



Frequently Asked Questions

Does it matter if I do an electronic Reference or a hardcopy Reference?

It is preferred that you submit a Reference electronically and if you are unable to do so, contact a Reference Committee member for assistance. The most important part of the process is that the Reference team receives a copy of the reference that you submitted. This is our only way to ensure that we properly present and represent our Houston girls to the collegiate chapters. Follow the instructions noted on the **Reference Packet Instructions** to ensure that the Reference team has your PNMs completed reference. Please email the completed online submission confirmation that you receive after the reference is submitted, along with the items provided by the PNM: resume, 2 photos, transcript, support letters (not required by The University of Texas or Texas A&M University).

What is a Letter of Support and which schools want them?

Some collegiate chapters will accept Letters of Support from Tri Delta Alumnae. Currently, the University of Texas and Texas A&M do not require, nor are they requesting, letters of support. If you write a letter of support for a PNM attending any other university, please include something different in your letter than what is included on her resume. Give more information that the chapter would find helpful as they get to know her. Restating her resume is not helpful for her or the chapter.

Who does Tri Delta consider a legacy?

Daughters, sisters, step daughters and step sisters of initiated Tri Delta members.

What are the policies of legacies being released during recruitment?

Being a legacy does not guarantee membership in any way. As much as we would like each chapter to consider a legacy carefully, we have no control over the collegiate chapters and their policies regarding legacies. Also, please understand that even if a legacy goes to preference, she is not necessarily guaranteed membership. Each chapter is different, as is their policy regarding legacies.

What is the big deal about registering with HAPA?

HAPA (Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association) hosts an informative Recruitment Roundtable each spring for high school seniors interested in joining a sorority. They provide a booklet with valuable information about the recruitment process, including what each sorority requires for their reference packets. HAPA forwards their list of registered PNM's to all Reference Chairmen so it is in the PNM's best interest to have her name on that list. See www.houston-panhellenic.org. **It is also extremely important for your PNM to see if she needs to register with Panhellenic at the university she plans to attend.** This information can usually be found on the university's website.

Should PNM's register with their universities Panhellenic prior to recruitment?

Yes, at most universities it is mandatory and there are strict deadlines. Instruct your PNM's to investigate the timeline and deadlines. This information can usually be found on the university's website.

Why are all references due May 1st?

Some universities have over 175 Houston girls going through Recruitment. For larger universities, the later the reference, the more frenzied the chapter, and that places the PNM at a disadvantage. All chapters are covered with one deadline of May 1st, even spring recruitment schools.

Please contact a member of the Reference Committee if you have any other questions about your reference packet. We are here to help!