

Delta Gamma Pen Pal Program

In a world where so much of our connecting is being done through virtual means, the Delta Gamma Pen Pal program serves to connect sisters offline. It is a great way to foster lasting relationships that can span generations, chapters, and geographic location! Through letters exchanged between sisters, we strive to further the bonds of sisterhood. We hope to develop a lasting sense of connection by sharing more about ourselves and our experiences of membership in Delta Gamma.

As a Delta Gamma Pen Pal, you will be randomly paired with two DG sisters with whom you will exchange written letters sent through snail mail. To begin, you will receive the contact information for one sister who has also signed up for the Delta Gamma Pen Pal program through the online form. In the kickoff email, you will also receive some suggested questions to answer and ask in the initial letter connecting you with your Delta Gamma Pen Pal. You will mail your letter to the sister to whom you are assigned by Executive Offices (EO). At the same time, you have been assigned as another sister's Delta Gamma Pen Pal, and she will be working to write and send you a letter. **In total, you will be exchanging letters with two sisters.**

To get started, complete the [Delta Gamma Pen Pal registration form](#). The registration form will be open from August 1-15, 2020. Beginning on Monday, August 17, 2020 you will receive the contact information for your assigned sister. Within two weeks of receiving her name and address, please send your Delta Gamma Pen Pal your initial letter. Ideally, you will exchange letters with this sister once per month. Likewise, you should receive a letter from your second pen pal in that same timeframe.

Remember, just like you, your Delta Gamma Pen Pal sister willingly signed up for this program and is really looking forward to hearing from you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS A DELTA GAMMA PEN PAL?

Your main role as a Delta Gamma Pen Pal is to foster the bonds of sisterhood with the two sisters with whom you are exchanging letters. While we have suggested sisterhood related prompts and questions, we hope that, over time, the conversation expands to include the shared interests you learn about through your letters.

WHAT IS THE TIME AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT?

As you probably have heard a few times in your life, it is much like the quote "You get out what you put in." That is also true for the Delta Gamma Pen Pal Program. Although the time commitment can vary, it should be beneficial for both parties. It should not be a large time commitment; just the time that it takes to write two letters every couple of weeks or so, but we do want to ensure that you are exchanging letters with your Delta Gamma Pen Pal.

The financial commitment should be as small as purchasing a stamp for your letters. Remember it is not about exchanging gifts – it is about fostering sisterhood through our written words.



HOW LONG DOES THE DELTA GAMMA PEN PAL PROGRAM LAST?

As long as you and your Delta Gamma Pen Pal continue exchanging letters! During these difficult times where many are encouraged to stay at home, these letters can bring some hope and joy to our sisters' lives. As such, we ask that the letter writing continues once per month through as much of 2020 as possible.

CAN I BE A DELTA GAMMA PEN PAL TO MORE THAN ONE SISTER?

For now, we are limiting it to one sign up. Keep in mind, in doing so, you are really getting two pen pals!

WHAT IF MY SITUATION CHANGES AND I CAN NO LONGER PARTICIPATE?

Life is chaotic, and situations may change. If this happens before you write your initial letter, please let EO know by emailing DG-EO@deltagamma.org so that we can assign a new Delta Gamma Pen Pal. We do not want your Delta Gamma Pen Pal to be left without a sister reaching out to her!

If you have already started exchanging letters with your Delta Gamma Pen Pal, please let her know that your situation has changed and that, while you've enjoyed getting to know her, you are no longer able to exchange letters. This way, she will be able to sign up for a new Delta Gamma Pen Pal if she would like to continue participating in the program.

CAN I PARTICIPATE IF I AM A NEW MEMBER?

Yes, of course! What a wonderful way to understand the true scope of sisterhood beyond your chapter of initiation! We would love to have you participate in the Delta Gamma Pen Pal program.

CAN I SUBMIT A SIGN UP FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

We understand that not all sisters have the same access to technology, and there might be some out there who would like to participate but are unable to complete the virtual form. You may submit a registration form on another sister's behalf if, and only if, you have obtained their permission first. You should not submit a form for a sister without obtaining her consent first. Before matching this sister with a Delta Gamma Pen Pal, EO staff will call her using the phone number we have on file in our member database to confirm that she wishes to participate.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to send them to DG-EO@deltagamma.org and we will be happy to answer them for you!

