



NPC Position Statement on Membership Selection

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world's largest organizations advocating for women, is the umbrella group for 26 inter/national sororities. NPC supports the individual rights of its 26 member organizations to select their own members.

NPC does not dictate nor determine prospective membership policies. NPC member sororities are women's-only organizations. We believe the right to enforce such membership restrictions is rooted in the freedom of association protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Congress has recognized that right by providing in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 that the membership practices of social fraternities and sororities are excepted from the prohibition contained in Title IX against discrimination on the basis of sex in participation in educational programs or related activities (20 USC 1681) and in exempting "bona fide private membership clubs" from the general prohibition against sex discrimination in employment practice (26 USC 501(c)).

Each member organization must follow its own membership selection policies, procedures and all applicable state and federal laws that pertain to single-sex organizations.

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