Alumnae Recommendations for Potential New Members

Women participating in Recruitment:
If you are interested in joining a sorority, a recommendation letter gives you a jump-start before recruitment begins because it helps the current chapter members get to know you. While it is not a requirement for you to get recommendation letters submitted, it is acceptable for a woman participating in recruitment to have friends or relatives (who are alumni of these chapters) write recommendation letters for them. All completed recommendation letters may be sent to the Greek Life Office.

Why do chapters need this?
Many sorority chapters need potential member recommendations from alumnae to allow these potential members to become new members in the chapter. It is the chapter’s responsibility to gather this information on potential members, but it is very helpful for the chapter to have this information sent to them by you, the potential member. When an alumna that you know sends in a recommendation for you, it helps the chapter know that you are very interested in becoming a member of that chapter.

Do potential members have to submit recommendations to get into a sorority?
No. Recommendations are a helpful piece of recruitment to assist chapters to get to know you as a woman interested in sorority membership. They are not required for you to submit; they are required for chapters to collect. Your acceptance into a sorority will not be hindered by lack of recommendations from alumnae—chapters want to meet you, get to know you and make sure that you’d feel comfortable and fit in with the current chapter members.

What if the Potential Member has no alumni contacts?
If you don’t know any alumnae members, it’s fine. Chapters want to get to know you and want to help get you involved in their organization. In fact, chapters will make it a priority to have chapter alumnae meet you during recruitment so that an alumna of the chapter can write a recommendation letter for you, if needed.

What items are suggested for Potential Member Recommendations?
Drury Sorority chapters simply ask for the basics when it comes to recommendations of potential members. Here are suggestions for potential member recommendations:

- **Suggested Items:**
  - **Online Reference Form** (preferred) by an Alumnae member of a chapter represented at Drury (doesn’t need to be a Drury graduate), 1-2 per potential member per chapter of interest
  - **Personal Letter** by an Alumnae member of a chapter represented at Drury (doesn’t need to be a Drury graduate), 1-2 per potential member per chapter of interest
  - **Potential member picture** should be included with Reference Forms or Personal Letter if possible.

- **Please Do Not Send These Items:**
  - Full Packets of information about a potential member
  - Resume or extensive personal information
  - Photo albums of potential member