The College of William and Mary
Greek Awards and Recognition

Recognition Program Application 2016

Applications are due to
Order of Omega
c/o Office of Student Leadership Development
(203 Campus Center)
by 12:00pm on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016
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I. The Greek Awards and Recognition Program is designed to highlight individual and chapter achievements that best promote the fraternity/sorority experience.

Greek Awards are given in three separate categories:

**Category 1: Individual Recognition**
Awards will be given in this category to individuals who best exemplify the ideals of fraternity and sorority life. This category consists of the following individual awards:

- Outstanding Greek Man
- Outstanding Greek Woman
- Outstanding Greek Scholar (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Outstanding Contributions to Chapter (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Outstanding Underclassmen Member (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Order of Omega Outstanding Service to Community Award
- Outstanding Chapter Advisor (Fraternity & Sorority)

**Category 2: Excellence in Chapter Programming**
Awards will be given in this category to recognize chapters for excellence in programming or initiatives that foster the principles of Greek life. The seven programming areas are identified below:

- Excellence in Service and Support of Others
- Excellence in Member Development
- Excellence in Scholarship
- Outstanding Campus Wide Initiative
- Excellence in Risk Management and Harm Reduction
- Excellence in Public Relations and Outreach
- Excellence in Alumni Relations

**Category 3: Overall Chapter Awards**
Awards will be given in this category to recognize chapters for their overall achievements in promoting the ideals of Fraternity and Sorority life. This category consists of three awards:

- Outstanding Chapter (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Most Improved Chapter (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Chapter’s Choice Award (please return the nomination form for a chapter OTHER than your own)
II. Guidelines for Successful Submission:

- Do not include information dated prior to March 15th, 2015, nor any information about events/initiatives planned to occur following the March 23rd deadline.

- Submit the “Information Cover Sheet” with your awards application materials.

- ONE complete, typed hard copy of the application should be submitted. Do not submit front/back copies.

- NO hand written nominations will be accepted.

- Please treat each award application as an individual document (i.e. there should be a page break between separate award submissions – do not print off as one continuous document).

- Individual Recognition: Chapters may nominate (no more than) one member for each award. Individual nomination forms should be typed; one page of bullet points and one page narrative summation of the individual’s qualifications. Please see individual awards descriptions for additional information that should be included for specific awards.

- Excellence in Chapter Programming applications (for each category) must be submitted in a combination of no more than one page of bullet points outlining the chapter’s accomplishments, and no more than one page narrative summation of the chapter’s successes and conclusion. Please provide any information that you feel best reflects your chapter’s successes and that you consider relevant to each particular programming category. Information should include (but is not limited to) the following: program goals, impact on the chapter, and your rationale for considering this chapter programming to be outstanding.

- The Outstanding Chapter Award is given to the chapter that best displays (through all of their activities and actions) the high ideals of the Fraternity and Sorority movement. The application for this award should be typed and limited to no more than two (2) pages narrative.

- Most Improved Chapter is given to the chapter that has shown the most significant improvements, progress, and achievements in the past year. The application for this award should be typed and limited to no more than two (2) pages narrative.

III. Reasons for Disqualification:

- Applications turned in after 12:00pm on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016
- Applications not adhering to guidelines
- False information and/or documentation

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Kahn, President of Order of Omega, at agkahn@email.wm.edu or Jennifer Leung, Associate Director of Student Leadership Development, at jaleung@wm.edu. Applications will be reviewed by the Order of Omega Greek Awards selection committee and presented at the Annual Greek Awards Reception held on April 12th, at 5:00pm in the Sadler Center Commonwealth Auditorium.
Outstanding Greek Man/Woman Award

One fraternity member and one sorority member are selected each year to be recognized as outstanding members of the William and Mary Greek community. These individuals embody the ideals of what it is to be a fraternity man or sorority woman at the College of William & Mary; they also live out the purpose of their own organization through their actions and attitude. This award is limited to members of the junior and senior classes. When selecting a member to nominate, chapters should consider the individual’s service to the chapter, national fraternity or sorority, William and Mark Greek community, campus leadership and service, as well as overall chapter engagement and involvement.

How to nominate:
Each nominee should submit a statement, not to exceed one (1) page single spaced narrative and one page of bullet points, highlighting their fraternity or sorority experience, and how it has helped influence them. The statement should also include the contributions they have made to their chapter and to the Greek community at large.

Please be sure to include the following information on the nomination (page of bullet points):
- Chapter:
- Individual Nominated:
- Academic Year:
- GPA:
- List all Chapter Offices and Positions Held:
- List all Other Campus Activities and Experience:

Outstanding Greek Scholar Award

One fraternity member and one sorority member are selected each year to be recognized as Greek Scholars. These individuals should have contributed greatly to the academic life and prestige of the institution. Additionally, nominees should demonstrate a deep commitment to intellectual and professional development.

How to nominate:
Each nominee should submit a statement, not to exceed one (1) page single spaced narrative and one page of bullet points, highlighting their contributions to academic life on campus and beyond. The individual’s service to the chapter, national fraternity or sorority, and greater community, may also be addressed.

