
Section III

Legacy Application Guidelines

Guidelines for the completion and submission of the Legacy Application are specified below. Although a graduate chapter does not vote upon an applicant for membership under the legacy provision, she must meet all requirements for membership to be granted approval by the Regional Director.

1. A family-member soror may obtain a Legacy Application from the Basileus of the chapter where she is a member. A graduate candidate who is the daughter, granddaughter, adopted daughter, stepdaughter, or legal ward* of an active or deceased soror is considered a Legacy Candidate. The living family-member soror must have been active at least two (2) years immediately preceding the presentation of the recommendation for the Legacy Candidate. Two (2) years is defined as 24 consecutive months.

*(*For Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a legal ward is defined as one whose permanent care, control, and custody legally have been placed with a soror by an appropriate court of law). Constitution and Bylaws -Article IV- Section 30.*

2. The Legacy Application should be completed and signed by the family-member and sponsoring soror. If the soror is deceased, only the sponsoring soror needs to sign the application. She obtains the signature of her chapter Basileus and Grammateus if she is a member of a chapter. *Falsification of any information on the Legacy Application provided by the family-member soror and/or sponsoring soror makes her subject to penalties, which may include expulsion. Further, if it is determined by the Corporate Office that any information provided on the Legacy Application is false, the applicant will not be approved for membership.*
3. The Legacy Application is accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation and four (4) Sponsor/Co-Sponsor Membership Recommendation Forms.
4. If the Corporate Office cannot verify any information on the application, the family-member soror must provide additional documentation within a specified time period, if requested.
5. The Regional Director shall notify the graduate chapter of the status of the Legacy Application submitted. The chapter shall not notify the legacy applicant of the action taken on her application at the same time all other prospective candidates receive notification regarding their eligibility for membership by sending a letter of invitation or letter of regret.