

RHO LAMBDA

NATIONAL SORORITY RECOGNITION SOCIETY

Rho Lambda, the National Sorority Leadership Recognition Society, was founded at the University of Miami as a local group in 1962 under the direction of Dean Louise P. Mills.

In 1974, Rho Lambda received permission from the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) to become a national organization. Rho Lambda subsequently applied to the Federal Government for a Title IX exemption to maintain its single sex status.

After receiving this exception, the members of the University of Miami Chapter corresponded with Panhellenic associations across the country in hopes of sparking interest. Commitment Forms and Constitutions were mailed to those Panhellenic groups that expressed an interest and by the end of 1975, there were 20 chapters nationwide. In 1987, Rho Lambda became international, colonizing at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. In 1998, Rho Lambda began admitting all sorority women based upon minimum requirements; hence, membership was not limited to only members of the NPC organization.

The Greek letters RHO LAMBDA stand for PANHELLENIC LEADERSHIP, respectively. Those who are leaders light a torch in the darkness for others to follow, and the flame is the symbol of Rho Lambda. Although membership was originally intended for women whose organizations belonged to campus Panhellenics, any sorority woman is now eligible for membership as long as she meets the membership selection criteria.

The purpose of Rho Lambda is to honor those women within the sorority community who have exhibited the highest qualities of leadership and service to their Greek community and their sorority. They are women who have furthered the ideals and principles of the Greek community throughout their years of sorority affiliation.

The colors of Rho Lambda are crimson and gold. The pin is a broken triangle with a crimson inset bearing the Greek letters Rho Lambda in gold.

To date, over 218 chapters have been chartered throughout North America, each sharing the common goal of recognizing sorority women for their outstanding leadership.

Rho Lambda Membership

Membership requirements are as follows:

- Women who in the opinion of the membership of Rho Lambda have displayed outstanding leadership, ability, and loyalty throughout their years of sorority affiliation shall be eligible for membership.
- Nominations for membership may be submitted to the current members of Rho Lambda, by the president, and the local advisors of each national sorority.
- An overall grade point average of a 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for membership.
- Only active members in their junior or senior year are eligible. They must have been initiated, active members of their sorority for at least two full academic terms or semesters.
- A transfer student will be eligible for membership after one term or semester on the university or college campus.
- A candidate must be a regularly enrolled, full-time undergraduate student in the university.
- The maximum number of members to be elected in any year is 10% of the total sorority membership.
- Honorary members shall have demonstrated outstanding service to the sorority system but need not have been a sorority woman.
- Honorary members shall have all the privileges of membership with the exception of voting.

RHO LAMBDA NOMINATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name:

A#:

Address:

Phone:

Organization:

Initiation Date:

If transfer student, date of transfer and previous college or university:

Cumulative GPA:

Credits Earned:

Positions held within nominee's sorority:

Honors, awards and prizes bestowed by nominee's sorority:

Positions held within the Panhellenic community:

Other campus activities and honors:

Other relevant remarks:

Signature of Chapter President, Advisor or Rho Lambda Member

Date