

## What happens to my Meal Plan when I join a Fraternity? Spring Recruitment

A part of becoming a new member in a fraternity at Ohio Wesleyan University is eating your meals at the fraternity house (only applicable to members of ΑΣΦ, ΔΤΔ, ΦΔΘ, ΦΚΨ & ΣΦΕ). Think of your food points as a meal plan (Squire/low, Bishop/medium, or Knight/high). As a fraternity new member your current meal plan (low/medium/high) will be switched to the fraternity meal plan. The change in meal plan will occur during the week after you submitted the Fraternity Change of Status Form. **By signing the, “Fraternity Change of Status Form” you are agreeing to accept the bid for membership, that your meal plan will change and that you will eat your meals through the selected fraternity meal plan.**

If you receive a fraternity bid and choose to accept, the following steps will occur:

1. You receive a bid from a fraternity and you decide to join that fraternity.
2. You will accept your bid by signing a **Fraternity Change of Status Form** with Interfraternity Council and the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
3. Your **Fraternity Change of Status Form** is approved by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and is forwarded to the Residential Life Office.
4. Residential Life enters the information into the University's administrative computing system; which results in 100% of your old meal plan being switched to the fraternity meal charge. However, since this process usually occurs after the start of the semester, a manual adjustment may be required. This financial adjustment varies depending on the status of your meal plan at the time you joined the fraternity.
  - a. Additionally, the fraternity meal plan is approximately \$100.00 more than the medium meal plan per semester. This charge will be applied to your student bill.
5. IF YOU HAVE USED ALL OF YOUR FALL SEMESTER POINTS AND HAVE BEGUN TO USE SPRING POINTS, you are charged for the actual spring points you have used and a fixed cost for the number of weeks in the spring semester that you were on the University Meal Plan. You will also receive a credit for the number of weeks you were not on the Fraternity Meal Plan (*This step may not be applicable for those joining in the fall semester*)
6. Therefore, the fraternity, which you have joined, receives an allocation of money based on the fraternity meal charge. The fraternity does not receive your food points. Should the fraternity ask you to purchase food with your meal card on their behalf and you elect to do so, this purchase would be charged to YOUR student bill, in addition to the fraternity meal charge reflected in step #5 above.

Additional information:

- This process does NOT include those who join the Chi Phi or Fiji Fraternity.
- Food points for retail purchases (i.e. Thomson Store, Hamilton Williams Bakery) may or may not be available with your fraternity meal plan. Please discuss food points for retail options with your fraternity before making purchases at these locations.

\*If your family provides financial assistance for meals and/or your student bill, it is suggested that you notify them of this change. For your convenience, this document is also available at

<https://www.owu.edu/student-life/fraternity-sorority-life/leadership-and-councils/interfraternity-council-ifc/recruitment-documents/>