

**SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON  
LOUISIANA EPSILON, Est. 1867**

**MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT WITH SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON**

**Your Membership Agreement**

We expect you and all of our members to comply with our health-and-safety policies and guidelines and our crisis-management procedures. You also have other obligations you took as an oath in ceremony as a new member and in our Scope of Association/Membership Agreement. This document is your obligation to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and is signed electronically upon your entering the members-only section of our website. It is a condition of your membership and needs to be read carefully and understood.

**Agreement Defining Member's Association with Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity**

The mission statement of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity ("SAE") is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship and service for our members based upon the ideals set forth by our Founders as specifically enumerated in our creed, "The True Gentleman." The member recognizes his membership with SAE is at all times voluntary and consensual. In consideration of being provided benefits commensurate with his status as a member of SAE, the member agrees to explicitly define the scope of his association with SAE as follows:

**Members are also expected to read and agree to this agreement digitally online at [www.sae.net](http://www.sae.net) when you claim your members-only account upon your acceptance into Sigma Alpha Epsilon.**

## **1. Financial Responsibility.**

The member is personally responsible for and promises to pay all debts incurred arising from his association with SAE, including, but not limited to, Fraternity dues, health-and-safety fees, province dues, local dues and/or housing association fees. The member hereby agrees to pay all costs, such as reasonable attorney's fees, whether suit is filed or not, if legal counsel is employed to collect any unpaid debt arising from his association with SAE.

## **2. Personal Conduct.**

The conduct and/or activities specifically enumerated below, regardless of the time, place and/or manner in which they occur, fall outside the scope of the member's responsibilities, duties and association with SAE. Should the member engage in the conduct and/or activities specifically enumerated below, the member understands and agrees (1) he is acting outside the scope of his responsibilities, duties and association with SAE, (2) he accepts sole responsibility for his conduct and (3) he agrees SAE is not, and shall not be, considered legally liable or vicariously liable for his conduct.

a. Further the member agrees that, in the event SAE makes any payment upon a claim, is required to defend itself, or incurs any expense arising out of or resulting from the member engaging in the conduct and/or activities specifically enumerated below, the member shall fully cooperate with SAE in pursuing recovery under any policy of insurance available to the member. If no policy of insurance is available, the member shall indemnify SAE for all expenses, including attorney's fees and costs, reasonably incurred by SAE.

b. The following conduct and/or activities expressly fall outside the scope of a member's responsibilities, duties and association with SAE

1. Any act by the member which constitutes a violation of any criminal or civil law in the state in which the act occurred.

2. Any act by the member which constitutes a violation of (a) SAE's Fraternity Laws and/or policies, (b) the Chapter Collegiate by-laws, (c) the university regulations and/or policies governing student conduct where the chapter is domiciled, and (d) the laws of the state where the chapter is located.

3. Any act by the member which constitutes hazing as that term is defined by (a) SAE's Fraternity Laws and/or policies, (b) the Chapter Collegiate by-laws, (c) the university regulations and /or policies governing student conduct where the chapter is domiciled, and (d) the laws of the state where the chapter is domiciled.

4. Participating in or submitting to hazing in any form. The member agrees not to submit to hazing. The member will not allow himself or anyone else to be hazed by any person. The member agrees to report to the Fraternity Service Center any activities that could potentially constitute the hazing of any person associated with SAE.

5. Any intentional conduct by the member which results in physical or mental injury or property damage.

6. Attendance or sponsorship of any event by member(s) of SAE, where (a) the event is not planned, promoted and approved by SAE at either the local or Fraternity level, (b) the event does not strictly conform with all of SAE written health-and-safety policies governing the sale and/or distribution of alcohol, and (c) the event does not strictly conform with all the law of the state where the event was held. or refer to any person associated with SAE as a pledge. The member acknowledges that any person who accepts an invitation to join a chapter of SAE will be initiated no later than 96 hours after he accepts his invitation to join SAE, unless that invitation is rescinded prior to initiation. A newly initiated member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership.

3. Further the member and SAE agree that any provisions of this document which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability, without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction. This document, including all matters of construction, validity and performance, shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to choice of law or conflicts of law provisions thereof. The member agrees to cooperate fully and execute any and all supplementary documents and to take all additional actions which may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the terms of this document.

4. As a member of SAE, I understand this is a legally binding document. I warrant I have reached the legal age of majority in the state where this contract was executed. I further warrant I have the capacity to read and understand each and every provision of this document. Before signing, I have taken the opportunity to read the entire document and agree to its contents without objection or modification.

- Please refer to <http://data.sae.net/docs/MinervasShield.pdf>
- Specifically, at pg. 7, the Membership Agreement provides as follows:
  - Your Membership Agreement