NEW MEMBER FORM
ACADEMIC RELEASE CONSENT

Fraternity/Sorority Name: _______________________ Semester: __________________ Year: ____________

ACADEMIC RECORDS RELEASE CONSENT - GRADE RELEASE INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) prohibits the release of personally identifiable information from student’s educational records without their prior written authorization. Exceptions to this law are: (1) release of such information to a specific list of officials with a legitimate educational interest in the record, (2) the release of such information in response to a court order, health or safety emergency, or approved research project, or (3) the release of public directory information which has not been previously restricted by the student.

I understand that the University cannot provide my educational records to the Chapter or National Headquarters, without my consent.

I understand that the Chapter, through the President, Chapter Scholarship/Academic Officer and Chapter Advisor, needs to know my academic status, GPA and/or credit hours for purposes of determining whether I meet membership guidelines.

I understand that the Chapter officials and National Headquarters staff have been advised that my records are protected by FERPA and that the Chapter Officials and National Headquarters staff are responsible for maintaining FERPA protection, they may not use the records for purposes other than membership, and may not provide my records to third parties without my consent, unless required by law.

I understand as follows:

Records to be disclosed: Semester grade point average, cumulative grade point average, semester hours/credits enrolled, total credits earned at UWF.

Parties to whom the records may be disclosed: Chapter President and Chapter Scholarship/Academic officer, Registered Chapter Advisors, and Chapter National Headquarters staff/volunteers.

Purpose of Disclosure: Student educational records will be used by the Chapter and/or (inter)national headquarters in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: determining whether students meet academic performance standards, in chapter/council scholarship determinations, in assisting students with educational programming needs, verification of minimum academic standards, verification of University enrollment, award recognition and for general statistical purposes.

This authorization will remain in effect until I revoke it in writing by sending a statement to fsl@uwf.edu or until I graduate from UWF, whichever is first.

I hereby consent to the release of my academic records to be disclosed as provided above.

New Member Signature

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Name                                                   Signature               UWFID                Date

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HAZING REGULATION NOTICE

1. I have read and fully understand the University of West Florida Hazing Regulation, 3.018 "Prohibition of Hazing-Procedures and Penalties." In particular, I understand the following:

(A) Definition of Hazing – In accordance with Section 1006.63(1), Florida Statutes, “Hazing” is defined as any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to, pressuring or coercing the student into violating state or federal law, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student.

(B) Allegations of Hazing – Any person having knowledge of any activity or conduct which may constitute hazing should contact the Dean of Student’s Office or the University of West Florida Police Department.

(C) Self-Reporting of Incidents - Student organization/team members and officers/captains should immediately report any incidents that may constitute hazing that occur within their organization to the Dean of Students Office. The report shall provide a detailed description of the events that have transpired, the names of any individuals involved, and a description of any actions taken by the organization. Upon receiving the report, the Dean of Students Office will initiate an investigation into the matter as described in UWF Reg. 3.018 Prohibition of Hazing-Procedures and Penalties. The organization’s president and/or advisor/coach will be notified.

(D) If an investigation of Hazing results in charges of violation of UWF Reg. 3.010, Student Code of Conduct, the processes outlined in the Student Code of Conduct will be followed. If the investigation reveals that individuals were involved, those individuals will be charged. However, if the evidence discovered in the investigation proves the incident to have been sanctioned by the organization a follow-up investigation into the organization’s role may be undertaken. The organization may be charged under the Student Code of Conduct. If the student organization is affiliated with a national organization, the national headquarters may be contacted depending on the severity of the incident, the organization’s involvement in the incident, and the organization’s cooperation in the investigation.

(E) It is not a defense to a charge of hazing that:
   a. Any or all participants consented;
   b. The conduct was not part of an official organizational event or otherwise sanctioned or approved by the student group; or
   c. The conduct or activity was not done as a condition of membership to or affiliation with a student group.

(F) Sanctions for violations of this regulation shall be administered by the Dean of Students.

2. I agree to comply with the UWF Hazing Regulation and report any hazing of which I am aware to either Fraternity or Sorority Life at fsl@uwf.edu or the Dean of Students Office at osrr@uwf.edu. Furthermore, I understand that failure to report any incident(s) of hazing may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the University for the Chapter and/or individuals involved.

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