

**Austin Peay State University  
Student Hazing Policy,  
New Member Bill of Rights Confirmation Form,  
And Liability Disclosure Notice**

**Section I – Hazing**

Hazing is illegal.

Hazing is defined in our “Code of Student Conduct” as: any intentional or reckless act, on or off institutional property by one student, acting alone or with others, which is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety, of that student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger such student’s mental or physical health or safety. Hazing does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions, and, is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organizations.” Statutory Authority: T.C.A. 49-8-203, APSU “Code of Student Conduct,” in the Student Handbook and Calendar.

**Section II – Release of Liability**

I acknowledge that I fully understand that Austin Peay State University does not conduct recruitment/rush activities, or other activities sponsored or conducted by student organizations, and that Austin Peay State University does not provide or approve transportation for voluntary participation in such activities. Such activities and events are not university sponsored and I am not in any way required by the university to participate. I understand that Austin Peay State University is not responsible for actions, losses, damages or injuries that may occur as a consequence of my attendance or participation in these activities or events. The university is also not responsible for actions, losses, damages or injuries that result from violation of University policies. I acknowledge that I am aware of University policies regarding rush activities, hazing, and the responsibilities of student organizations and I agree to abide by and adhere to said policies. I further understand that violations of the “Code of Student Conduct,” including violating the hazing policy, may result in disciplinary charges and civil or criminal proceedings being brought against me. I understand that the university is not responsible for any actions, losses, damages or injuries that occur to me or to others as a consequence of members of student organizations driving and/or transporting recruits, members or other students to non-university sponsored off campus events. I also understand that I may be held accountable, responsible or liable for actions, losses, damages or injuries incurred by others resulting from my driving and/or transporting other persons to non-university sponsored off campus events.

**Section III - Agreement**

I have read and I understand my rights as a current, new, or potential member of the student organization at Austin Peay State University. By signing below, I agree to exercise these rights and uphold our zero tolerance for hazing by reporting questionable activities to the director of the Office of Student Life and Leadership [scheusnerh@apsu.edu] at (931) 221-7431 or to the Dean of Students at (931) 221-7341. I have read the above Hazing statement and understand that participating in any said activities is a violation of the APSU “Code of Student Conduct.” I have read the Release of Liability statement and agree to hold Austin Peay State University harmless for any actions, losses, damages or injuries that result from my decision to participate in activities as described in this document. (Parent/Guardian must sign if student is under age 18.)

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_____ Print Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date

x	x	x
_____ Witness (Print Name)	_____ Signature	_____ Date

x	x	x
_____ Parent/Guardian - Print Name (required if student is less than 18 years old )	_____ Signature	_____ Date