USC Interfraternity Council

Expansion Application

2016
To Whom It May Interest:

On behalf of the Interfraternity Council at the University of Southern California, I am pleased to say that we are now accepting applications from organizations interested in becoming a part of the rich and vibrant Greek community here at USC.

The Interfraternity Council is extremely proud of the vast academic, philanthropic, professional, and extracurricular achievements of our members. We realize the benefits and opportunities Greek letter organizations offer our undergraduate students, and we continuously strive to find new ways to enhance their collegiate experience. IFC recognizes the changing climate and reputation of fraternity life across the nation. In doing so, we are committed to act upon the pressing challenges of sexual assault, diversity, and mental health issues facing our community.

With that said, the USC Interfraternity Council is in search of an organization whose addition will strengthen our community and offer similarly enriching opportunities to their future members. We are committed to promoting academic and professional achievement, service, inclusion, and wellness, and we seek an organization that shares our goals and values.

The application consists of a variety of questions through which your organization will provide insight into your goals and commitment. We hope to gain a better understanding as to why you are interested in expansion to the University of Southern California and what your plans are for doing so successfully. We welcome and encourage any supplementary information in addition to your application answers.

We also encourage you to visit our webpage at uscifc.com to gain a better understanding of our community and the chapters that comprise our council. If you are in need of more specific details, please do not hesitate to reach out.

If you are one of the organizations chosen as a finalist, please have a group available either April 16th or April 23rd to come to campus and give a presentation explaining your interest in expanding to USC.

Our board looks forward to reading your application and speaking with you over the coming months. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or comments at recruitment@uscifc.com. Thank you again for your interest in expanding to USC.

Fraternally,

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Alex Budde

Vice President of Recruitment and Expansion
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Please answer the following questions. Feel free to type answers under the questions or complete them in a separate document. Providing additional informational or marketing material is optional.

1. Why is your fraternity looking to expand to the University of Southern California? If your fraternity has been at USC before, please provide information about the chapter during that time as well as the reason for and year of closure.

2. Please briefly describe the history of your national organization.

3. Please describe the number of chapters, average chapter size, alumni numbers, and any other relevant statistics your fraternity has at the national level.

4. What types of leadership, philanthropic, academic, and service opportunities do you provide your members?

5. How will your organization contribute to the already rich and vibrant culture of the USC Greek community as well as to the university as a whole? Additionally, how will your chapter promote diversity and campus involvement among its members as well as the prevention of sexual misconduct and mental health issues?

6. Please describe your fraternity’s new member or pledge process.

7. Please describe other unique programming your fraternity offers to members.
8. Please provide a brief description of your organization's plan for start-up and growth of your chapter if it were to be accepted at USC. Please provide detail on the number of staff members that will be on site and for how long.

9. The USC IFC community is comprised of roughly 2,500 men, 21 chapters, and chapter sizes typically ranging from 80-150 brothers in size. Additionally, almost all chapters have houses on the same street (28th Street) or very close in proximity. Around 40-50 brothers typically reside in these houses. Please specify any chapters that are comparable to USC IFC chapters, and (optional) provide information about the current statuses or achievements of these chapters.

10. As mentioned, most USC IFC chapters have residential houses on 28th street or nearby. Please describe your fraternity’s plans for meeting spaces and/or housing arrangements.

11. Please list number of alumni in the Los Angeles and Southern California regions. Please provide ranges of alumni in miles. (For example: 150 alumni within 15 miles of USC, 300 within 25 miles, and so on.)

12. Of the alumni in the area, how many and who specifically will be heavily involved and engaged in the chapter's leadership transitions and day-to-day operations. Most chapters refer to these alumni as the board of trustees or governors, or chapter advisors. Please provide any contact information if applicable.

13. Please list each chapter that was chartered in the last 5 years, including the number of members added each year, alumni numbers if applicable, and any other relevant information regarding these chapters.

14. Please list any nearby chapters, the number of members in each, distance from USC, and any other relevant information regarding these chapters. Additionally, if you have any members who have transferred to USC, please provide detail.

15. If applicable, please provide any information on financial support of the chapter’s expansion and development.

16. If accepted at USC, where do you see your organization after 5 years, 10 years, and beyond?
Process Timeline

March 14th – Applications Open

March 25th – Applications Due

April 1st – Finalist Notifications sent out

April 16th* – Finalist Campus Visit/Presentation

April 23rd* – Finalist Campus Visit/Presentation

April 29th – Final Decisions made and sent to Finalists

*Please let us know immediately if you are unable to have a group present on campus and we will do our best to accommodate you