Please be sure to include the following information on the nomination (page of bullet points):
- Chapter:
- Individual Nominated:
- Academic Year:
- GPA:
- List all Chapter Offices and Positions Held:
- List all Other Campus Activities and Experience:
- List all Academic Awards and Honors:
Outstanding Contributions to Chapter Award

This is a new award which will recognize one fraternity member and one sorority member for their commitment and engagement within their own chapter. These individuals will demonstrate dedication to their organization, serve as role models to younger members, and contribute to the current and future successes of the chapter. This award is limited to members of the junior and senior classes.

How to nominate:
Each nominee should submit a statement, not to exceed one (1) page single spaced narrative and one page of bullet points, describing their dedication to their organization’s values, how they have role modeled their dedication to younger members, and the contribution of the individual to the chapter and its future success.

Please be sure to include the following information on the nomination (page of bullet points):
Chapter:
Individual Nominated:
Academic Year:
GPA:
List all Chapter Offices and Positions Held:
List all Other Campus Activities and Experience:

Outstanding Underclassmen Member

This is a new award which will recognize one fraternity member and one sorority member for their commitment to leadership both within the Greek community and beyond. This award is limited to members of the freshmen and sophomore classes and was created out of a desire to recognize those younger members of the Greek community for their achievements. This individual most closely represents the values of the fraternity and sorority movement, and though still an underclassmen, shows great promise for the future in continuing to lead the William and Mary community.

How to nominate:
Each nominee should submit a statement, not to exceed one (1) page single spaced narrative and one page of bullet points, describing their service to the chapter, national fraternity or sorority, William and Mary Greek community, campus leadership and service, as well as involvements and significant achievements outside of the university setting.

Please be sure to include the following information on the nomination (page of bullet points):
Chapter:
Individual Nominated:
Academic Year:
GPA:
List all Chapter Offices and Positions Held:
List all Other Campus Activities and Experience:
Order of Omega Outstanding Service to Community Award

This award recognizes a man or woman who has demonstrated a caring and giving attitude to his or her service not only to the Greek community but also to the entire college community and beyond. This student should have a spirit of giving and dedication and should give of himself/herself wholeheartedly.

How to nominate:
Each nominee should submit a statement, not to exceed one (1) page single spaced narrative and one page of bullet points, demonstrating how this person has given considerably to his or her chapter, the broader Greek community, the William & Mary community, and/or the Williamsburg community.

Please be sure to include the following information on the nomination (page of bullet points):
Chapter:
Individual Nominated:
Academic Year:
GPA:
List all Chapter Offices and Positions Held:
List all Other Campus Activities and Experience:

Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award

This award looks to honor one fraternity and one sorority advisor each year on the basis of service to the chapter, involvement with the (Inter) National organization, assistance/guidance provided to the chapter and overall engagement with the chapter membership.

How to nominate:
A statement should be submitted not to exceed one (1) page single-spaced outlining how the advisor excels in the aforementioned areas.

Please be sure to include the following information on the nomination:
Chapter:
Individual Nominated:
Number of Years of Service to the Chapter:
List All Service to the (Inter) National Organization:
Excellence in Chapter Programming

Excellence in Chapter Programming applications (for each category) must be submitted in a combination of **no more than one page of bullet points** outlining the chapter’s accomplishments, and **no more than one page narrative** summation of the chapter’s successes and conclusion. Please provide any information that you feel best reflects your chapter’s successes and that you consider relevant to this particular programming category. Refer to the award descriptions below for more information.

You may apply for as many/few for which you would like your chapter to be considered.

Each application should be submitted in the (no more than 2-page format) detailed above.

- Excellence in Service and Support of Others
- Excellence in Member Development
- Excellence in Scholarship
- Outstanding Campus Wide Initiative
- Excellence in Risk Management and Harm Reduction
- Excellence in Public Relations and Outreach
- Excellence in Alumni Relations

**Excellence in Chapter Programming Award Descriptions**

**Excellence in Service and Support of Others**
This award is focused on the dedication of the chapter to the College and the community at large through service and philanthropic efforts. The ideal application will discuss the ways in which the chapter supports the community and provide concrete examples of service projects that the chapter has participated in or ways in which the chapter has supported other organizations. Another point of discussion would be addressing how the chapter serves as a model for other Greek organizations in the area of service and support of others.

**Excellence in Member Development**
This award focuses on how chapters create developmental initiatives and effective programming for all members, both old and new alike. These initiatives and programs purposefully focus on development of community (through the strengthening of the brotherhood/sisterhood) and the individual (through educational programming). Applications should address specific programs put on by the chapters that focus on both the development of the community and the individual, and address the intended effect/outcome of these programs, demonstrating how and why they were successful.

**Excellence in Scholarship**
This award focuses on a chapter’s dedication to the pursuit of knowledge. The winning chapter will discuss how the chapter fosters a culture of academic excellence through programming, new member education, and member development. Excellence in scholarship is not limited to having the highest chapter GPA, but focuses also on the intellectual development of members. Those chapters that apply should provide an example of how the organization excels in providing the ideal academic learning experience for its members.
**Outstanding Campus Wide Initiative**
This award recognizes a chapter that provides a one-time or once annual (one day to one week) program or initiative that benefits the campus as a whole. Those chapters that apply for this award should focus upon a specific program, addressing the objective of the program, the extent to which the campus community as a whole participated, and describing the success of the program and the number of those in attendance.

