

## **SOROR CODE OF ETHICS**

In order to honor its Founders, maintain a standard that allows its members to serve as role models for young women and girls in the global community, preserve Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority membership as a desirable and honorable affiliation and to protect Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® from harassment, ridicule, scandal or legal liability, I do voluntarily agree to observe the following rules of conduct:

1. To respect and comply with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Constitution and Bylaws, Manual of Standard Procedure, Protocol Manual, Membership Intake Manual, Rituals, other official handbooks and documents, as well as Chapter Bylaws and Rules of Order.
2. To remain subject to the authority of the Boule and the Directorate.
3. To respect our elected/appointed leaders and support them in conducting the business of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.
4. To present myself publicly in a way that reflects the high moral and ethical character of Alpha Kappa Alpha women by:
  - a. Obeying the law.
  - b. Exercising good manners.
  - c. Displaying concern for my appearance by following established Alpha Kappa Alpha guidelines.
  - d. Refraining from profanity, acts of violence and criminal conduct.
  - e. Exhibiting respect for other Pan-Hellenic organizations by avoiding demeaning remarks or ridiculing them.
  - f. Wearing identifiable paraphernalia only if conduct or circumstances will bring no negative repercussion to the Sorority.
5. To demonstrate the high regard we have for each other as women and sorors by:
  - a. Avoiding derogatory, demeaning and insulting remarks.
  - b. Being polite, kind, honest, fair and conciliatory.
  - c. Assisting with the special needs of elderly and disabled sorors.
  - d. Keeping confidences and maintaining confidentiality.
  - e. Refraining from acts of hazing, reporting its occurrence to the appropriate authority and demonstrating compliance with all aspects of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Anti-Hazing Policy.
  - f. Abiding by and actively supporting official Chapter and Sorority decisions even in the event of personal disagreement.
6. To work diligently to foster the programs of the Sorority and participate fully in meetings and conferences that enhance personal knowledge and improve sorority effectiveness.

7. To maintain integrity in financial matters related to the Sorority by:
  - a. Remaining current with all dues and financial obligations.
  - b. Following accepted financial procedures.
  - c. Avoiding the co-mingling of personal and Sorority funds.
  - d. Utilizing the tax-exempt status only as legally permitted.
  - e. Expecting that financial officers will maintain records, make them available for inspection and pass them on to succeeding officers and/or Graduate Advisors as required.
  - f. Purchasing only from officially sanctioned vendors at Regional Conferences and Boules.
  - g. Reporting the misappropriation of Chapter funds and/or property to the appropriate authority and taking the necessary action to protect or retrieve funds and/or property belonging to the Sorority.
8. To invite for Sorority membership only those community minded women of sufficient high moral and ethical character and scholarship who have true interest in serving Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.
9. To refrain from soliciting advertisements, endorsements and sponsorships that harm the image of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority or that conflict with its program concerns and values.

I shall remain cognizant that others will judge the values and principles of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by my personal deportment and conduct. Furthermore, should I attain a leadership position in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, that requires me to be an official spokesman or public representative, I understand that my conduct must rise to the highest standard. Should my behavior compromise Alpha Kappa Alpha's image or the reputation of its members, I shall relinquish my position either of my own volition or when instructed to do so by my Chapter or the Directorate.

In promising to obey these rules of conduct, I acknowledge that the perpetuation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, as an organization of women of high moral and ethical standards depends on my compliance.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_