Howdy!

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Aggie Greek Awards! Since 1973, more than 20,000 students have taken part in the fraternity and sorority experience and we are excited for you to get the opportunity to showcase your experience and the chance for you, your members, and your chapter, to be recognized.

Have questions? Please feel free to email ConstituentNetworks@AggieNetwork.com prior to application submission with any questions. Best of luck and we look forward to seeing your application.

Mission Statement

The fraternity and sorority awards are designed to recognize outstanding Greek chapters as well as their student leaders, advisors, and former students. The awards celebrate the accomplishments of our organizations and community in an effort to display the importance of aligning each individual chapter’s values with those of Texas A&M University and to promote the positive benefits of Greek membership.

Overview of Application Process

- Applications Available: tx.ag/greekawards
- Monday, September 15th 2016 at noon applications open on MaroonLink.
- Optional Application Workshops:
  - Workshop 1 (optional): Sept. 20, 2016 from 4-5 in Koldus 224P
  - Workshop 2 (optional): October 27, 2016 from 4-5 in Koldus 136
  - Note: Although workshops are optional, we highly encourage all potential applicants to attend.
- Application due Wednesday, November 9th 2016 by 11:59pm on MaroonLink.
- Monday, February 6th 2017 Finalists will be notified via email.

Specific Requirements

General

- Be in and remain in good conduct and academic standing with the university.
- Be a current enrolled student at Texas A&M University
  - Remain in the Bryan/College Station area through the Spring 2017 semester either as a student taking at least six hours, a student teacher, intern, or a co-op student and be able to attend the awards ceremony on March 3rd, 2017.
Grades

- **Undergraduate Students**: You must have a cumulative GPR of 2.00 and have at least a 2.00 in the semester immediately prior to applying (Fall 2017). You must also post at least a 2.00 GPR for the Spring 2017 semester.
  - Note: Only Texas A&M credit hours will be used when calculating GPR requirements.
- **Graduate Students**: Graduate students who are in hybrid undergraduate and masters programs are eligible to apply (e.g. PPA). You must have a cumulative GPR of 3.00 and have at least a 3.00 in the semester immediately prior to applying (Fall 2017). You must also post at least a 3.00 GPR for the Spring 2017 Semester. Full-time graduate students will not be considered.
  - Note: Only Texas A&M credit hours will be used when calculating GPR requirements.

Credit Hours

- **Undergraduate Students**: You must be enrolled in at least six credit hours at Texas A&M University for the Spring 2017 semester.
- **Graduate Students**: Graduate students who are in hybrid undergraduate and masters programs are eligible to apply (e.g. PPA). You must be enrolled in at least four credit hours at Texas A&M University for the Spring 2017 semester. Full-time graduate students will not be considered.

Application Process

- Please read all the information included in this information packet before turning in your application. It is recommended that you save your responses to the application(s) questions on a computer.

- Submit your personal information and responses to the application(s) questions to https://maroonlink.tamu.edu by 11:59pm on Wednesday, November 9th 2016. Do not include hyperlinks, pictures, or other electronic attachments in your responses. Note: The online application will not accept responses after the deadline, regardless of extenuating circumstances.

- To submit your application, click on the appropriate link and follow these steps:
  I. Click the “Sign In Now” button and sign in with your NetID and password.
  II. Fill out all pages of the form and click “Next” in the bottom right hand corner.
  III. Click the “Submit For Approval” button. Your form will not be submitted if you do not hit “Submit For Approval.”
  IV. After you have submitted the form for approval, you will receive an e-mail that confirms your submission.
V. Within 24 hours you will receive another e-mail saying, “The form that you submitted has been approved. Please see the comments below.”
   i. Note: The confirmation does not mean you have been selected as an award recipient for the Aggie Greek Awards 2017. The confirmation is an indication that we have received your application. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within 24 hours of submitting your application, please contact:
      Christopher Bybee, GFSN Liaison (cobybee@tamu.edu)
      Callie Gilliam, GFSN Liaison (ckg3232@tamu.edu)
      Dr. Melissa Shehane, Associate Director of Student Activities (mshehane@stuaact.tamu.edu)

- If the above link does not work, follow these steps:
  1. Go to maroonlink.tamu.edu.
  2. Click the “Sign In Now” button and sign in with your NetID and password.
  3. Click the magnifying glass in the top right hand corner and search for and select “Fraternity and Sorority Life.”
  4. Click on the “Forms” tab and then select the correct form and refer to steps II - V above.

