

Louisiana State Acacia Membership Contract

This Membership Contract is made effective as of July 1, 2020, by and between Acacia Fraternity and _____, (member/new member) and will last throughout the academic calendar, August 1, 2021.

I understand that membership in Acacia exists only on the bases of shared values, standards and accountability as established by Acacia Fraternity and LSU. I also understand that my affiliated fraternity expects its members to conduct themselves according to the policies, laws, bylaws, procedures and guidelines of the organization and LSU and the state of Louisiana. Specifically, as a member, I agree to:

1. Abide by ALL University policies, Code of Conduct, regulations, and probationary terms that govern students, Greek organizations and Greek students.
2. Abide by the University President's Directives for Greek life.
3. Abide by Acacia's constitution, policies, ritual and resolutions, as well as the chapter's constitution, bylaws, housing policies as they now exist or may hereafter be enacted.
4. Ensure all members are treated with respect by actively enforcing Acacia Fraternity and University's policy on hazing, drugs, alcohol and sexual misconduct.
5. Actively enforce any chapter sanctions from the Acacia Fraternity International and/or LSU.
6. Report any violation of the Acacia Fraternity International, local chapter, or university policies to my chapter leadership/advisors and to the LSU Dean of Students Office.
7. Resign from Acacia Fraternity in the event that I determine that I am no longer interested in behaving consistent with the standards outlined by my Acacia Fraternity and/or LSU.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Drugs – No illegal drugs may be on chapter property or at any chapter function at any time. Possession of such is grounds for immediate expulsion. This includes the use or sale of marijuana in states that where it has been decriminalized.

1. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages while participating in any Fraternity event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or at any event an observer would associate with the Fraternity must be consistent with all campus, city, county, state, federal laws, Fraternity policies and must comply with either the North American Interfraternity Conference BYOB Checklist or Third Party Vendor Guidelines.
2. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased with chapter funds, nor may the purchase of alcoholic beverages for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of the chapter. Pooling of funds, "passing the hat," or

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maintaining “slush funds” is not permitted. The purchase and/or use of a bulk quantity or common source(s) of alcoholic beverages (e.g., kegs, case(s) of beer/wine) is prohibited.

3. No Fraternity members, individually or collectively, shall purchase for, serve, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (e.g., those under the legal drinking age).
4. No chapter can associate the Fraternity's name with any event sponsored by an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, or tavern (tavern is defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present.
5. No chapter can co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
6. No alcohol may be present at any event associated with Fraternity recruitment.
7. No alcohol may be present at any “open event” where there is unrestricted access by non-members of the Fraternity.
8. No member shall permit, encourage or participate in “drinking games.” Drinking games include but are not limited to the consumption of shots of alcohol, liquor or alcoholic beverages; the practice of consuming shots equating to one’s age; “beer pong;” “century club;” “dares” or any other activity involving the consumption of alcohol which involves duress or encouragement related to the consumption of alcohol.
9. No alcohol is allowed at any member development activity or Ritual ceremony. This includes but is not limited to activities associated with “bid night,” “big brother – little brother” events or activities, Ritual Rites of Passage and initiation.
10. The possession, sale or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances, including prescription drugs obtained without a prescription, is strictly prohibited.

I understand that failure to meet any of the aforementioned obligations of my membership of my organization may result in sanctions from my Acacia Fraternity International, the Louisiana State Chapter, and/or Dean of Students Office to include removal from my Greek organization.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

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I – Ritual & Brotherhood

I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my Acacia Ritual and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life. I will attend all regularly scheduled meetings, recruitment events, and brotherhood events, so that I may contribute my honest share of effort.

II - Academics

I will strive for academic excellence and practice academic integrity at all times. I understand that my active membership may be suspended if my academic performance falls below minimum chapter standard, or the Acacia standard as stated in the Laws of Acacia. I understand that living in a chapter house may involve observation of “quiet study hours” and I will abide.

III – Respect for Others

I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, psychologically or sexually abuse or haze any human being, including any inappropriate actions against an individual due to their gender, religion, race, or sexual orientation. If I witness an abusive situation, I will notify the Venerable Dean, the Chapter Advisor, and/or other responsible authorities.

IV – Health & Safety

I will protect the health and safety of all human beings. I will know and abide by the Hazing Policy set forth by the University, the Interfraternity Council and the Acacia Fraternity.

V- Respect for Property

I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore, I will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property. I will not intentionally cause damage to my chapter house. I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health; therefore, I will do all in my power to see that the chapter property is properly cleaned and maintained. If an accident occurs, I will notify the Chapter Advisor.

VI – Financial Integrity

I will meet my financial obligations to Acacia Fraternity, and all other parties, in a timely manner.

VII – Social Responsibility

I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither abuse nor support the abuse of alcohol, either in the chapter house or at any other location. I will understand and comply with the alcohol policy of my chapter, the Interfraternity Council, the University, and Acacia Fraternity.

VIII - Loyalty

I will trust and support all of my Acacia brothers in abiding by these fraternal expectations, as they may trust in me to do the same.

Chapter:
Member:
Witness:
Date: