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Process to become a Sigma Iota Sigma Chapter

Stage 1: Become an Interest Group

Stage 2: Become a Colony

Stage 3: Receive the Charter

STAGE 1 - Become an Interest Group

What is an Interest Group?

An interest group is a group of eligible women who intend to begin a new chapter. The eligibility requirements depend on whether or not your potential chapter will be collegiate or independent. An interest group is not officially affiliated with Sigma Iota Sigma Sorority, even if a sister of Sigma Iota Sigma is part/involved with said interest group.

Types of Chapters:

There are three types of Chapters currently accepted by the National Board;

- Collegiate Chapters - centered around a specific College or University and only accept women who are actively attending said institution and recognized by their school.
- Independent Chapters - centered around a location (maximum of 50 miles as the crow flies), reasonably able to attend regular events and accepts any woman who is currently attending any College or University.

Collegiate Eligibility:

To form an interest group with the intention of becoming a Collegiate Chapter, all women who are a part of the interest group must:

- All attend the same College or University
- Have a GPA of 2.5 OR the minimum required by the local Greek Letter Organization Oversight within the College or University (whichever is higher)
- Have at least 5 members who are willing and able to remain active for at least two years
 - Members who will graduate or transfer before two years do not count towards this number, but may still be a part of the interest group
- Elect a temporary President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Have a path for being recognized by their school
- 18+

Independent Eligibility:

To form an interest group with the intention of becoming an Independent Chapter, all women who are a part of the interest group must:

- Be currently attending any College or University, OR already have a higher education degree
 - This is including but not limited to Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, PHD.
 - Be tied geographically by a minimum of 50 miles (as the crow flies)
- Have at least 5 members who are willing and able to remain active for at least two years.
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Elect a temporary President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- 18+

Once the eligibility quotas have been met, the group must find a standard in-person meeting place. This must be a place of reasonable confidentiality.

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The group must meet at least once a month either physically, with minutes taken at each meeting.

The group must put together a petition to be sent to the National Board, requesting an Advisor.

What to Include in Your Petition:

You must prove to the National Board that your group is serious about becoming a Chapter. Your petition should meet all of the following requirements, in the same order that they are stated here. **There should be a cover page in the same format as the example, as well as a short essay answering the following question: Why do you want to start a new chapter of Sigma Iota Sigma?**

Fill out the form titled "Interest Group Details."

Including all of the following:

- Full names of all involved
- With
 - The College or University that they attend with proof of their current GPA, as well as their expected graduation and/or transfer date
- A list of at least 5 event ideas that you would like to host once you become a colony, with detailed descriptions of how you would make that happen
- All of the minutes that your group has taken at their meetings.

After we've received your form, a representative will be in contact with you for an interview. Following that, we will notify you if your petition has been approved. If approved, you will be assigned an advisor who will help your group transition to a Colony. It may take up to a month after submission for the petition to be approved or denied, and up to a month after the petition has been approved for an advisor to be assigned. If denied, we will notify you of the qualifications we're looking for within a month a submission.

STAGE 2 – Being a Colony

An organized group of women, recognized by the National Board with the intention of progressing toward a Chapter.

Requirements:

- Complete an educational process set by your Advisor and the National Board.
- Complete the requirements needed within one star standing in the three star system.

STAGE 3 - Gain full Chapter status

What is a Chapter?

A Chapter is an official branch of Sigma Iota Sigma Sorority that has been assigned a charter with full recognition and permission to operate.

What is a Charter?

A Charter is a document from the National Board that recognizes your Colony as an official Sigma Iota Sigma organization, with the group losing their unofficial name and gaining all Greek Letters. As such, you must follow all rules, regulations, and laws of the Sorority.

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Requirements:

- If your Charter is collegiate, you must be recognized by the School or University before you can be granted full Chapter status.
- Recruit/pledge at least 2 new members (total of 7 members in good standing)
- Have crossed an Alpha class
- Complete an interview/verification process of your documentation and your membership with your Advisor and selected National Board members