You will receive an e-mail indicating if you have or have not been selected as a finalist on Monday, February 6th 2017 by 11:59PM.

Overview of Awards

Chapter Excellence Award

The Excellence Award is given to those organizations that show outstanding merit – it is presented to one sorority and one fraternity. Winners show a commitment to upholding superior standards by maintaining a high chapter GPR, recruiting outstanding new members, or making a tangible difference in the community. The awarded chapters show that their organization upholds the values of excellence upon which Texas A&M was founded and makes them stand out above the rest.

Specific Award Requirements: Three short answer essays

   I. Please list all philanthropy and service projects that your chapter actively participated in during the past school year.
   II. What does your chapter do to promote academic success in its membership? Please document your chapter’s successes or improvement in the past year. Why is academic success important in your chapter?
   III. Describe how your chapter strives to gain outstanding new members through recruitment and how the core values of Texas A&M relate to the recruitment process. Also describe your recruitment performance, retention, and growth rate. How has your chapter continued to strive for excellence in recruiting?
Chapter Integrity Award

The Integrity Award honors a chapter who did not stray, even if the path they chose instead was more difficult— the group of Aggies could have taken the easy path but instead upheld the Aggie Code of Honor with respect. This chapter is honored as a role model for upholding the high ethical standard which Texas A&M expects of all its students.

Specific Award Requirements: Three short answer essays

I. What does integrity mean to your chapter?
II. How does your chapter exemplify the Aggie Code of Honor?
III. Describe a time when your chapter faced a less-than-ideal situation which challenged its integrity, but upheld the Aggie Code of Honor while finding a solution.

Chapter Leadership Award

The Leadership Award recognizes a chapter whose leadership has impacted, transformed and improved fraternity and sorority life and Texas A&M University. This chapter embodies the Aggie core value of leadership and uses their ability to empower and inspire others. The award honors a chapter that is dedicated to leading the Greek community in a positive and purposeful way.

Specific Award Requirements: Three short answer essays

I. List all leadership roles your members hold in both in Greek Life and throughout Texas A&M University.
II. What program(s) has your organization developed, hosted or attended during the past school year that has positively impacted Texas A&M and the fraternity/sorority community?
III. How are you developing leadership abilities within your members? (Note: Consider referencing the leadership section of chapter expectations.)

Chapter Loyalty Award

The Loyalty Award is presented to a chapter that bears a moral character that aligns with its fraternal values and empowers its members to be ambassadors of the Aggie Network—true to each other as Aggies can be.

Specific Award Requirements: Two short answer essays

I. Please describe the different ways in which the fraternity and sorority community could do a better job of demonstrating loyalty.
II. How has your chapter demonstrated this core value within the past year?

Chapter Respect Award

The Respect Award is presented to a chapter that demonstrates unwavering regard and support for Texas A&M University, its mission and values. This group has earned respect by their appropriate use of powers and privileges, thereby promoting the merits and accomplishments of the fraternity and sorority community. The organization is highly regarded by other chapters for demonstrating a friendly and caring attitude towards others.
Specific Award Requirements: Two short answer essays

I. Please describe the different ways in which the fraternity and sorority community could do a better job of demonstrating respect.

II. How has your chapter demonstrated this core value within the past year?

Chapter Selfless-Service Award

The Selfless Service Award is presented to a chapter that has demonstrated selfless service above and beyond the expected chapter philanthropies. This group has shown dedication to the betterment of others to have significant impact on the community. The chapter must have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in motivating and coordinating groups of volunteers, devoted great time and effort to the advancement of volunteerism, or shown deep commitment of voluntary action to address community needs.

Specific Award Requirements: Four short answer essays

I. State your chapter’s definition of “Selfless Service” and why it is important to our community.

II. Beyond your chapter’s annual philanthropy project(s), how has your organization demonstrated selfless service?

III. Describe your chapter’s philanthropy project that had the most impact in the past year, and how your chapter promoted volunteerism within the community. Additionally, explain how your chapter’s efforts generated results in the community.

IV. Please list your chapter’s service projects from the past year and specify which required participation from your members and which projects were strictly optional. Also include statistics, if available.

