**Completing the Financial Transparency Form & Subsequent Definitions – Unhoused Chapters**

Below you will find the Financial Transparency Form with highlighted notes to assist chapter officers and chapter advisors in filling out this form.

The goal of the NPC Financial Transparency Program is to provide a tool for Panhellenic communities to inform potential new members (PNMs) and their caregivers about the real costs of Panhellenic chapter membership prior to and during recruitment in a consistent way, allowing PNMs to make informed decisions about sorority membership.

If you have specific questions about how to fill out the form for your chapter, we encourage you to reach out to your organization’s chief panhellenic officer and your inter/national organization headquarters.

Add as many “other” items as needed to provide accurate information reflecting your chapter’s finances. Be sure the sum of the individual amounts of all items equals the total stated for each section.

**Financial Transparency Form (Chapter without Housing)**

Sorority: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Campus: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Fees**

I. New Member: $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: All items included in the New Member Fees are listed and itemized in the chart below. The items will vary for each sorority. The amount for each term should be all-inclusive. The sum of the itemized listing in the chart must equal the total amount placed in the space above. Chapters should also include how much money would be expected from a new member (as applicable) and how much is due within a certain amount of time from the new member or pledging ceremony so that PNMs may adequately understand their immediate financial responsibilities.*

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| Inter/National fee: | $ |
| Sisterhood events: | $ |
| Social/special events: | $ |
| Philanthropy: | $ |
| Badge or onetime initiation fee: | $ |
| T-Shirts/apparel: | $ |
| Other: | $ |
| Other | $ |
| Amount due on Bid Day: | $ |
| Amount due within X days of pledging: | $ |

II. Active Members: Fall $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spring $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: All items included in the academic terms (above) are listed and itemized in the chart below. The items will vary for each sorority. The amount for each term should be all-inclusive.*

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| Inter/National fee: | $ |
| Sisterhood events: | $ |
| Social/special events: | $ |
| Philanthropy: | $ |
| T-Shirts/apparel: | $ |
| Other: | $ |
| Other: | $ |

**Financial Assistance**

Describe payment plan options (when monies are due, how dues can be paid, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*This section should cover whether your chapter has standard payment plan options and what those entail. Amount and due dates of each payment should be included if standardized. If the chapter does not have a standardized payment plan, include the process to request one.*

*Fees quoted are based on estimates at the time of document preparation. Chapter payment plans may be offered; please discuss financial questions with the chapter finance officer.*

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**Financial Definitions**

**Member Organization Fees**

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| **Badge fee:** | Each member organization has a badge/pin. Some organizations require a member to purchase a badge and others include it in the initiation fee. Badges may be very simple or jeweled. If a member is purchasing her badge, she determines how much or little she would like to spend. |
| **Per capita fee:** | Fee paid to inter/national organization per member to support overall sorority operations. |
| **Technology fee:** | These funds support the member organization database, social media and other technologies. |

**Chapter Fees**

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| **Assessment:** | A chapter may vote to support an activity/event/cause that is not included in the chapter budget and the expense would be assessed per member. |
| **Campus obligation** | These funds are used when a chapter is asked to donate funds to other organizations and/or fundraising opportunities on campus. |
| **Chapter dues:** | These monies fund member activities including programming, recruitment, chapter supplies and chapter operations. |
| **Composite:** | An annual photograph is taken of each chapter’s membership. This expense can be included in chapter dues or billed separately. |
| **Initiation fee:** | Fee paid to finalize initial membership in the organization. |
| **Liability/risk management insurance:** | This fee covers insurance-related costs for the safety of members, their guests and sorority property. Funds may also be used for special programming relating to risk management concerns on campus or within the chapter. |
| **New member fee:** | Fee paid to establish membership in the organization. |
| **Panhellenic dues:** | These funds are used to support Panhellenic operations. Examples of items that may be included in the Panhellenic budget are attending conferences, office operations, marketing and electronic media. |
| **Parking permit:** | Parking is typically limited at chapter houses. Spaces are allocated by each chapter to members based on criteria set by the leadership and/or chapter corporation. |
| **Philanthropy fee:** | Philanthropy fee: Each chapter has a philanthropy and some have local causes they support. This fee can be included in chapter dues or billed separately. |
| **Purchase fund:** | This fund is set up at the beginning of each term to pay for things not included in chapter dues. It may be used to purchase T-shirts, sorority paraphernalia or attend optional social functions. |
| **Social fees:** | Social functions not included in chapter dues are billed out individually based upon the cost of event(s). |
| **Other** |  |