



RECRUITMENT NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

Dear Guardians of the Greeks,

On behalf of the UF Panhellenic Recruitment Executive Board, we are so excited to welcome your Gator to the Panhellenic community. My name is Elena C. and I serve as the Recruitment Relations Pi Chi. During Primary Recruitment in August, I am the point of contact for health and wellness of Potential New Members (PNMs). For now, it is my job to communicate with you, the Guardians of the Greeks, to provide insight about

Panhellenic Recruitment and Sorority and Fraternity Life at the University of Florida.

The University of Florida Panhellenic Council is home to 18 chapters. This August, all 18 chapters will be participating in Primary Recruitment to give your Gator a peek into their unique sisterhood. We look forward to meeting your Gators and assisting them in the recruitment experience!

PANHELLENIC AT UF

Benefits of joining a Panhellenic Chapter at UF

the Panhellenic community is home to over 5,000 women amongst our 18 chapters. Service is one of the core values of our community. Together, our Greej community has raised a combined total over \$1,000,000 that benefits their individual philanthropic partners. This past year, over \$22,000 was raised for Panhellenic's brand new philanthropy, The Verb Kind. Scholarship is another core value of our community. The average Panhellenic GPA is a 3.67, higher than the all-university female GPA of 3.57.

Panhellenic women are involved in hundreds of organizations across campus, including the Florida Cicerones, Preview Staff, Florida Blue Key and Student Government. With the help of our sisters and friends in the Panhellenic community, we are able to balance active sorority membership, leadership roles in other organizations, athletic involvement on University and

club sports teams, part-time jobs, and more.

Chances are, if your Gator has an interest in a particular hobby or career path, she will find an older member in her chapter with similar interests who can show her the ropes. The ultimate goal of Recruitment is for women to enter an organization where they will find individuals with mutual aspirations and interests.

We strive to live by the Panhellenic mission statement and promote women in leadership, diversity, scholastic achievement, and service through relationships within and beyond the Panhellenic community. This stays true throughout the Recruitment process. Chapter women draw upon their knowledge of UF Panhellenic to help your Gator find the place where she will grow.

Recruitment Vocabulary

Your Gator may use terms you are unfamiliar with throughout the recruitment experience, below are some of the most common terms used throughout recruitment.

PNM:

Those going through Recruitment and seeking membership in a chapter are referred to as Potential New Members, or PNMs for short.

Pi Chi:

Pi Chis are Panhellenic Counselors dedicated to helping your PNM find the chapter that is best for them. These women are disassociated from their personal chapter to lead in an unbiased fashion. Your Gator will be in a group of 60-70 women led by 4 or 5 Pi Chis.

Chapter Women:

These are the women in chapters attempting to recruit PNMs for membership in their chapter.

Round:

There are four rounds of Recruitment total. Round One is a virtual format where PNMs submit videos for chapters to watch and vice versa. Round Two is our Philanthropy round. Round Three is our Sisterhood round. Round Four is our Preferentials round where chapters will share a piece of their ritual. The rounds become more formal as Recruitment progresses.

Party:

There are several parties that occur during the day. Parties are timed slots when your PNM is scheduled to speak with a chapter woman. It is normal to see time slots labeled "No Party Scheduled." This is when your Gator can wind down, drink some water and take a break!

Information Sessions

Potential New Member Session

July 30th @ 7:30 PM

Click [here](#) to learn more information about UF's recruitment process!

Parent/Family Session

July 22nd @ 7:30 PM

This is for you, the Guardians of the Greeks!

What can your Gator expect for Fall Recruitment 2026?



PNM Video

NOW to AUG 2

Due to the virtual nature of Round 1 of Primary Recruitment 2026, all PNMs are required to submit a 90-second video to introduce themselves to our 18 chapters. PNMs must follow the strict guidelines linked [here](#) and submit by August 2nd at 11:59pm to [our website](#). PNMs who do not properly submit their Round 1 video will not be eligible to continue with Formal Recruitment.