Outstanding Community Relations Award

The Outstanding Community Relations Award is presented to a chapter that achieves excellence in the areas of public relations, campus organization involvement, campus leadership, considerable involvement off campus and innovative outreach to former students. This chapter is devoted to building a strong and positive relationship between their organization, their former students, Texas A&M University and the Bryan-College Station community.

Specific Award Requirements: Three short answer essays

I. What forms of service activities does your chapter engage in and why is this important to your members? What are the service requirements mandated by your national headquarters?

II. Explain how your organization’s philanthropic efforts have incorporated all of your members. What are your chapter’s average attendance percentages?

III. Briefly explain how your organization takes its philanthropic involvement to the next level. What makes your chapter different? Feel free to include copies of any press your chapter has received regarding its philanthropic efforts.
President’s Award for Outstanding Greek Ambassador

The President’s Award for Outstanding Greek Ambassador is given to a fraternity or sorority man or woman who not only has maintained high academic achievement but has also served as an outstanding ambassador for the fraternity and sorority community at Texas A&M. The individual who receives this award embodies all Aggie core values and is an excellent example of philanthropy, campus involvement, educational achievement and leadership to his or her chapter.

Specific Award Requirements: Four short answer essays, three letters of recommendation

I. Please list all organizational achievements and awards presented to the nominee.
II. What leadership qualities does the nominee exemplify that separates them from other members of the Aggie Greek community?
III. Describe the nominee’s greatest contribution to the Texas A&M fraternity/sorority community.
IV. In what ways has the nominee lived out the Aggie core values in their daily life, and how has he/she expressed the importance (or significance) of these values amongst the Greek community?

CPC Rising Star

The CPC Rising Star Award is intended to recognize an emerging leader in the Aggie Greek community whose record reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to their chapter and their council, and increased levels of leadership and responsibility. Candidates for the Rising Star Award will have not yet reached a senior-level position, but their track-record should reflect a strong potential to excel in future leadership opportunities.

Specific Award Requirements: Four short answer essays

I. Describe how this member excels in all phases of fraternity/sorority life and is a living example of what a member of your fraternity/sorority should be.
II. What has this member done to promote continued enthusiasm in his/her chapter?
III. How has this member contributed significantly to his/her chapter's development, growth and achievement?
IV. Please list the achievements your chapter has experienced as a result of this member's commitment to your fraternity/sorority and to Texas A&M Greek Life.

IFC Rising Star

The IFC Rising Star Award is intended to recognize an emerging leader in the Aggie Greek community whose record reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to their chapter and their council, and increased levels of leadership and responsibility. Candidates for the Rising Star Award will have not yet reached a senior-level position, but their track record should reflect a strong potential to excel in future leadership opportunities.

Specific Award Requirements: Four short answer essays

I. Describe how this member excels in all phases of fraternity/sorority life and is a living example of what a member of your fraternity/sorority should be.
II. What has this member done to promote continued enthusiasm in his/her chapter?
III. How has this member contributed significantly to his/her chapter's development, growth and achievement?
IV. Please list the achievements your chapter has experienced as a result of this member's commitment to your fraternity/sorority and to Texas A&M Greek Life.

MGC Rising Star

The MGC Rising Star Award is intended to recognize an emerging leader in the Aggie Greek community whose record reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to their chapter and their council, and increased levels of leadership and responsibility. Candidates for the Rising Star Award will have not yet reached a senior-level position, but their track record should reflect a strong potential to excel in future leadership opportunities.

Specific Award Requirements: Four short answer essays

I. Describe how this member excels in all phases of fraternity/sorority life and is a living example of what a member of your fraternity/sorority should be.
II. What has this member done to promote continued enthusiasm in his/her chapter?
III. How has this member contributed significantly to his/her chapter's development, growth and achievement?
IV. Please list the achievements your chapter has experienced as a result of this member's commitment to your fraternity/sorority and to Texas A&M Greek Life.

NPHC Rising Star

The NPHC Rising Star Award is intended to recognize an emerging leader in the Aggie Greek community whose record reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to their chapter and their council, and increased levels of leadership and responsibility. Candidates for the Rising Star Award will have not yet reached a senior-level position, but their track record should reflect a strong potential to excel in future leadership opportunities.

