

The Governing Council of Chi Omega Policy on Alcohol

WHEREAS, Chi Omega promotes the development of relationships and friendships in an alcohol-free environment; and,

WHEREAS, the abuse and misuse of alcohol has had a significant negative effect on our society; and,

WHEREAS, Chi Omega has an obligation to assist our members in attaining their educational goals, thus enabling them to assume the responsibilities of womanhood and citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, undergraduate members, by their actions as individuals affect their chapters, the Fraternity, and the Greek system in general; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of Chi Omega members and new members are under the legal age for the consumption of alcohol.

BE IT RESOLVED

That the following statements are adopted and incorporated into the Governing Council's Policy on Alcohol:

That the officers, members and new members of each chapter bear personal responsibility to abide by applicable federal, state and local laws and applicable college/university and Chi Omega rules and regulations. This is a personal responsibility which each member, new member and officer accepts for herself as a condition of membership in Chi Omega.

That each member and new member is encouraged to make a responsible decision about alcohol use, and that all members respect such decisions as those of spirit and conscience.

That every member and new member considers the impact that her decision and her actions have on her chapter and her Fraternity, and that members choose behavior that reflects the purposes and policies of Chi Omega.

That chapter funds may not be used to purchase or contribute to the purchase of alcohol.

That the possession, sale, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in chapter houses or on any Chi Omega chapter property.

That open parties are not allowed on or off campus.

That a chapter must educate all members and new members about the consequences of underage drinking, providing alcohol to minors, drinking to excess, or causing another individual to make a choice which would cause physical harm.

That Chi Omega chapters will co-sponsor functions at fraternity houses, dorms or lodges only if those functions are alcohol-free.

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The "Whys" Behind This Policy:

Safety of our chapter members is priority in Chi Omega. Realizing that alcohol abuse is common on college campuses, this policy is in place to reduce risk among chapters and chapter members. Chi Omega expects each member to follow the federal, state, and local laws pertaining to alcohol. This expectation is reliant on personal responsibility and good decision-making. No member should pressure or encourage or force someone to consume alcohol. Every member and new member must consider the impact her decision to drink can have on herself, her chapter, and the Fraternity.

Visit the Chi Omega Learning Center — Alcohol Education site to see ways you can incorporate this policy into your everyday life.