

**New Member Registration Form
Rowan University Greek Life
Fall 2009**

Section 1 - Basic Information

Name _____ Banner # _____

Fraternity/Sorority Name _____

Graduation Year _____ Major or Intended Major _____

Current Address (On/Off Campus)

Current Telephone _____

Section 2 - Academic Requirements

Cumulative Grade Point Average - End of Summer 2009 _____

Total Number of Credits Earned - End of Summer 2009 _____

Section 2- Grade Release Statement

I hereby authorize the Rowan University Registrar to release my grades to the Office of Greek Life, my national organization, and my fraternal scholarship representative for statistical purposes and for the duration of my affiliation with the above Greek organization.

Section 3- Eligibility Requirements

I understand that if I haven't earned 12 credits and/or have below a 2.5 GPA, I will be ineligible for membership in a Greek organization. First semester transfer students will be required to submit an official transcript from their previous institution to verify cumulative G.P.A. eligibility.

Signature

Date

Information on Indemnification Clause and Hazing for all New Greek Members

INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE:

The Social Greek Letter organization will defend, indemnify and hold the University, its officers, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense, including reasonable attorney fees, or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of any obligation or responsibility referenced in the Statement of Relationship as published in the Greek Handbook, but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss, expense, attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or as a result of the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the organization, its officers, agents employees or members.

ROWAN UNIVERSITY HAZING POLICY:

Rowan University strictly prohibits hazing of any kind in any student organization or team. Students are held accountable for both violations of state law and university policy as it is related to hazing. New Jersey Statutes: 2C:40-3 A. A person is guilty of hazing, a disorderly person offense, if, in connection with initiation of applicants to or members of a student or fraternal organization, he 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. B. A person is guilty of aggravated hazing; a crime of the fourth degree, if he commits an act prohibited in subsection A. which results in serious bodily injury to another person.

2C: 40-4 Notwithstanding any other provision of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to a prosecution under this act.

2C: 40-5 Conduct constituting an offense under this act may, at the discretion of the prosecuting attorney, be prosecuted under any other applicable provision of Title 2C of the New Jersey State Statutes; and other behaviors or activities in addition to those prohibited under N.J.S.A. 2C:40 et seq. defined as hazing by a college or university with respect to its students.

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS: Rowan University defines hazing as "any action taken, created, or situated which intentionally or recklessly subjects any person to the risk of bodily harm, mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule; or causing or encouraging any person to commit an act that would be a violation of law or university regulations; for the purpose of initiating, promoting, fostering, or confirming any form of affiliation with a student group or organization." Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to:

- forced consumption of alcohol or other drugs;
- required ingestion of any substance;
- creation of excessive fatigue;
- paddling, whipping, beating, or physical abuse of any kind;
- compulsory servitude;
- work projects without the participation of the full membership;
- scavenger hunts, treasure hunts, road trips, kidnapping, drop-offs, or any other such activities;
- assigned or endorsed pranks such as borrowing or stealing items;
- morally degrading or humiliating games or activities;
- verbal harassment including yelling and screaming;
- any activity which interferes with one's ability to study or complete one's course of study;
- the wearing of apparel in public which is conspicuous or not normally in good taste;
- mentally abusive or demeaning behavior;
- activities that promote or encourage the violation of state law or university policy;

The organization or any individual involved in hazing commits a violation of university policy by: (1) engaging in hazing, (2) soliciting, encouraging, aiding, or directing another engaged in hazing, (3) intentionally or knowingly permitting hazing to occur, and/or (4) having first-hand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred and failing to report said knowledge in writing to University officials.

Prohibition of Hazing

1. A new member shall have the right to be free of all activities which may constitute hazing while

attempting to become a member of a fraternity or sorority, or other campus organization. Campus organizations and their members are prohibited from engaging in or encouraging others to engage in activities that are defined as hazing.

2. A broad range of behaviors that may place another person in danger of bodily injury or behavior that demonstrates indifference or disregard for another person's dignity or well-being may be classified as having under the above definition. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Forced ingestion of alcohol, drugs, food or any undesirable substances
 - b. Participation in sexual rituals or assaults
 - c. Mentally abusive or demeaning behavior
 - d. Acts that could result in physical, mental, or emotional deprivation or harm.
 - e. Physical abuse, e.g., whipping, paddling, beating, tattooing, branding, and exposure to the elements.

The undersigned new member understands he/she has had written notification of the Bill of Rights. He/she has read and understands the Indemnification Clause and the Rowan University Policy on Hazing. He/she further understands that hazing is a violation of NJ state law. If he/she violates the hazing policy he/she and his/her organization will face disciplinary action from Rowan University in addition to any possible actions taken by local, state or federal law enforcement agencies. The new member will participate in a program that is a positive, educationally sound, and a developmental growth experience that is adapted to the needs of each individual member.

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Name of New Member (PRINT)	Signature of New Member	Date

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Name of Educator (PRINT)	Signature of Educator	Date

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Name of President (PRINT)	Signature of President	Date

Greek Organization

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