Statement of Obligations of Membership

All members of Pi Beta Phi are required to sign the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity Statement of Obligations of Membership annually before any social events are scheduled during the fall term. The Financial Responsibilities of Membership are signed online in GreekBill. Once signed as a new member, the Statement applies to a member’s entire collegiate membership; annual signing is a reminder of these obligations.

If new members are pledged during the year, they must sign the Statement as soon as possible after pledging and before initiation. A New Member may not be initiated without having signed the Statement. Upon pledging, Pi Beta Phi Headquarters sends a welcome email to parents with a linked copy of the Statement of Obligations of Membership for their review.

Instructions
Contact your Collegiate Regional Risk Management/Policy Specialist with any questions about this process.

When: At the beginning of the academic year, preferably within 30 days or before any social events are scheduled during the fall term and following any new member’s pledging.

1. Preparations:
   - The Vice President of Administration (VPA) and Policy & Standards Board (PSB) should print page 2 of this document and fill in the blank with the chapter name. Make enough copies of the two-page statement for all new and initiated members to sign.

2. Presentation and signing:
   - The VPA and PSB must review the entire Statement with new members and initiated members at the beginning of the academic year with all initiated members and during Lesson D of the New Member Education Program. It is recommended that the chapter utilizes the Critical Conversations Webisode on the Statement of Obligations of Membership found at https://vimeo.com/channels/criticalconversations. Additionally, the Vice President of Finance should go over the Financial Responsibilities of Membership (found in GreekBill) during this meeting with initiated members.

3. Copies and storage:
   - Once signed, make a copy of the original version and give the copy to the member. The original signed document goes in the chapter’s Member Contract files.
   - The VPA must keep accurate records to verify the statements have been signed by every member. She must be able to produce the signed copies from the Member Contract files at any time.
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I, (print name) ________________, recognize that membership in Pi Beta Phi Fraternity offers me many benefits and the opportunity for personal growth and development. As a member of the __________________________ Chapter of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, I promise to accept the responsibilities of lifelong membership of the Fraternity and of my obligation to abide by the Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity, the Policy & Position Statements, and the Bylaws, Regulations and House Rules of the chapter. First signed as a new member, this Statement of Obligations applies to a member’s entire collegiate membership in Pi Beta Phi. The annual signing is reminder of these obligations.

Standards
I will strive to live by the high standards and ideals of sisterhood of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity as they are expressed in Fraternity’s core values of integrity, honor and respect, lifelong commitment, personal and intellectual growth, philanthropic service to others and sincere friendship.

Academics
I understand my academic achievement reflects credit or discredit upon Pi Beta Phi Fraternity. I will strive to achieve my academic potential. I will adhere to my chapter’s academic mentorship plan and seek the support of my chapter. I understand my chapter may hold me accountable to set academic standards.

Participation
I understand being part of Pi Beta Phi offers me many opportunities to participate in a variety of chapter, campus and community service activities and it is my obligation as a member of the chapter to support those activities.

Finances
I will abide by the chapter’s housing policy and will meet my financial obligations promptly.

Confidentiality
I will hold in confidence the business, rituals and ceremonies of Pi Beta Phi and of my chapter.

Policies, Laws
I understand all new and initiated members of the Fraternity have the responsibility to uphold all chapter, Fraternity and university rules and regulations and all local, state/province and federal laws.

Alcohol and Drugs
I understand all new and initiated members shall comply with Pi Beta Phi Fraternity’s policy of adherence to all federal, state/Canadian province, local and university laws and regulations regarding alcohol and drugs and will observe them at all times. Members shall also comply with all Fraternity and chapter regulations regarding alcohol at any chapter-sponsored or co-sponsored event. I understand according to __________________________ (state/province) law, if I am not _____ years of age, I may not purchase or consume alcohol.

I understand at any Pi Beta Phi chapter-sponsored or co-sponsored event, my guest(s) and I are responsible for presenting valid identification, and I assume personal responsibility for myself and my guest(s) in the event my conduct, or that of my guest, causes damage. I understand I may be asked to leave such an event if I do not comply with the above laws and/or do not exhibit behavior in accordance with Pi Beta Phi standards. Such conduct may also be cause for Fraternity accountability.

Hazing
I affirm I have read, understand and will abide by the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity Policy against Hazing. I acknowledge that the elimination of hazing is my personal responsibility as an individual member, new or initiated, of the chapter, as well as the responsibility of the chapter as a whole. I acknowledge hazing may result in civil and/or criminal liability on the part of those individuals who engage in hazing. I further acknowledge hazing may subject those who engage in it to member accountability either by the chapter or Grand Council following appropriate Pi Beta Phi procedures. I will neither condone nor ignore any hazing. I will report hazing activities to chapter officers or by calling the Greek Anti-Hazing Hotline at (888) NOT-HAZE or (888) 668-4293.

Accountability
I understand a violation of any of the standards expressed or the civil law or Fraternity and chapter Constitution and Statutes, Policy & Position Statements and the Bylaws and Regulations in the Statement of Obligations can result in member accountability by the chapter as recommended by the Executive Council and Alumnae Advisory Committee, the _________________ Chapter or Grand Council following the procedures of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity. If, for any reason, my membership is terminated, I agree to return all Fraternity property in my possession as specified in the Pi Beta Phi Constitution and Statutes.

Relationship
Pi Beta Phi Fraternity’s relationship is with me as an individual, and not with my family. If my parents wish to speak to an advisor or Fraternity officer about my experiences, I must provide written permission. However, I understand in certain exceptional circumstances, international Fraternity officers may have a need to contact a member of my family, for that purpose, I provide the following information on an emergency contact person:

Name: __________________________
Relationship: ______________________
Address: __________________________
Phone #: __________________________ Alternate Phone # (Office and/or Cell): ________________

I understand and consent to Pi Beta Phi Fraternity contacting university personnel, law enforcement officials, health care providers or other person(s) as the Fraternity, in its sole discretion, may deem appropriate, regarding any matter affecting my health, safety and general welfare.

I understand and accept the obligations of membership as stated above.

Member __________________________ Date: __________________________ Date of Birth: ________________