

Beta Theta Pi Membership Statuses

The following guide is intended to detail vital information regarding statuses and financial obligations for members of Beta Theta Pi, but is not comprehensive in nature. For full information please reference *The Code of Beta Theta Pi* and all applicable provisions.

On a basic level, every member of the fraternity is either a collegiate member, alumnus member or pledge member – with variations of each. These statuses and the chapter's roster can all be managed by designated chapter officers via the online reporting system at my.betathetapi.org.



Pledge Member

This is a new member elected by the chapter, serving a pledgship proscribed by the chapter and approved by the district chief. An authorized chapter officer must report the new member at <http://my.betathetapi.org> within 72 hours of joining. The chapter is responsible for a pledge fee and insurance fee to the General Fraternity. Upon his initiation, an authorized chapter officer must submit an initiation report at <http://my.betathetapi.org> within 72 hours and will automatically be assessed the initiation fee for each new initiate. Pledge members are exempt from member dues only during their pledge semester.

Former Pledge

A pledge member that has not yet been initiated into Beta Theta Pi can become a former pledge member (de-pledge) by either 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 pledge 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 1st and March 1st, 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/colony)
- Withdrawal from the institution which is not considered permanent

The chapter president must certify that the chapter has approved the temporary inactive status of that member, specify how they qualify and certify that the member is paying no dues and not participating in fraternity events. This status can only be granted for one semester or quarter. Temporarily Inactive Collegiate Members under these provisions are exempt from dues and heritage fees provided they comply with the conditions/reasons for inactivity.

Suspended Member

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

Alumnus Member

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 member through his chapter being placed Under Reorganization. **Early alumni status may not be granted outside of a chapter reorganization process.**

Other Statuses

There are other various membership circumstances that frequently arise. Here are a few with related descriptions. For more information or further clarification please reference *The Code of Beta Theta Pi* or call the Administrative Office at 513-523-7591.

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 member expelled from the Fraternity must be done via the formal Trial by Chapter procedure and uploaded in the Online Reporting System. A man who is expelled ceases to be a member of the Fraternity and his name is cancelled from the roll. Discipline and possible expulsion of alumnus members is the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. Former members, resigned or expelled, may apply for reinstatement only by majority vote of the General Convention or 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 his good standing from his previous chapter. See Chapter VII of *The Laws* for more information.

Special Initiation

A chapter may initiate on their rolls 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 the portion of the General Fraternity membership fee upon initiation.

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