



PHI KAPPA SIGMA

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I. MCS ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM AND OFFICER COMPLIANCE FORMS DUE

The International Fraternity's Mitchell Chapter Standards (MCS) Accountability Program is entering its second year. In addition, as we have previously announced, the MCS program has gone through a restructuring. While all Chapters have come to know/expect that the MCS Program is the basis for International Fraternity recognition during the Awards Program at Grand Chapter every two years, many Chapters continue to underperform on MCS. We hope that you find this new program simpler. Please find links below to the new items regarding the MCS process. If you did not receive your Chapter's MCS Accountability Program letter, or MCS Feedback documents, please contact staff@pks.org.

- [MCS 2011-2012 Program Announcement / Explanation](#)
- [MCS 2011-2012 Program](#)

In addition, the annually-required Officer Compliance Form is due by October 1st, 2011.

- [Officer Compliance Form – Failure to submit results in charter suspension!](#)

II. GREEKLIFEEDU™ 2011-2012

With the continued success of this program, Phi Kappa Sigma reminds all chapters about Year #4 of Phi Kappa Sigma's Social Virtue Educational Program. Please follow the link to the 2011-2012 Academic Year Directions. **ALL New Members are REQUIRED** to "fully complete" the program.

- A. [2011-2012 GreekLifeEDU™ Directions](#)

III. RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Phi Kappa Sigma is working on a new incentive program for this year, focusing on incremental growth in our Chapters across the country. What is incremental growth? We are asking our Chapters to grow incrementally, which means that by the end of the year, you've gained more men than you've lost. Be on the lookout for a call in the next few weeks from a National Executive Committee officer to discuss further details. Please feel free to review the official growth News Release below, as well as some recruitment materials provided on the web.

- [Growth News Release August 2011](#)
- [The Foundations Recruitment Manual](#)
- [Recruitment Brochure Template \(needs Chapter Customization\)](#)
- [The Foundations Recruitment Cheat Sheet](#)
- [Extra Recruitment Group Exercises](#)
- [Free Resources from Phired Up](#)

IV. 2011 – 2012 LIABILITY INSURANCE & FEE SCHEDULE

A. The final Liability Insurance Allocation for your Chapter is available through the International Fraternity. Invoices will go out September 15, 2011 and are payable by November 1, 2011.

- [Liability Insurance Allocations 2011-2012 v4](#)

- B. [Fee Schedule 2011-2012](#)

V. VENDORS

A. Phi Kappa Sigma is proud to announce our second year of partnership with Bookrenter.com. Bookrenter.com allows you to rent your textbooks at up to 75% less than regular price. Order your books, pay less, and have them shipped to you for free, and when you're done, ship them back free of charge!

- [Year 2 News ReleaseBookrenter.com](#)

B. Want some custom label energy drinks for your next event, we've approved a new vendor, www.thedrinkink.com

- [TheDrinkink News Release](#)

VI. START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

Make sure everything is ready to go with the [Back to School Checklist](#). Also, don't miss any [Important Dates](#) that will occur in the future. Please submit all the following documentation by October 1st, 2010 to the [International Fraternity](#). Please be aware the most recent versions of these checklists can also be found on the [Resource Page of the Website](#).

- A. **Fall 2011 Chapter Roster** – Please be sure that your Chapter's roster is up to date and lists all active members. Your roster should also be updated upon acceptance of your new members.
 - [Roster Template](#)
- B. **Spring 2011 Officer Reports/ Fall 2011 Officer Goals**
 - [Officer Transition Sheet Template](#)
 - [Officer Report Sheet Template](#)
- C. **August 2011 Chapter Meeting Minutes**
 - [Meeting Minutes Template](#)
- D. **August 2011 Financial Statements**
 - [Balance Sheet Template](#)
 - [Income and Expense Template](#)
- E. **Community Service/Philanthropy**
 - [Community Service/Philanthropy Report Template](#)
- F. **Chapter By-Laws**
 - [Sample Chapter By-Laws Template](#)

VII. NEW MEMBER FORM & PROCESS

The [Pillars](#) is ready and on www.pks.org/resources.php! The program is required to be implemented as is (no alterations will be accepted.) Our Liability Insurance is advantaged by this policy. Your support is required and sincerely appreciated. [Please contact us with any questions or concerns.](#)

- A. **New Member cards and fees** (\$75 per new member) are due into the International Headquarters' office within two week's of your new members accepting their bids. If payment and new member cards are not received within this time frame, penalty rates will be applied. *(New Member pins and Skull Sessions books are free of charge if payment is received on time as defined above, though an order must be placed. Shipping/handling not included.)*
 - [Phi Kappa Sigma New Member Form](#) - New Member Registration is conducted via the WEB. To access the new form, click the link above!

VIII. NEWS AND MEDIA

- A. [Legal Commentary Fraternities' Freedom of Association](#)
- B. [Cornell President Skorton bans pledging in Cornell's Greek system](#)

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