



## Excused Status Financial Resource

### Financial Obligation of Excused Status

The intent of Excused Status is to allow Delta Gamma collegiate members to maintain membership while pursuing additional academic and professional opportunities or when experiencing a temporary hardship. Excused Status is meant to be a singular status that addresses the diverse needs of our collegiate members and can be granted for any of the following reasons: financial hardship, attendance, non-resident/abroad, academic/professional and special circumstances.

Any Excused Status application that Honor Board wishes to approve with financial accommodations must be discussed with the vp: finance prior to its approval. The vp: finance, in conjunction with the chapter financial adviser (CFA), will notify Honor Board of the chapter's ability to afford these accommodations. This resource provides more insight on how Excused Status will affect the chapter budget. Please note that Excused Status will have **no impact** on the enforcement of Room Agreements.

### Dues and Fees

When creating a chapter budget, each collegiate chapter use the same line items to determine the cost of chapter dues and fees. While the amount of money designated to each line item may be different from chapter to chapter, the categories are consistent across all chapters. Below is the list of line items that are included on the chapter budget and who has authority over the specified amount:

- *Approved by Council:* per capita dues, technology fee, *ANCHORA* fee, new member fee, Initiation fee and house corporation fee
- *NPC determined:* National Panhellenic fee
- *Contracted service:* greekbill fee
- *Decided by the chapter per the BLSR:* chapter dues, social activities and miscellaneous fees
- *Campus Panhellenic:* Campus Panhellenic dues
- *Decided by the chapter based on the Housing budget:* chapter obligation, payroll, rent, board and extra meals

All initiated collegiate members' dues and fees include the above line items with the exclusion of the new member fee, Initiation fee and house corporation fee (only to be paid by new members) and rent, board and extra meals as applicable.

## Determining Excused Status Dues and Fees

As Excused Status's purpose is to temporarily relieve a collegiate member of attendance and/or membership requirements, the line items included in Excused Status dues will vary based on the five overarching reasons for applying.

Members who are granted Excused Status for **attendance** reasons shall pay full dues and fees. As these members are welcome to attend all Delta Gamma events, no reduction is necessary.

Members on Excused Status for **academic/professional** reasons shall be responsible for:

- *Approved by Council:* per capita dues, technology fee and ANCHORA fee
- *NPC determined:* National Panhellenic fee
- *Contracted service:* greekbill fee
- *Decided by the chapter per the BLSR:* adjusted chapter dues (determined in the chapter budget)
- *Campus Panhellenic:* Campus Panhellenic dues
- *Decided by the chapter based on the Housing budget:* chapter obligation, payroll

Members seeking Excused Status for **financial hardship** or **non-resident/abroad** shall be responsible for:

- *Approved by Council:* per capita dues, technology fee and ANCHORA fee
- *NPC determined:* National Panhellenic fee
- *Contracted service:* greekbill fee
- *Campus Panhellenic:* Campus Panhellenic dues

For those members on Excused Status for **special circumstances**, financial obligation will be determined by the individual member's need. This financial obligation may mirror any of those mentioned above, based on the needs of the member and her special circumstances.

Please note that members on Excused Status will be charged rent, board and extra meals as applicable.

## Budgeting for Excused Status

Chapters should be intentional when budgeting for Excused Status in order to avoid adding unnecessary financial burden for all remaining members. When approving members for Excused Status, Delta Gamma recommends that the chapter consider reducing chapter expenses to help cover this cost. Areas in which the chapter could decrease within chapter expenses are social activities 715A-D, membership 691 and programming 805.