

## Formal Acceptance Signing

You will receive a Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA) card (aka "bid card") following the preference events on Sunday afternoon. On this card, you will list, in order of your preference, the sororities whose preference event you attended and from whom you are willing to accept an invitation to membership (a bid). If you are interested in more than one sorority, it is important to list them both. The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and UCA Panhellenic Association strongly encourages you to list two preferences and discourages you from intentionally stating only one preference (aka "block bidding"). However, your MRABA card is an acceptance agreement, so do not list a sorority that you have no interest in joining.

MRABA cards are kept confidential. Sorority members will not have access to them. They are used to match your choices with the lists submitted by sorority chapters. This process is called bid matching and is done by the My Campus Director system, alumnae advisors, the Panhellenic Advisor, and a representative from NPC. No undergraduate members (including Panhellenic Council and Counselors) are involved in this process.

Once your MRABA card has been matched to a sorority list, you are matched to that sorority. National Panhellenic Conference sororities have agreed that when a potential new member receives an invitation under the preferential system, the signing of the MRABA will be binding. If a potential new member indicates a sorority preference on her card and it matches, she is considered a new member of that sorority. If she then decides that she is not interested and declines that sorority's invitation for membership, she is not eligible for membership in any other UCA sorority for one calendar year from the date of the signing of the MRABA.

Going through recruitment neither assures that you will receive a bid, nor does it obligate you to join a sorority. If you attend the preference events and decide not to join a sorority, you must still attend the MRABA card signing and sign your name on a card, even though no preference is listed. In this case, you will immediately be eligible for an open bid, which may be extended once Formal Recruitment period is over. At the same time, if you list preferences and do not receive a bid from the sororities you list, you will immediately be eligible for an open bid.

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### \*Sample\* Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement \*Sample\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have participated in membership recruitment period at UCA. By signing this Acceptance Agreement, I understand and agree to the following terms:

1. I am willing to accept an invitation to membership from any women's sorority that I list on this agreement.
2. I may limit my choices to just one OR list any women's sorority whose preference round (last) event I attended, and from which I am willing to accept membership. I realize that by not listing the maximum number of events I attended, I may be limiting my potential to join any other NPC group during formal recruitment should I not be place with my choice(s).
3. Once I submit this agreement to the College Panhellenic Association, I cannot change the order of my preferences or add or delete a preference.
4. If I do not receive an invitation to membership from a group that I have listed, I am eligible for continuous open bidding.
5. I have the option of not submitting an agreement at this time.
6. Once I submit this agreement, I am bound by the National Panhellenic Conference one-calendar year rule. This rule states that if I receive an invitation to membership from a group that I have listed and then do not accept it, I am not eligible to be pledged to any other NPC member sorority on this campus for one calendar year (12 month period) from the time of this signing.

I agree to the terms stated above and I am willing to accept an invitation to membership from any of the following women's sororities whose preference event I attended (listed in order of preference):

1st Preference \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Preference \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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Date