



All documents are samples only and should be reviewed by your corporation's legal counsel before using and placed on your House Corporation letterhead.

SAMPLE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned subscriber to these articles of incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together to form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of _____

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is:

ARTICLE II

The general nature and purpose of this corporation is for educational purposes; to aid and promote the general welfare of students of (name of college or university); to help and encourage them to achieve and maintain high scholastic standards; to add to their general culture and knowledge as well as to their ability and desire to cooperate with, and work in harmony with 1 their fellow man in promoting those things of a civic, religious, or educational nature which are for the general good of the (college or university); to maintain themselves while attending the (college or university).

This specific purpose may be accomplished: by acquiring improving and maintaining lands and buildings the buildings to be suitable for housing the members and new members of the (name of chapter) of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and to have assembly library lecture and study rooms and facilities suitable for their use and for the accomplishments of the aforesaid objectives; and by making these lands, buildings, and facilities available to said chapter its members and new members with or without charge (as the directors of this corporation may from time to time determine) for so long as they conduct themselves in conformity with the standards prescribed from time to time by the directors of this corporation and for so long as each and every member or new member, whose scholastic grades are at the time below those then required by the faculty of the (name of college or university) for participating in the activities of fraternities and clubs at such University or College are denied the use of said lands, buildings and facilities; by providing for the (name of chapter) of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, its members and new members, lectures instruction, and supervision upon or with respect to cultural educational, religious and civic subjects and matters; by making loans or gifts and providing scholarships and other financial assistance to worthy or needy students to encourage them in their educational pursuits or to enable them to attend the (name of college or university); and by such other means and methods as the directors of this corporation may from time to time determine to be appropriate for the



accomplishment of the specific purpose for which the corporation is formed, and which are not contrary to the other terms and provisions hereof.

ARTICLE III

All members of the (name of chapter) of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity shall be members as long as they continue in good standing in the fraternity. Alumni of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity shall also be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The names and residences of the subscribers are:

NAME _____ RESIDENCE _____

NAME _____ RESIDENCE _____

NAME _____ RESIDENCE _____

NAME _____ RESIDENCE _____

NAME _____ RESIDENCE _____

NAME _____ RESIDENCE _____

NAME _____ RESIDENCE _____



ARTICLE VI

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than five and not more than nine members. The members of the Board of Directors of this corporation shall be elected annually in the month of April of each year or as soon thereafter as possible, at such place and on such day and hour as the Board of Directors may determine, and all members of the corporation in good standing shall be eligible to vote in the election of directors. In the event of the death, resignation or inability of any one of said directors to serve in that capacity, the remaining directors shall appoint a member of the corporation to fill such vacancy.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, two vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, said officers to be elected or appointed annually by the Board of Directors at its first annual meeting after their election in the month of April, or as soon thereafter as possible, from among the members of the Board of Directors. The term of office of the officers and directors shall commence at the time of their election and shall continue until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VI

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election or appointment under the articles of incorporation are:

NAMES OF OFFICERS:

President _____

Vice President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

ARTICLE VIII

There shall be five persons constituting the first Board of Directors and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first election thereof are the following:

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____



NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

ARTICLE IX

The corporation may from time to time adopt, alter or rescind its bylaws and adopt other bylaws not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Bylaws may be made, adopted altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors all in accordance with the expressed consent or approval of a majority of the members of the Board present at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE X

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted by the Directors all in accordance with the expressed consent or approval of a majority of the members present at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE XI

This corporation shall have power to own, lease, mortgage or sell real and personal property; to acquire by gift legacy devise, purchase or otherwise obtain property of every kind, both real and personal: to maintain and operate a suitable chapter house for members and new members of the (name of chapter) of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity to invest, expend and distribute funds; to provide scholarships and financial assistance for or to make loans or gifts to worthy students and shall have all the powers conferred by (Legal Ref) - (State) Statutes, pertaining to corporations not for profit. This corporation shall not have and shall not issue shares of stock. No part of its earnings shall ever inure to the benefit of any private individual.

This corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation and no part of its funds or property shall ever be used for any such purposes. This corporation's earnings and property shall be, and are hereby dedicated to and shall be used exclusively for the purposes for which this corporation is created, but no one dealing with this corporation shall ever be under any duty to see that any of its funds or property are so used or shall ever be or become in anywise liable for this corporation's failure so to use its funds or property.



ARTICLE XII

Upon dissolution or winding up of the affairs of this corporation all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to a trust established by the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity for the receipt of such assets and such assets shall be so transferred to such trusts; provided, however, that in the event the chapter is reestablished within twenty-one (21) years, the corpus of such trust shall be returned to the corporation required to be organized under Article VI, Section 13, Clause 6 of the Bylaws of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

If this corporation holds any assets on trust, or this corporation is formed for charitable purposes, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by the decree of the state court of the county in which the corporation has its principle office, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by a person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this corporation. This article is irrevocable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of _____ we the undersigned, constituting the incorporators of said corporation being the persons named herein above as the subscribers of said corporation, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this _____ day of , (year).

(SEAL)

(NAME)
(SEAL)

(NAME)
(SEAL)

(NAME)
(SEAL)

(NAME)
(SEAL)

(NAME)

STATE OF (name of state)

COUNTY OF (name of county)

I hereby certify that on this. day, before me a Notary Public duly authorized In the state and county named above to take acknowledgments personally appeared (NAMES) to me known to be the persons described as subscribers in and. who executed the foregoing articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that they subscribed to said articles of incorporation for the purpose therein expressed



Witness my hand and official seal in the county and state named above this _____ day of _____ (year), A.D.

Notary Public State of (name of state)

My Commission Expires: _____

(SEAL)