



-Legacy Policy-

**Alpha Xi Delta National Bylaws:
Article I - Membership
Section 3. Election to Membership**

Clause 1. Legacy Policy.

A. Definition. An Alpha Xi Delta legacy is the granddaughter, daughter, sister, or niece of an Alpha Xi Delta member in good standing. Where there are equivalent step- or half-relations resulting from blended or other non-traditional family structures, a young woman is considered a legacy if the Alpha Xi Delta member considers her to be one and asks that she be considered as a legacy on the Member Recommendation Form.

B. General Policy. It is the policy of Alpha Xi Delta to give legacies special consideration for membership since their initiation strengthens family ties, giving the chapter and Fraternity increased support.

C. Notification to the Chapter. While some potential new members may report their legacy status to the Panhellenic Council, it is ultimately the responsibility of a legacy's Alpha Xi Delta family member to notify the Fraternity and/or the chapter of a legacy by submitting a Member Recommendation Form well in advance of formal recruitment; it is not the responsibility of the potential new member or the Panhellenic Council.

1. Enrollment of a legacy in the Rose Petals Program does not constitute notification of legacy status; a Member Recommendation Form must be submitted.
2. As they do for any potential new member, chapters should endeavor to acknowledge the submitting alumna when they receive a Member Recommendation for an Alpha Xi Delta legacy.
3. Every chapter member shall be made aware of identified Alpha Xi Delta legacies going through formal recruitment.

D. Invitations. During formal member recruitment, all Alpha Xi Delta legacies must be invited through the first round of invitational events.

1. This does not apply on those campuses with only one invitational event, or where the number of Alpha Xi Delta legacies participating in formal recruitment exceeds a chapter's carry figure.
2. This does not apply to any legacy who does not meet the Alpha Xi Delta national grade requirement as stated under the *Eligibility for Membership* section of these Bylaws.

For all subsequent invitational rounds, no Alpha Xi Delta legacy may be released without permission of National Council's designee.

E. Notification to Alumnae Family Member(s). The Fraternity believes it is the privilege of each legacy to make her own decisions and inform her Alpha Xi Delta family member(s) of her status in recruitment, allowing her to choose the time and manner in which she shares that information with her family. Moreover, all membership selection decisions are strictly confidential at the chapter level and will not be shared with alumnae. For this reason, alumnae will receive no information about the status of any Alpha Xi Delta legacy (or other potential new member) or information on the membership selection process. This in no way reflects a change in Alpha Xi Delta policy regarding the value of our legacies or the importance of pledging legacies.

F. Bid List Placement. Any legacy attending the chapter's Preference event must be placed at the top of the bid list.

G. Education. The Fraternity shall regularly educate all members on Alpha Xi Delta's legacy policy and the value of legacies.