Panhellenic 101

DUE AUG 10

Following the close of registration, all registered PNMs will be emailed a link to the Potential New Member Orientation modules, Panhellenic 101, via LaunchPoint. PNMs will be required to watch all videos on this platform and complete all personal reflection questions by August 10th at 11:59pm.



Round 1: Values

AUG 10 to AUG 13

On August 10th, Potential New Members will be emailed a link to the Round 1 Open House video platform. PNMs will watch videos from each of our 18 chapters to get an introduction to their sisterhood and learn about their values. PNMs must view all chapter videos between August 10th and August 13th at 11:59pm to continue through the Recruitment process. PNMs will submit their preference in-person with their Pi Chi groups on August 16th. PNMs are also required to submit a 90-second introduction video of their own to the Panhellenic Council. All videos must be submitted by August 2nd at 11:59 P.M. Please click [here](#) or visit the PNM Video Instructions tab on the Panhellenic website for instructions on how to film and submit this video.



In Person Orientation

AUG 15

On August 15, PNMs will attend an in-person Orientation at the Reitz Union. This is a casual event attended only by PNMs and Panhellenic Counselors (Pi Chis); there is no dress code, come as you are and comfortable! During Orientation, PNMs will meet their Pi Chi group and will learn more about the Recruitment process and the week ahead. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, get to know your support system, and learn what to expect in the days ahead.

More detailed information will be shared as we get closer to the date, so stay tuned!

What can your Gator expect for Fall Recruitment 2026 Cont.



AUG 15

On August 15th, PNMs will preference their Round One rankings with their Pi Chi groups. For Round One, PNMs will rank their top 13 for the chapters they would most like to visit for Round Two. It is important to remember this process is based on mutual selection!



AUG 16 to AUG 17

On the morning of August 16th, your Gator will receive their personalized schedule when they meet with their Pi Chi's at home base. There will be a maximum of 13 parties that a PNM can attend during Round 2. At each party, she will have the opportunity to interact with chapter women in 1-on-1 conversations about philanthropy and finances. PNMs may be shown a short video or hear an announcement from a chapter woman about their philanthropic partner. This round is also when financial transparency sheets are shown to each PNM. They should feel comfortable looking at the sheet and talking about any questions they may have regarding finances with the chapter women they meet. Chapter women know how their chapters are run and should be able to answer any questions PNMs have about how to pay for dues. PNMs will submit their preferences in-person with their Pi Chi groups in the afternoon on August 17th.



AUG 18 to AUG 19

On the morning of August 18th, your Gator will receive their personalized schedule when they meet their Pi Chi's at home base. There will be a maximum of 8 parties that a PNM can attend during round 3. During this round, your Gator will watch a sisterhood video at each chapter house on her schedule. These videos are of the women in each chapter and are designed to give the PNMs insight into what life would be like at each chapter. Your PNM will also have the opportunity to interact with chapter women in one-on-one conversations and get a better feel of their sisterhood. Encourage your Gator to be honest with the chapter women and ask questions like "What made you choose your chapter?" Chapter women have gone through Recruitment and want to help your PNM as much as they can. Their advice and insight is very valuable to your Gator. PNMs will submit their preferences in-person with their Pi Chi groups in the afternoon on August 19th.

What can your Gator expect for Fall Recruitment 2026 Cont.

August 20th-21st – Break for Classes



Preferential Round

AUG 22

On the morning of August 22nd, your Gator will receive their personalized schedule when they meet with their Pi Chis at home base. There will be a maximum of 2 parties that a PNM can attend during preferentials. This is the most formal and intimate round of Recruitment where each chapter shares a part of their ritual with PNMs. This round is designed to provide clarity for your PNM regarding where she can picture herself for the next few years and making lifelong friends. At this point, it is normal for your Gator to talk with a chapter woman she has a close connection with from early rounds. PNMs will submit their preferences in-person with their Pi Chi groups in the afternoon on August 22nd.