**Excellence in Risk Management and Harm Reduction**
This award recognizes chapters that consistently pursue safe practices and recognizes their attempts in improving in the area of harm reduction, eliminating potential risks before they arise. This award is given to those chapters that have policies in place that reduce risky situations and behaviors while also continuing to pursue proactive policies and practices that address areas of risk. Those chapters that apply will outline specific policies that have been enacted in the past year to create a safe environment for all and reduce potential risk.

**Excellence in Public Relations and Outreach**
This award recognizes chapters that excel in community outreach and engagement in a non-service fashion. These chapters dedicate themselves to building strong relations with the community and try to reflect the Greek community in the best way. Those chapters that apply should focus upon how their work in the area of public relations and outreach differs from all other chapters. Chapters should focus upon innovative programming and social media practices enacted in the past year and whether they have been successful.

**Excellence in Alumni Relations**
This award recognizes those chapters that excel in fostering relations with alumni. These chapters embody the ideal of building lifelong bonds within their organization and continue to ensure that alumni feel connected to their organization and individual chapter. The winning chapter will successfully demonstrate in their application how the role of alumni chair or alumni outreach coordinator within the chapter functions, and how undergraduate members are involved in outreach, as well as describing any alumni programming in the past year.
Outstanding Chapter Award

The Outstanding Chapter Award is given to the chapter that best demonstrates (through all of their activities and actions) the high ideals of the Fraternity and Sorority experience.

Chapters must submit a statement not to exceed two (2) pages, single-spaced, describing why they should be considered for the award. The narrative should focus on what distinguishes your chapter from others at the College, and may address, but is not limited to, the areas of academics, service, philanthropy, risk management and harm reduction, alumni relations, community engagement, brotherhood/sisterhood, and any associated programming.

(Excellence in Chapter Programming Award submissions (above) are not required to be considered for the Outstanding Chapter Award but can be helpful.)

The Most Improved Chapter Award

The Most Improved Chapter is given to the chapter that has shown the most significant improvements, progress, and achievements in the past year.

Chapters must submit a statement not to exceed two (2) pages, single-spaced, describing why they should be considered for the award. The narrative should focus on what distinguishes your chapter from others at the College, and may address, but is not limited to, the areas of academics, service, philanthropy, risk management and harm reduction, alumni relations, community engagement, brotherhood/sisterhood, and any associated programming.

(Excellence in Chapter Programming Award submissions (above) are not required to be considered for the Most Improved Chapter Award but can be helpful.)
Chapter’s Choice Award

This new award is given to chapters that best exemplify the ideals of the fraternity/sorority community. Each chapter may nominate one other fraternity and one sorority for this honor, in recognition of outstanding efforts to best represent the fraternity/sorority community at the College of William & Mary. The time frame that should be considered is March 2014 to March 2015.

In a meeting of your chapter, please decide which fraternity and sorority you would like to award the Chapter’s Choice Award. Please provide a brief reason why you have selected this chapter as your chapter’s nominee.

Your Chapter:

Sororities:

1. Alpha Kappa Alpha
2. Alpha Chi Omega
3. Chi Omega
4. Delta Delta Delta

5. Delta Gamma
6. Delta Sigma Theta
7. Gamma Phi Beta
8. Kappa Delta
9. Kappa Kappa Gamma
10. Kappa Alpha Theta
11. Sigma Iota Alpha
12. Zeta Phi Beta

Rationale:

Fraternities:

1. Alpha Epsilon Pi
2. Alpha Phi Alpha
3. Alpha Tau Omega
4. Beta Theta Pi
5. Chi Phi
6. Delta Chi

7. Delta Phi
8. Kappa Alpha
9. Kappa Alpha Psi
10. Kappa Delta Rho
11. Kappa Sigma
12. Omega Psi Phi

13. Delta Phi
14. Kappa Alpha
15. Kappa Delta
16. Pi Kappa Alpha

17. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
18. Sigma Chi
19. Sigma Phi Epsilon
20. Sigma Pi

Rationale:
Greek Awards
Information Cover Sheet
(please include with each chapter submission as the cover sheet)

Chapter Name:

Contact Person:

Email Address:

Award Information – Our chapter is applying for the following awards:

- Outstanding Greek Man
- Outstanding Greek Woman
- Outstanding Greek Scholar (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Outstanding Contributions to Chapter Award (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Outstanding Underclassmen Member (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Order of Omega Outstanding Service to Community Award
- Outstanding Chapter Advisor (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Excellence in Service and Support of Others
- Excellence in Member Development
- Excellence in Scholarship
- Outstanding Campus Wide Initiative
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- Excellence in Public Relations and Outreach
- Excellence in Alumni Relations
- Outstanding Chapter (Fraternity & Sorority)
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