

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Myths and Excuses Combated



1. I am afraid the fraternity will hurt my grades.

TKE can actually help you achieve your academic goals, not serve as a roadblock. Grades are one of our pillars, and TKE's many resources can help you achieve your academic goals. For those who struggle to find their academic focus, TKE has its own policies and standards in place. Through study hours, tutoring and other various resources, TKE seeks to ensure that you don't stray from the main reason you came to college in the first place.

2. I can't afford it.

Affordability is obviously a concern for almost all students. But, TKE can be affordable. We have a monthly payment plan option. Think of it in terms of an investment. The investment you are making in college is to gain skills and knowledge to prepare you for a professional career. Joining TKE is an investment in your future too, and it is a brotherhood for life. Plus, on average around the nation, only about 1.5% of your entire college costs will be for the fraternity. When you think of it in those terms, combined with the fact most college graduates say their "real" learning happened outside of the classroom, your return on your investment makes TKE an obvious choice.

3. My parents won't let me.

Our fraters would love to talk to your parents and explain the fraternity to them. But, with that not always an option, you need to be able to show them why TKE isn't your average fraternity, and how joining will benefit you. I bet if they knew TKE's academic focus, philanthropy and service activities, campus and community involvement, leadership opportunities and alumni network, then they would urge you to join. The "Animal House" days are gone and a new fraternity has taken its place. TKE is focused on its roots and is here to aid you in your mental, moral and social development.

4. I don't want to be secluded/stereotyped.

We all have friends outside the fraternity. In fact, I would say that you become better known across campus after joining a fraternity. Your opportunities to meet and get to know other students, other fraternity and sorority members, alumni, faculty, staff, and administration is unprecedented by any other type of organization. Why wouldn't you want to be stereotyped as an up and coming leader on campus who is involved, socially advanced, academically successful and has a great time doing it?

5. I'm not a big partier.

TKE is a social fraternity. The word social, however, means building relationships and interacting with others to foster personal and professional growth. It has nothing to do with any of the debauchery or risk management issues which stigmatize fraternities today. The true purpose of fraternities has too long been overshadowed by the misinterpreted "social" aspect of its organizations. TKE is seeking to truly Redefine Fraternity across the nation by re-focusing our groups on our values and our roots. We feel that college is the perfect opportunity for you to come out of your shell, and develop into a well-rounded man. Fraternity houses can host responsible social events, but the days of animal house are gone.

6. I don't have time.

You get out of the fraternity what you put into it. We have athletes and other organizational members that put in as much time as they can and want. We know school and/or athletics may be higher priorities in your life, which is why we work around your schedule and don't require things of you that you can't do. Time is a small input for what you gain from begin a member of TKE.

7. It's just not for me.

TKE is the most diverse fraternity on most campuses as far as personalities, backgrounds, and interests go. We take pride in being able to say that. Our uniqueness is unrivaled by any other fraternities. There is no cookie-cutter Teke. In Fact, TKE was founded to combat a fraternal system which was riddled with prejudice and elitism. And with that in mind, TKE sought men "not for wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal worth and character." And, they placed value on personal relationships, generosity towards others and respect for diversity. You can find your niche in TKE.

8. What about hazing?

Our fraternity does not endorse or employ hazing in our member education process - Period. We believe that you can't build great men by tearing down boys. It is against our International Fraternity and chapter policies, and we simply will not tolerate it. We take great pride in our comprehensive Member Development Program, and it DOES NOT include hazing.

9. I don't want to pay for friends.

You aren't paying for friends, you are investing...in your future, in becoming a better man, in personal and professional growth, in self-discovery, and in building relationships that will last a lifetime. Your dues allow your chapter to operate, and TKE to provide services to our chapters as well as grow the fraternity so more men can have the opportunity to take part in the TKE experience.