Specific Award Requirements: Four short answer essays

I. Describe how this member excels in all phases of fraternity/sorority life and is a living example of what a member of your fraternity/sorority should be.
II. What has this member done to promote continued enthusiasm in his/her chapter?
III. How has this member contributed significantly to his/her chapter's development, growth and achievement?
IV. Please list the achievements your chapter has experienced as a result of this member's commitment to your fraternity/sorority and to Texas A&M Greek Life.

Sorority Woman of the Year

The Sorority Woman of The Year is presented to a woman who has made a significant impact on her chapter, the fraternity and sorority community and Texas A&M University. The award honors a current student who is a role model within her sorority and a respected leader in the community, has a strong academic record, and pledges to live their lives similar to their fraternal values.
Specific Award Requirements: Two short answer essays, two letters of recommendation, resume

I. Briefly describe your greatest contribution(s) that has positively impacted your organization and improves Texas A&M’s fraternity and sorority community as a whole.

II. Please describe your leadership role, or particular events/situations which you led by example, within your organization and the Texas A&M fraternity and sorority community. (Can include, but is not limited to: service and philanthropy projects, recruitment, organization programming, etc.)

Fraternity Man of the Year

The Fraternity Man of the Year Award is presented to a man who has made a significant impact on his chapter, the fraternity and sorority community and Texas A&M University. The award honors a current student who is a role model within his fraternity and a respected leader in the community, has a strong academic record, and pledges to live their lives similar to their fraternal values.

Specific Award Requirements: Two short answer essays, two letters of recommendation, resume

I. Briefly describe your greatest contribution(s) that has positively impacted your organization and improves Texas A&M’s fraternity and sorority community as a whole.

II. Please describe your leadership role, or particular events/situations which you led by example, within your organization and the Texas A&M fraternity and sorority community. (Can include, but is not limited to: service and philanthropy projects, recruitment, organization programming, etc.)

Sorority Advisor of the Year

The Texas A&M Sorority Advisor of the Year Award recognizes a sorority advisor for their extraordinary commitment to mentoring and guiding Greek Life students. This individual carries out the Aggie core value of selfless service so that his or her students can flourish and succeed. The award honors advisors whose dedication goes beyond what is required by the university in order to better serve students.

Specific Award Requirements: Five short answer essays, three letters of recommendation

Additional Requirements:

- Minimum of one complete year of advisement to the organization
- Strong record of involvement with the chapter both locally or regionally/nationally
- Strong record of involvement on campus and in the local community

I. Briefly describe the positive impact this person has made on your organization by volunteering her time and effort towards the betterment of your chapter.

II. Describe how this person guides your chapter, yet also allows members to grow and learn from their experiences.

III. How does this person exemplify the values of your organization?

IV. What makes this person the ideal candidate for Sorority Advisor of the Year?

V. In what ways has the nominee lived out the Aggie core values in their daily life, and how has he/she expressed the importance (or significance) of these values amongst the Greek community?
Fraternity Advisor of the Year

The Texas A&M Fraternity Advisor of the Year Award recognizes a sorority advisor for their extraordinary commitment to mentoring and guiding Greek Life students. This individual carries out the Aggie core value of selfless service so that his or her students can flourish and succeed. The award honors advisors whose dedication goes beyond what is required by the university in order to better serve students.

Specific Award Requirements: Five short answer essays, three letters of recommendation

Additional Requirements:

- Minimum of one complete year of advisement to the organization
- Strong record of involvement with the chapter both locally or regionally/nationally
- Strong record of involvement on campus and in the local community

I. Briefly describe the positive impact this person has made on your organization by volunteering her time and effort towards the betterment of your chapter.

II. Describe how this person guides your chapter, yet also allows members to grow and learn from their experiences.

III. How does this person exemplify the values of your organization?

IV. What makes this person the ideal candidate for Fraternity Advisor of the Year?

V. In what ways has the nominee lived out the Aggie core values in their daily life, and how has he/she expressed the importance (or significance) of these values amongst the Greek community?

Chapter of the Year

Awarded to the Chapter of the Year in each council: IFC, CPC, NPHC, and MGC.

Specific Award Requirements: Award selected based on previous years chapter expectation scoring, no submission necessary.

It is highly suggested that you type your responses in a Word document and then copy and paste your responses into the form.

ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, in the Disability Services Modular Building, Room 122, or call 979-845-1637. For additional information visit: http://disability.tamu.edu.

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