Bid Day

AUG 23

Bid Day is a large celebration for all members of the Panhellenic community. New members will meet at the O'Connell Center to open Bid Cards inviting them to their new chapter. PNMs will be handed their bid cards and find out where they will be celebrating! Once bid cards have been opened, we load PNMs on buses to get them closer to the chapter facilities. Once close, they will be able to actually "run home" to their new chapter – and they actually run!

Each chapter has a themed celebration for their members to take part in. There is a returning member waiting holding a sign with your Gator's name ready to welcome her with open arms and teach her the ins and outs of their sisterhood!

What should your Gator wear for Recruitment?

The best advice during the Recruitment Process is to be as authentic to yourself as possible. This holds true for outfits as well! Remind your Gator to dress how they feel most comfortable and confident. Especially in the middle of the Florida summer heat, we want to make sure your Gator is feeling their personal best!

If your Gator arrives in Gainesville and finds they are in need of a different outfit option, we offer a Recruitment Closet.

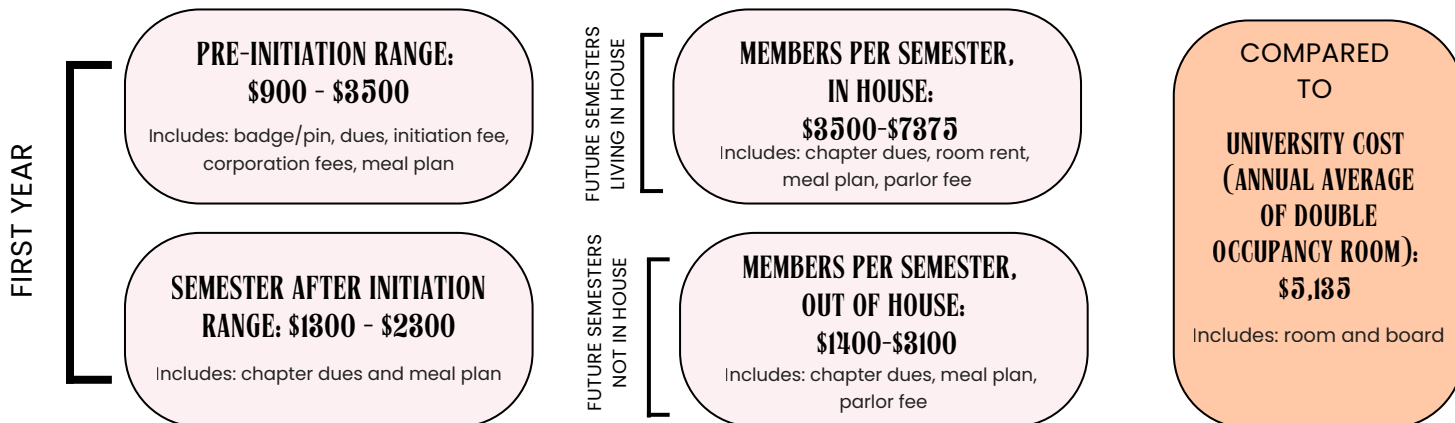
These are donated items from women in our community to give a second life through our PNMs in need! When they meet their Pi Chis they can ask about visiting the closet.

It is important to note that Rounds do become more formal in attire as they progress. If you are interested in seeing what kind of clothes your Gator should wear during each round of Recruitment, refer to our est under the "saved" tab: [UF Panhellenic Pinterest \(@panhellenicuf\)](#).

Financial Information

An important aspect to consider when deciding to go through Recruitment is the cost of membership. These are wide ranges and are meant to be used for general planning purposes and are subject to change. Potential New Members should discuss specifics with each chapter they are considering.

During Round 2 of Recruitment, chapters will be presenting their financial transparency information to Potential New Members. Encourage your Gator to ask questions and share the financial information with you to help her decision making, if necessary. Below is a general breakdown of finances.



