

# BETA THETA PI

## MEMBERSHIP STATUSES

The following guide details vital information regarding Beta Theta Pi membership statuses and financial obligations, but is not comprehensive in nature. For full information, please reference [The Code of Beta Theta Pi](#).

Every member of the Fraternity is either a new member, collegiate member or alumnus member — with variations of each. These statuses and the chapter's roster can be managed by designated chapter officers via [MyBeta](#).



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### NEW MEMBER

This is a new member who accepted a bid from the chapter and is serving a pledgeship that has been proscribed by the chapter and approved by the district chief. He must be registered by the appropriate chapter officer within 72 hours of joining and is responsible for new member and insurance fees to the General Fraternity. The chapter must also submit a report within 72 hours of his initiation, at which point he will be automatically assessed the initiation fee. New members are exempt from General Fraternity initiated member dues only during their first term as a new member.

#### ▶ Former New Member

A new member that has not yet been initiated into Beta Theta Pi can become a former new member through his voluntary resignation or expulsion by the chapter. If this occurs within two weeks of the date of pledging, his fees will be waived or refunded. The pledge date is defined as the earlier of either moving into the chapter house or attending the first official new member function.

### COLLEGIATE MEMBER

All initiated members of Beta Theta Pi are considered collegiate members until they graduate, permanently leave school or are designated an alumnus by the Board of Trustees or General Convention via a chapter reorganization effort.

Each collegiate member is responsible for an insurance fee, annual dues and a Heritage Fund fee assessed per [The Code of Beta Theta Pi](#). The number of collegiate members is determined semiannually for financial purposes on October 1 and March 1, but the chapter roster can be updated at any time.

There are two additional types of collegiate members:

#### ▶ Temporarily Inactive Collegiate Member

A member who would otherwise be a collegiate member may become temporarily inactive in the Fraternity for any of the following reasons:

- Study abroad, or internships/co-ops away from where the institution is located
- Missionary work required by his educational institution

- Financial hardship (limited to three per chapter)
- Withdrawal from the institution which is not considered permanent

The chapter president must certify how a member qualifies, the chapter's approval of the temporary inactive status and that the member is paying no dues and not participating in Fraternity events. This status can only be granted for one term. Temporarily Inactive Collegiate Members under these provisions are exempt from dues and Heritage Fund fees provided they comply with the conditions/reasons for inactivity.

### ► **Suspended Member**

A suspended member is a collegiate member with suspended rights and privileges as a result of chapter discipline. This status, related conditions and associated timeframe are determined by the respective chapter and need not be reported to the General Fraternity. A suspended member is still responsible for all General Fraternity dues and fees.

## ALUMNUS MEMBER

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An alumnus member is an initiated member of Beta Theta Pi who has graduated from his institution, left school permanently or been designated an alumnus through his chapter being placed Under Reorganization. **Early alumni status may not be granted outside of a chapter reorganization process.**

## OTHER STATUSES

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Though less common, other membership statuses like the ones below do exist. For more information or further clarification, please reference [The Code of Beta Theta Pi](#) or call the Administrative Office at 800.800.BETA.

### ► **Resigned\***

If a member desires to resign his membership from the Fraternity, he must provide a reason for his resignation, meet all his financial obligations and surrender his badge and shingle.

### ► **Expelled\***

Any expulsion from the Fraternity must be conducted via the formal [Trial by Chapter procedure](#). A man who is expelled ceases to be a member of the Fraternity and his name is canceled from the chapter roll. Discipline and possible expulsion of alumnus members is the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees.

### ► **Transfer**

A student who transfers institutions may become an alumnus member or choose to affiliate with a different chapter provided they elect him to membership and receive a certificate of good standing from his previous chapter. See [Chapter VII of The Laws](#) for more information.

### ► **Special Initiation**

A chapter may initiate on its roll any male non-student deemed worthy by his efforts for and continued interest in the chapter provided he meets qualifications for membership, is approved by the district chief and pays a General Fraternity membership fee upon initiation.

*\* Former members, resigned or expelled, may apply for reinstatement only by majority vote of the General Convention or Board of Trustees.*