



## Fall 2022 IFC Parent and Family Recruitment Webinar

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### RECRUITMENT LOGISTICS

#### ***Do you have to get invited back to the next round of recruitment to visit a chapter?***

Not necessarily. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds of the recruitment process, it becomes much more loosely structured. Many students will go visit the chapters they enjoyed to get to know the members a little more. However, if a student is not invited back, they can still visit the chapter to chat with the members. We encourage students to always keep their options open and visit any chapter they are interested in.

#### ***Does everyone who rushes get a bid at the end of the process?***

Unfortunately, no. Any Greek experience in college does have some kind of selection process and not every student who participates will join. The vast majority of students who do not join a chapter through the IFC recruitment process have self-selected out for a variety of reasons. The number of students who do not receive a bid at all remains very low (less than 2% of participants).

#### ***Do parents attend Bid Day? Or is it just a student thing?***

We don't typically see parents attend IFC Bid Day. Bid Day for the men's groups is on the first day of classes and is more of an individual chapter experience than a community experience. Each new member class will take a group photo and you'll have a chance to check those pictures out if you would like! We typically see most parents for IFC come visit for [Fall Family Weekend in September](#).

#### ***What does Bid Day look like since it happens during the week?***

Bid Day happens the evening of the first day of the fall term! Each chapter will be assigned a time for bid signing (between 6 PM and 8:30 PM). The IFC team will visit each chapter, take their new member class photo, and complete bid signing. It's a quick process and then the chapter will often have their first new member meeting so the new members can start to get to know each other.

#### ***What does communication look like? Does it happen through text or email? How do they get their schedules?***

During the process, we communicate with students a few ways. They will receive daily emails with their invitation list for that day's round. Please encourage your student to check their OU email daily to make sure they do not miss out on any information. In addition to email, your student will receive recruitment information from their recruitment guides via GroupMe and their IFC recruitment app.

#### ***I heard there are more freshman than ever at OU in this class. Does that mean there are less spots for students to join fraternities?***

Thankfully no! A larger freshman class just means that our new member classes will be a little larger. OU and the campus IFC does not limit the number of members chapters can bring in. Most groups will have a member class anywhere from 15 – 80 members. It just depends on the organization. But, a larger freshman class just means more friends, not a limit on the number of people who can join.



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND TIPS

### ***Do I need to send my son to college with a suit?***

Yes! We would suggest that. If your student doesn't end up needing it right away for fraternity activities, they will use it for interviews or other campus events.

### ***What does the financial commitment look like?***

The financial commitment of fraternity/sorority life can look a little different from chapter to chapter. Lots of factors go into the cost – the largest being if the chapter has a chapter facility (a house) or not. You can view some financial information [here](#). These costs are for membership for a whole academic year.

You'll notice the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for IFC is considerably higher. That takes into account room/board for living in the chapter house.

### ***How much time is given during the new member process?***

New member processes range from 6 weeks to a whole semester. Most of our chapters initiate new members after 6-10 weeks. During the new member process, students often have a mandatory one hour meeting and sometimes study hall hours. Our chapters understand that new members are students first and need to focus on classes.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### ***When does registration close?***

Registration will close on August 17! We suggest getting signed up as early as possible to avoid any issues. Your students can register at [ifc.ou.edu](http://ifc.ou.edu).

### ***Does my son need to sign up for the recruitment process?***

Yes! Any student wanting to join an IFC fraternity this fall will need to register for the recruitment process. It's a pretty quick and simple form. If your student has any issues getting signed up, they can reach out to our team at [ifc@ou.edu](mailto:ifc@ou.edu).

### ***Does OU still look at legacies? Do chapters care about legacies anymore?***

Yes and no. Some chapters still look at legacies, but it's not as big of a deal as it used to be. There are a lot more legacies today as more and more people go to college. When a student claims a legacy on their registration form, only the organization they claim as a legacy can see that information. So, if I'm a Delta Chi legacy and claim that legacy on my form, only Delta Chi can see I'm a legacy of that organization. Theta Chi won't be able to see that information.

### ***Does my student have to attend the orientation on August 17?***

Yes! The orientation on August 17 is a mandatory one. Students will learn about how the recruitment process works, meet their recruitment guides, and complete their university-mandated trainings on alcohol safety and hazing prevention.

### ***Can my student join in the spring if they don't find a chapter they connect with?***

They definitely can! We typically see about 800 students participate in the fall process and about 150 in the spring. Your student can decide what process / timeline for joining feels best for them. W