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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
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BID ACCEPTANCE, GRADE RELEASE, AND HAZING COMPLIANCE FORM

BID ACCEPTANCE FORM

I, (print legibly) _____, accept the invitation of _____ to become an associate/new member of its chapter at Middle Tennessee State University and understand by signing this acceptance that I am financially responsible for my $15 new member dues to IFC.

_____ _____
Signature Date

- Note: Each new member must pay $15 to the Interfraternity Council for their new member fee

HAZING COMPLIANCE FORM

I, _____, as a responsible member of the Middle Tennessee State University community do affirm the following:

- Hazing is defined as any intentional or reckless act on or off fraternity or university property of any higher education institution by one (1) student acting alone or with others which is directed against any other student that endangers the mental, emotional, or physical health or safety of that student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger such student's mental, emotional, or physical health or safety.
- Also, the Fraternity Executives Association defines hazing as any action taken or situation created whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, or ridicule.
- A situation does not necessarily have to be considered hazing by the potential perpetrator(s) **or the potential victim(s).** More specifically, should a potential victim say, "I do not believe I was hazed," this will not be the sole basis for determining whether hazing occurred.

The list below identifies actions and activities which are explicitly prohibited. This list provides a sampling of activities and by no means does it reflect every possible scenario:

1. Any activity that might reasonably bring physical harm to the individual.
2. Paddling, beating or otherwise permitting members to hit pledges/associates/new members or members. Note: Initiated members participating in these types of activities in which they are also recipients of this type of abuse still constitute hazing.

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3. Requiring pledges/associates/new members or members to wear degrading or uncomfortable garments.
4. Depriving pledges/associates/new members of the opportunity for sufficient sleep (eight consecutive hours per day minimum) and decent and edible meals.
5. Activities that interfere in any way with any individual's academic efforts, e.g., causing exhaustion, loss of sleep, or loss of reasonable study time.
6. Activities that interfere with an individual's employment or family obligations.
7. Requiring or encouraging pledges, associates, new members or members to consume alcohol or other drugs.
8. Forcing, coercing, or permitting students to eat or drink foreign or unusual substances.
9. Having substances such as eggs, mud, paint, honey, tape, etc. thrown at, poured on, or otherwise applied to the bodies of pledges/associates/new members or members.
10. Morally degrading or humiliating games or any activity that makes an individual the object of amusement, ridicule or intimidation.
11. All kidnaps, road trips (a mandatory/forced off-campus trip as part of a pledge/new member/associate member or membership activity).
12. Subjecting an individual to cruel and unusual psychological conditions for any reason.
13. Any requirement which compels an individual to participate in any activity which is illegal, perverse, publicly indecent, contrary to the individual's moral and/or beliefs, e.g., public profanity, indecent or lewd conduct, or sexual gestures in public.

Middle Tennessee State University has unconditionally opposed any situation created intentionally or unintentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment or ridicule. Freedom from humility and danger of hazing is guaranteed to every student on campus. Any violation of this guarantee should be reported immediately to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

As a member of _____, I pledge that I will work to eliminate any forms of hazing that may be found within my fraternity chapter, as well as, to uphold all other regulations and rules of Middle Tennessee State University. In addition, my signature below indicates I have read and understand Middle Tennessee State University's definition of hazing.

_____ _____ _____

(New member/Pledge/Associate) Signature (Print Name) (Date)

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GRADE RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I, _____, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, do hereby grant the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and representatives of the Interfraternity Council the authority to access my official university transcripts for the purpose of compiling semester grade reports. I understand that my academic transcripts will be available for viewing by the members of my Greek organization, the advisors of my Greek organization, my national fraternity headquarters' representatives, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. I expressly waive my rights under the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act so that my academic performance may be monitored and reported by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to the aforementioned parties.

_____ _____
(Signature – New member) (M NUMBER – New Member)

FINANCIAL ENCUMBRANCE WAIVER

I, _____, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, do willingly acknowledge and understand that by signing an invitation to join _____ Fraternity, that I will be held to certain financial obligations to my Fraternity in which the Fraternity and the University may place an encumbrance upon my copies of my official transcript, or receive other services provided by the University until my financial obligations to the Fraternity are met.

_____ _____
(Signature – New member) (Date)

RESIDENCE ON GREEK ROW

I acknowledge that as a member of _____ Fraternity, I will be required to reside in the Fraternity's house on Greek Row for at least two years.

I acknowledge and agree that my membership in the Fraternity and the requirement to live on Greek Row will result in a financial commitment to timely pay the monthly rental amount as well as a Common Area Maintenance (CAM) fee, and that failure to do so will result in a financial encumbrance on my account with Middle Tennessee State University as stated above.

_____ _____ _____
(New member/Pledge/Associate) (Print Name) (Date)
Signature