



# POSITION STATEMENT

## Benefits of Fraternity Membership

*[The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), through its President & CEO, takes a position on each of the critical issues within the fraternity industry.]*

### College!

The opportunities that are in front of you are endless. The friends, the networking, the experiences, and the challenges make the college experience unlike any other in your life. You have some unanswered questions going through your mind whether you're a first year student, a continuing student, or a transfer student:

- Will I fit in and make friends?
- How can I succeed academically?
- Will I get lost in the crowd and become just another number?
- Will I be able to get involved on campus and better my leadership skills?
- How can I get a good job when I graduate?
- Where can I find other people who like to do the same things that I do?

These concerns are very common. Everyone likes to **belong**...to feel a part of something. Fraternity offer the chance to meet others who share your interest and values...natural friends.

Fraternities can help you find your niche on campus...be your home away from home...offer resources to help you achieve your academic goals...encourage you to get involved in campus organizations...let you play on that winning intramural team...and give you a group of friends that will cheer you on when you're successful and will support you when the going gets tough.

Fraternity membership asks you to **EXPECT MORE FROM YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE**

Not sure if Fraternity membership is right for you?

### Benefits of Fraternity Membership include

- The joiner will have a supportive group of friends during college...and beyond
- Scholastic resources available to help the joiner achieve academic goals
- Leadership skills development and a chance to practice as a chapter officer or committee member
- Regional and International conferences that will introduce brothers from across the US and Canada
- Encouragement to get involved in other clubs and campus organizations
- Participation in intramural athletic events, Greek week, and Homecoming
- Community service projects that will allow for personal development and a great chance to give back to the campus, civic group, or national philanthropy
- Exposure to career opportunities through interaction with over 5 million fraternity alumni across the globe



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### **Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:**

#### **I want to succeed academically. Will fraternity membership help or hinder my efforts?**

Getting good grades in college can be tough. It takes hard work, commitment, and knowing the right resources. In the fraternity, you can use the network of members who already take advantage of campus resources such as the library, computer and math labs, and job placement centers. Most fraternities offer educational workshops on study skills, time management, stress management, study hall/hours, in-house tutors, and award and incentive programs to help you achieve academic success. You are responsible for your own success but fraternity membership can help you reach your academic goals.

#### **I heard fraternities emphasize leadership. What opportunities will I have?**

In fraternities, you're in charge. Everyone is a leader, whether you're an officer or committee member, you'll find everyone working together for common goals. You'll learn how to manage a budget, run a meeting, speak in public, and motivate others...skills that will help you throughout your life. It takes more than just a degree to get that great job!

#### **What about Hazing?**

Hazing is absolutely forbidden. You do NOT have to prove yourself. Each fraternity does have expectations of their members and those should be explained to you during recruitment. If they are not, ASK what will be expected of you as a new member.

#### **Does it cost a lot to be a member?**

Fraternities are not expensive. Each fraternity is self supported from dues paid by members. If housing is offered, lodging and meals are very competitive with other housing options.

#### **What about community service?**

Whether raising funds for a charity or volunteering your time to help others, you'll see that fraternities are committed so serving others. From volunteering at a local elementary school to blood drives, service is a fun and important part of the fraternity experience.

#### **What type of guy joins a fraternity?**

ALL TYPES. While many men join as freshmen, many sophomores, juniors, and transfer students also join. Having members with different backgrounds and experiences is what makes the fraternity a great organization. Each individual gets to share his talents!

#### **How do I join?**

Fraternities are always seeing new members. Just like researching, visiting, and choosing a college the same practice will aid you in choosing a fraternity. Each is unique, yet each will be primarily concerned with friendships, scholarship, leadership, and service. Seek out a member of the Greek community on your campus or the student involvement center for more information. Or, contact the NIC at 317-872-1112