

# Traveling Educational Consultant Program

The Alpha Epsilon Phi Traveling Educational Consultant (TEC) program began in 1950, and is now one of the most sought-after positions in the sorority. TECs are recent college graduates who represent AEPhi from Atlantic to Pacific.

### The Role of a TEC

TECs are staff members who travel the country assisting chapters and colonies in various areas such as recruitment, officer transition, leadership development, standards, finance, problem solving, new member education, goal setting, and general operations. A TEC may also be able to help develop and work with a new colony from colonization to installation.

Traveling Educational Consultants visit 15-20 chapters/colonies each semester. They are responsible for sharing information, providing guidance, feedback, and support to improve our chapters and colonies. TECs are representatives of the national organization, passionate about AEPhi who act as advocates for the sorority experience. They are leaders who are flexible, love traveling and are willing to learn.



## Training and Responsibilities



To ensure our consultants are prepared for their role, they receive training from our professional staff, previous consultants, National Council, alumnae volunteers, and other Greek professionals. Training focuses on National policies and procedures, current issues facing our collegians, recruitment, finances, and how to facilitate workshops. TECs help staff our various conferences including Convention and Summer Leadership.

TECs are typically on the road for three weeks with a week off. During recruitment they may be on the road for a little bit longer. TECs have additional time off for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving, Passover, and about 3-4 weeks in December. Travel is arranged by the director of chapter services; TECs are responsible for documenting expenses and managing their schedule at each visit. TECs are given a lot of

independence but have constant support throughout their travels!

#### Perks and Benefits



**Develop professional skills:** TECs have the opportunity to develop educational programs, lead workshops, learn how to budget, write professional reports, and improve their facilitation, public speaking, and writing skills.

**Build a professional network:** TECs communicate with people of all ages; collegians, advisors, alumnae, volunteers, university administrators, other fraternity and sorority representatives, and National Council. They are able to make connections with people in many fields who are all passionate about the Greek experience.

Personal development: TECs gain independence, learn how to work with a variety of people, better understand their strengths and weaknesses, and improve time

management skills.

**Make a difference:** They will have the opportunity to work with hundreds of collegiate women throughout the year. TECs are able to challenge and motivate chapters/colonies while building relationships with AEPhi sisters across the country.

**Travel the country:** One of the best parts of being a TEC is the traveling! TECs will visit 15-20 chapters/colonies each semester. This is not a 40-hour-a-week job; TECs are able to explore cities and try new foods! In the past, TECs have been able to visit Newport Beach, CA, Mall of America, tour Washington, D.C., attend campus sporting events, and visit Disneyland!

**Few expenses:** All business expenses, including a monthly cell phone stipend and meals are paid during training and travel. TECs stay at chapter facilities and with members.

## Life After Being a TEC

Women from many majors apply to the TEC program. There is no specific major needed to apply! Being a TEC prepares you to be a valuable AEPhi volunteer; most TECs continue their service to the sorority after their time on the road in a volunteer capacity. In addition to remaining involved with AEPhi, TECs enter many careers after their experience. TECs have gone on to become lawyers, teachers, rabbis, business executives, non-profit administrators and so much more!

#### Requirements

- Bachelor's degree
- Alpha Epsilon Phi member in good standing
- Highly efficient, organized, and detail oriented
- Terrific written and verbal communication skills, with upbeat, can-do approach
- A passion for Alpha Epsilon Phi values and ritual
- Willingness to take direction while being independent
- Confident, independent traveler

