a bid to the woman you sponsored, you should receive a postcard informing you of her membership in Tri Delta and thanking you for providing a reference.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Log on to the private side of Tri Delta's Web site (Deltas Only) for more reference resources:

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER REFERENCE FORM

Please fill out the following form. You cannot save data typed into this form. Please print and sign your completed form before sending it off. You may also want to print an extra copy for your records.

ALUMNAE CHAPTER REFERENCE CHAIRMEN

Download the most current directory.

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER REFERENCE CHAIRMEN

Download the most current directory.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Review a few simple talking points on the benefits of sorority membership.

FIVE POINTS OF MEMBERSHIP

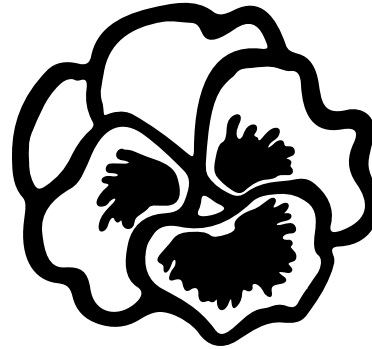
Check out this summary of the qualities that chapters look for in a new member.

BYLAWS OF DELTA DELTA DELTA

On the private side, click on Fraternity Bylaws (under Resources). Article XVII contains information about references.

LEGACY POLICY

Tri Delta's legacy policy can be found in the Fraternity's Policies, Procedures and Forms in the Membership Selection section.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does Tri Delta require references?

Yes. Each new member must have a valid written reference or letter of recommendation before she can be pledged.

Who can provide references?

References may be provided by alumna members, collegiate members or the collegiate chapter reference committee.

How many references/letters does a potential new member need?

One complete, well-written reference form or letter is sufficient. Additional letters from special Tri Delta friends and family members should be short and written with a purpose. The writer should explain her relationship to the potential new member and include one or two important point(s) about why the chapter should consider her for membership.

What is the deadline for sending a reference?

It is best to send the reference as soon as you know a potential new member has made her college choice. The reference should arrive at the collegiate chapter before recruitment begins.

More Questions?

Call Executive Office at (817) 633-8001.

E-mail Executive Office at reference@trideltao.org.

Visit us on the Web at www.tridelta.org.

Look to the Winter 2008 *The Trident* article, "Recruitment Demystified," which is posted on the Tri Delta Web site under Recruitment.

Name of Potential New Member _____
(last) (first) (nickname)
College/University Attending _____

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Potential New Member Introduction

★ GEOGRAPHICAL/CLASS BALANCE

Home Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
Age _____ College Class Fresh. Soph. Jr. Sr. Major _____
High School _____ City, State _____

★ SCHOLARSHIP

High School GPA _____ GPA Grade Scale _____
Honors (high school or college) _____
College previously attended _____ City, State _____
Terms/hours completed _____ College GPA _____

★ CHARACTER/PERSONALITY TRAITS

★ LEADERSHIP/ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

★ WORK/VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

★ FAMILY INFORMATION

Names of parents/guardians _____
Delta Delta Delta relatives (name and relationship) _____
Relatives in other Fraternal groups (sororities/fraternities) _____
Additional Information (if applicable) _____

MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Know potential new member personally Know her family Unknown, but referred by a reliable source

Additional comments:

PLEASE CHECK ONE, AND SIGN THE REFERENCE.

Sponsor – indicating a recommendation for membership

Information only or no information

By signing this document, I attest that I am a Tri Delta alumna and the information provided to be true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip)

Phone _____ (optional) E-mail _____ (optional)

Chapter _____ School _____ Year initiated _____

INSTRUCTIONS: You may send the completed reference to the alumnae chapter reference chairman in the potential new member's hometown. If there is no alumnae chapter near the potential new member's hometown, or if you prefer, you may send the reference directly to the collegiate chapter. For addresses, visit Tri Delta's Web site at www.tridelta.org or contact Executive Office by phone at (817) 633-8001 or by e-mail at reference@trideltaeo.org.

FOR ALUMNAE CHAPTER REFERENCE COMMITTEE USE ONLY

This reference has been processed by the alumnae chapter reference committee.

Name of alumnae chapter _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Alumnae Chapter Reference Chairman

FOR COLLEGIATE CHAPTER REFERENCE COMMITTEE USE ONLY

The chapter reference committee has secured complete, accurate information about this potential new member and has completed this form. After full consideration and vote of approval, this candidate is sponsored for lifetime membership in Delta Delta Delta.

Signed _____ Witnessed _____

Collegiate Chapter Reference Chairman

Lifetime Membership/Reference Advisor