WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Learn about your daughter’s experience in Chi Omega!
Every year, approximately 9,000 young women across America join the largest women’s fraternity in the world for countless opportunities for friendship and fun — during college and beyond.
Dear Parents,

I am thrilled to extend a “cardinal and straw” welcome to you and your daughter as she joins the Chi Omega family.

You’ve nurtured your daughter for nearly two decades, providing her with opportunities to cultivate her individual talents and passions. During her college years, you want to be certain she has the same opportunities to grow, make friends, and have fun. Most of all, you want to ensure that she excels as a scholar, as a leader, and as a woman.

As a New Member of Chi Omega, your daughter has become part of a women’s fraternity founded on principles of Sisterhood, service to others, academic excellence, and fostering a sense of personal integrity and responsibility.

During her first year, she will become immersed in the history of Chi Omega, make authentic connections with Chi Omega Sisters who share her values, and begin a lifelong journey of friendship, scholarship, and personal development.

We look forward to having your daughter as part of our organization, and helping her cultivate a lifetime of purpose.

Loyally,

Shelley Potter

Shelley Eubanks Potter
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Benefits of Sorority Life

- Sorority members (93%) were retained from freshman to sophomore year at a higher rate than nonmembers (82%).
- Sorority members (84%) graduated within six years at a higher rate than nonmembers (71%).
- Sorority members (58%) graduated “on time” in four years at a higher rate than nonmembers (46%).

Source: Findings from the inaugural administration of the Gallup-Purdue Index – which includes interviews with more than 30,000 U.S. graduates.
New Member Program

DEVELOPING SISTERS ON PURPOSE
Each of our first-year members participates in a national New Member Program, which includes a series of events and activities designed to promote personal responsibility, self-discovery, and a commitment to thrive in every facet of life.

BID DAY
Bid Day is your daughter’s first Chi Omega experience. She will be warmly welcomed by the chapter and meet her Owl Pal, an initiated Chi Omega who will provide an immediate connection to the Sisterhood.

FORMAL PLEDGING CEREMONY
This mutual pledge, made between Chi Omega and your daughter, is a special promise and celebration of each New Member formally accepting her Chi Omega membership responsibilities.

NEW MEMBER RETREAT
A retreat provides an opportunity for New Members to get to know each other in a fun, relaxing environment. Your daughter will leave the retreat with a sense of unity and Sisterhood.

BIG SISTER REVELATION
A Big Sister is an initiated collegiate member who will serve as an instant connection to the Sisterhood and a role model during your daughter’s undergraduate years. The Big Sister revelation ceremony is when each New Member’s Big Sister is announced and marks the starting point for this lifelong friendship.

INITIATION
Chapter officers and advisors will guide your daughter through a ceremony that honors Chi Omega’s highest teachings, ideals, and symbolism. Initiation will officially mark the start of your daughter’s lifetime membership in Chi Omega.
SUMMARY OF EXPECTATIONS
FOR CHI OMEGA INITIATION

Before Initiation into Chi Omega, your daughter must complete the following requirements:

- Complete the New Member Program: Attend the New Member Meetings and participate in chapter events.
- Demonstrate academic success: Obtain at least a 2.0 GPA at the college/university where the initiating chapter is located.
- Maintain full-time undergraduate status during the New Member Program at the college/university where the initiating chapter is located.
- Fulfill financial obligations: A New Member’s financial obligations include a national new member fee, national initiation fee, badge fee, chapter dues, and local house corporation fees.
- Participate in at least one campus activity. Quality activities are listed in the chapter bylaws.
- Uphold and adhere to the Chi Omega Fraternity policies and purposes.

SHOP CHI O CREATIONS

Since 1989, Chi O Creations, Chi Omega Fraternity’s very own in-house boutique, has been the perfect place to find unique gifts that will commemorate special occasions in your daughter’s life.

Chi O Creations provides exclusive and memorable merchandise for members and their families to choose from. When you shop with Chi O Creations, all proceeds are returned to the Fraternity to support all of its endeavors.

The main goals are superior customer service, offering the most up-to-date styles incorporating the Chi Omega brand, presenting our customers with competitive pricing, and supporting our cherished Fraternity.

Chi Omega Fraternity owns the rights to the words Chi and Omega, the Greek letters Χ and Ω, the Chi Omega crest, and the silhouette owl. In order for them to legally be used by anyone other than Chi Omega, that person or company must be licensed.

Shop for Your Daughter!

We hope you will make plans to visit our boutique, located in our Executive Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, or visit chiocreations.com, and use code PARENTSBROCHURE at checkout to get a 10 percent discount on your first purchase!

We invite you to shop with Chi O Creations and connect with Chi Omega!
Putting Chi Omega Values Into Action

While Initiation signals the end of the New Member Program, it marks the beginning of your daughter’s Chi Omega experience. Chi Omega Sisters are not only Sisters on purpose, we are Sisters of purpose, putting Chi Omega values, or six purposes, into action. For example, she might:

- Offer her Friendship by lending an ear to a Sister who needs support;
- Practice Personal Integrity by living the Fraternity’s values and leading an exemplary life;
- Provide Service to Others by donating her time to support Make-A-Wish®;
- Engage in Academic Excellence and Intellectual Pursuits by organizing and leading a study group with her Sisters;
- Ensure Community and Campus Involvement by joining student clubs and organizations;
- Attend Personal and Career Development events on campus to prepare for life after college.
TO BE WOMANLY ALWAYS

The *Chi Omega Symphony* is our open creed by which all Chi Omegas strive to live:

*To live constantly above snobbery of word or deed; to place scholarship before social obligations and character before appearances; to be, in the best sense, democratic rather than “exclusive”, and lovable rather than “popular”; to work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand; to be womanly always; to be discouraged never; in a word, to be loyal under any and all circumstances to my Fraternity and her highest teachings and to have her welfare ever at heart that she may be a symphony of high purpose and helpfulness in which there’s no discordant note.*

— Written by Ethel Switzer Howard
Xi Chapter/Northwestern University, 1904

PROVIDING MEMBERS WITH EMPOWERING RESOURCES

The Chi Omega Foundation provides philanthropic support for Chi Omega Fraternity to help ensure the educational and leadership development needs of its collegians and alumnae are met.

Alcohol education, wise decisions to mitigate health and safety risks, and managing conflict are some of the current issues reflected in the Foundation funded programs. Each year, incoming chapter officers and new members depend on this education to cultivate the skills required for leading chapters and campus organizations. This expertise will later guide them in career, volunteer, and family experiences.

Chi Omega Foundation gifts support:

- **Online Alcohol Education.**
  Every Chi Omega collegian receives education on wise decision-making regarding alcohol.

- **Leadership Development.**
  The Nancy Walton Laurie Leadership Institute of Chi Omega offers a weekend Flagship Session and workshops to select chapters and regions.

- **Risk Management Education.**
  Workshops are delivered to select chapters so our members are aware of the health implications of alcohol use and equipped to make appropriate personal decisions.

We invite you to invest in your daughter and her Sisters by adding your name to the list of supporters at chiomega.com. Your donation to the Chi Omega Foundation shapes confident leaders and is tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law.

MAKING WISHES COME TRUE

Since our community service alliance with Make-A-Wish® began in 2002, Chi Omega has raised approximately $19 million and contributed more than 1,000,000 volunteer hours collectively, helping to share the power of a wish® with thousands of children and families nationwide.
Learn more about your daughter’s first-year experience in Chi Omega.

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