Information on the Florida Greek Pillars

Scholarship

Maintaining a high level of academic success is a proud tradition within the Florida Greek community. To support this, the community offers a variety of resources and programs designed to help members excel scholastically. The Panhellenic community as a whole actively encourages academic success, while each individual chapter provides personalized support to help its members achieve their goals. As a result, many Panhellenic members receive honors and recognition across campus for their academic achievements.

Leadership

The Florida Greek community is an excellent place to gain the experience and knowledge necessary to develop strong leadership skills. The community is self governing, giving student leaders the opportunity to shape policies and standards for their own organizations, as well as the larger sorority community. Your Gator could have an opportunity to serve as an officer or committee chair in a chapter or governing council which will help her develop a multitude of leadership skills not limited to conflict management, delegation, decision making, and effective communication skills. Being a member of the Florida Greek community often serves as a “gateway to involvement” in other areas of campus such as Student Government, clubs, organizations, and campus honoraries. Members of the Florida Greek community have historically held some of the highest leadership positions and honors on campus.

“Joining the Panhellenic community is oftentimes the first step in a members’ leadership journey here at UF. The opportunities provided to women to serve their communities, develop programs and educational initiatives, and challenge themselves to seek out new opportunities to lead are unparalleled. Each year, I continue to be inspired by the ways Panhellenic women at the University of Florida lead and serve in the Gainesville and global community.”

- Elizabeth Longmire, Assistant Director in Sorority and Fraternity Life

Information on the Florida Greek Pillars Cont.

Community

Sisterhood is a bond of unity and enduring friendship. By becoming a member of the Florida Greek community, your Gator will experience an easier transition from high school to college and gain a “home away from home.” She will meet other students with diverse backgrounds, similar interests, and new perspectives during some of the sisterhood activities.

“In all stages of life, community is necessary to thrive. The transition to college marks a time where women especially crave mature and deep connections in their new setting. UF Panhellenic is the all-encompassing community that supports its women from freshman to senior year and beyond. Speaking from personal experience, Panhellenic has brought me a community that embraces who I am now and the woman that I will become. We are a diverse group of women that truly accepts and celebrates everyone. Our sisterhood goes beyond simple friendship and creates a special community of lifelong togetherness.”

- Ava M., Panhellenic Membership Vice President

Service

Each semester, the Florida Greek community comes together to uplift both the University of Florida and greater Gainesville through service and philanthropy. The Activities Directors Board (ADB) is a key part of Panhellenic programming at the University of Florida, made up of six committees: Junior Panhellenic, Scholarship, Health & Wellness, Service, Special Events, and Community Engagement. Each committee, led by a director, works under the Activities Vice President and Assistant Activities Vice President to plan events like Around the Row and Panhellenic Spirit Week.

The Service Committee connects chapters with opportunities to support both UF and the greater Gainesville community through hands-on service and philanthropy. Each semester, chapters host their own service or philanthropy weeks, and as a council, Panhellenic is proud to support the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation, which helps remove barriers to education for women and girls worldwide.

“No matter the size of the event, it’s inspiring to witness the difference each Panhellenic member can make. ADB not only strengthens ties to the Gainesville community, but also fosters leadership, service, and professional growth among the Panhellenic community. Its influence reaches far beyond campus, making a lasting impact both locally and beyond.”

- Sam E., Panhellenic Activities Vice President

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation differ depending on each chapter. For information from each of our chapters on their submission process, please visit their national website.

Recommendations are optional and do not guarantee an invitation back to a chapter. If you choose to submit recommendations, please have them in no later than July 31st.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank You!

If you have any questions regarding Recruitment in general, we encourage you to visit the Frequently Asked Questions tab on our website: <https://www.ufpanhellenic.org/>. If you cannot find an answer there, please feel free to contact Ava M., the Membership Vice President of Panhellenic, at panhellenic.ufmvp@gmail.com.

That's all from me for now! Our Pi Chi cannot wait to meet your Gator at Orientation in August. I am available via email at relationspichi@gmail.com and I am happy to help with anything you may need! Look out for another newsletter closer to the beginning of Recruitment! We can't wait to meet you all very soon!



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