

## **Guiding Purpose of Tri Delta**

The purpose of Delta Delta Delta shall be to establish a perpetual bond of friendship among its members, to develop a stronger and more womanly character, to broaden the moral and intellectual life, and to assist its members in every possible way.

It shall also be the purpose of Delta Delta Delta to promote and develop mutually beneficial relationships between the fraternity and the colleges and universities where the fraternity has established chapters, to develop qualities of unselfish leadership among its members, and to encourage them to assume, with integrity and devotion to moral and democratic principles, the highest responsibilities of college women.

## **Criteria for Becoming a Tri Delta New Member and Subsequent Initiation Eligibility**

Any undergraduate or postgraduate female student who is regularly matriculated in an accredited college or university where a collegiate Tri Delta chapter has been established; and who never has been an initiated member of another National Panhellenic Conference fraternal group is eligible for membership in Tri Delta. It is then through a mutual selection process, that eligible women who share in Tri Delta's values ultimately come to join the organization as a new member.

To be eligible for initiation, a new member shall be regularly matriculated at the school where the chapter is located, have completed her new member education, be in good standing with Tri Delta both locally and nationally – having a full understanding and acceptance of all Tri Delta obligations of membership, including no outstanding financial commitments to the chapter, in addition to meeting any additional requirements of the membership set forth in the chapter specific bylaws.

Tri Delta's National Academic Expectations: All collegiate chapters shall maintain a grade point average above the all women's average and the all sorority average on their campus; while ensuring that no more than ten percent of their chapter members are below a 2.5 grade point average at any time. Any member who is below is below a 2.5 grade point average will not be in good standing with the chapter and will be supported academically by the chapter (using Tri Delta's Academic Excellence Initiative resources).

## **Tri Delta's Non-Discrimination Policy**

Tri Delta is enriched by members of diverse backgrounds and interests and is proud of the diversity found within our membership. Tri Delta does not discriminate on any basis other than gender and expressly will not discriminate against any woman based on her ethnic heritage, national origin, personal appearance, personal beliefs, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Tri Delta was the first women's fraternity in the National Panhellenic Conference to implement a non-discrimination policy of this kind and is proud to develop its membership accordingly. The Fraternity strives to educate collegiate and alumnae members on demographic trends and the importance of creating a chapter membership which reflects the student population of each of the campuses where Tri Delta has chapters. The policies, procedures, plans and programs of Delta Delta Delta exemplify inclusiveness, exhibit appreciation for diversity, and express respect for human dignity and the worth of the individual.