



Becoming a Delta Gamma Through the Alumna Initiate Program

While membership in Delta Gamma traditionally begins during one's college years, there are special times when the Delta Gamma Council approves the Initiation of qualified candidates who are not collegians. These are women who have a desire to fulfill a significant role in support of a collegiate chapter or an alumnae group.

Unlike the collegiate recruitment process, the alumna initiate program focuses more on a potential candidate's recommendation by a Delta Gamma chapter, alumnae group or sister in good standing. An alumna initiate enjoys the full privileges of alumnae membership. They may serve the Fraternity and Foundation in any capacity, and they are expected to be a participating alumna by choosing an avenue of involvement suited to them – such as joining an alumnae group or supporting a collegiate chapter.

The Delta Gamma Story

Delta Gamma is an International Fraternity for women. Delta Gamma was founded in 1873 at the Lewis School in Oxford, Mississippi by three women whose vision was to do good. Today, we have expanded to more than 150 collegiate chapters and more than 200 alumnae groups. Delta Gammas can be found in the United States, Canada and several other countries, and the alumna initiate program has been a part of DG since our founding.

Membership Criteria

- Must not be a current collegian.
- Must demonstrate a significant interest in volunteering and commitment to Delta Gamma.
- Must understand the financial responsibility of membership.
- Must not be an initiated member of any other National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) group or national social sorority.

The Alumna Initiate Process

1. A candidate or current Delta Gamma, acting as a sponsor, will first contact Alumnae Services at Executive Offices to express interest in alumna initiation by emailing alumnaedpt@deltagamma.org or calling 614-481-8169.
2. The candidate should then develop a relationship with an alumnae group, collegiate chapter, or a number of individual members to become familiar with the activities, history, and values of Delta Gamma. This also allows current members a chance to get to know the candidate.
3. The alumna initiate application, required letters, and endorsement for membership should then be submitted to Alumnae Services at Executive Offices. Staff will send a completed application packet to Council for final approval.
4. The Delta Gamma Council will make the final decision to extend an invitation for membership to the candidate.
5. The alumna initiate candidate should respond with her acceptance and payment of the appropriate fees.
6. The sponsor will arrange for and implement alumna initiate education with the candidate prior to Initiation.
7. Initiation is held at the time of the next regular collegiate Initiation ceremony at the chapter of her choosing.

Membership Benefits

- A lifelong circle of sisterhood, providing relationships, friendships, inspiration and support.
- Social engagement and networking through membership in an alumnae group.
- Opportunities for mentoring collegiate members through a chapter advisory team or house corporation.
- Leadership opportunities in our alumnae groups, or with the Fraternity or Foundation.
- Opportunities to do good through Service for Sight initiatives in support of the Delta Gamma Foundation.
- Personal and professional leadership and skill development opportunities at international Conventions, regional conferences, and other alumnae trainings, and educational resources found the DG Library.
- A subscription to the ANCHORA magazine.
- Foundation scholarships and grants.
- Community involvement with other Delta Gamma sisters.



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