



## INDIVIDUAL ALUMNAE AWARDS POLICY

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of this policy is to govern the Fraternity awards process for Individual Alumnae Awards.

**2. Applicability and scope.** This policy addresses the process of nominating an alumna for each of the Fraternity Individual Alumnae Awards, eligibility criteria and standards for each award, and recognition with each award.

**3. Effective date.** This policy is in effect immediately.

**4. References/Affiliations.** Refer to the Awards: Alumnae Cable Award Instructions, Awards: Alumnae Anchor Award Instructions, Awards: Alumnae Oxford Award Instructions, Awards: Alumnae Shield Award Instructions, Awards: Alumnae Loyalty Award Instructions, and Awards: Alumnae Order of the Delta Gamma Rose Instructions found in the website library.

### **5. Responsibilities.**

- a. **Director of Awards.** The Director of Awards receives, reviews and processes all nominations for Fraternity Individual Alumnae Awards. The Director of Awards serves as the chair of the Fraternity Awards Committee, which reviews and evaluates the nominations for the Awards. The Director of Awards presents recommendations to Council for recognition of worthy nominees.
- b. **Fraternity Awards Committee.** The Fraternity Awards Committee is appointed by the Director of Awards and is comprised of the Director and two or more alumnae members in good standing. The Fraternity Awards Committee is responsible for the review and evaluation of all nominations for Fraternity Individual Alumnae Awards, as well as other related duties as determined appropriate by Council and the Director.

- c. Council. Council reviews the recommendations presented by the Director of Awards and votes to recognize nominated alumnae with Individual Alumnae Awards.

## **6. Policy Statements.**

- a. Members of Council, Nominating Committee, and the BOT, as well as the Director of Awards, are ineligible for consideration for a Fraternity Individual Alumnae Award during their term of office.
- b. Members of Council, the Director of Awards, and members of the Fraternity Awards Committee may write letters of congratulations to Fraternity Individual Alumnae Awards recipients, once Council has voted to bestow the award. Members of Council, the Director of Awards, and members of the Fraternity Awards Committee may not provide letters in support of an alumnae nomination for a Fraternity Individual Alumnae Award.
- c. The Fraternity Awards Committee may consider a Delta Gamma alumna for the Cable Award, the Anchor Award, the Oxford Award, the Shield Award, the Loyalty Award or the Order of the Delta Gamma Rose even if she may have been previously recommended or considered.
- d. An eligible alumna may be recognized with a specific Individual Alumnae Award only once, but may be recognized with any Individual Alumnae Award for which she is nominated.
- e. Individual Alumnae Awards are determined at the discretion of Council. In reviewing a nomination for one award, Council may choose to bestow a different award upon the nominee that they feel is more appropriate.

## **7. Definitions.**

- a. Hope Award. The Hope Award is presented by the Fraternity to recognize alumnae for personal devotion and continued service to the Fraternity. This award is reserved for the alumna who, through her years of serving Delta Gamma, has evidenced unusual loyalty and devotion far beyond normal alumnae participation.
- b. Anchor Award. The Anchor Award is presented by the Fraternity to confer special honor upon alumnae members who demonstrate a

lifetime of devotion to the Fraternity. The extent and influence of their noteworthy achievements spread across the entire Fraternity, and help advance the Delta Gamma Philosophy. The alumna for whom this award is reserved is a mainstay of the Fraternity and provides reliable support from which all members benefit.

To be considered for an Anchor Award, a nominee's Fraternity service and/or achievements must extend beyond the local level and must demonstrate a unique and lasting impact on every member of the Fraternity. An Anchor Award nominee must be a Cable Award recipient. This award will be presented to each qualified alumna who is identified through the nomination process and selected by Council.

- c. Cable Award. The Cable Award is presented by the Fraternity to recognize alumnae for personal devotion and continued service to the Fraternity. This award is reserved for the alumna who, through her years of serving Delta Gamma, has evidenced unusual loyalty and devotion far beyond normal alumnae participation. This award will be presented to each qualified alumna who is identified through the nomination process and selected by Council.
- d. Loyalty Award. The Loyalty Award is presented by the Fraternity to alumnae members who demonstrate outstanding service beyond the Cable Award. This award honors an alumna member who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and is presented in appreciation for distinctive dedication to Delta Gamma for at least 10 years after having received her Cable. Her service may be at the international, regional, or local level. This award will be presented to each qualified alumna who is identified through the nomination process and selected by Council.
- e. Order of the Delta Gamma Rose. The Order of the Delta Gamma Rose is the highest award presented by the Fraternity and honors alumnae members who have made distinguished contributions to the nation and/or the world. Recipients are renowned in their chosen fields, and must have received national/international recognition because of their individual efforts and talents. This award will be presented to each qualified alumna who is identified through the nomination process and selected by Council.
- f. Oxford Award. The Oxford Award recognizes the alumna who exemplifies the Delta Gamma philosophy of service to her community through volunteer and philanthropic activities. It honors the alumna

who takes pride in her community and who, through the years, devotes her talents to improve the quality of life around her. An Oxford Award recipient brings a sense of pride to her alumnae group through her community efforts and involvement. While Delta Gamma alumnae participation is encouraged, it is not a major factor in determining worthiness for this award.

This award will be presented to each qualified alumna who is identified through the nomination process and selected by Council.

- g. Shield Award. The Shield Award recognizes alumnae who have achieved unique and noteworthy distinctions through leadership and verifiable accomplishments in their chosen field of professional expertise. This chosen field represents career/professional accomplishments in areas such as the arts, education, non-profit management, civic or religious affairs, healthcare, business and the like. The character and attitudes of the individual are important considerations; including her interest in and cooperation with the Fraternity, but she need not have regularly participated in an alumnae group. This award will be presented to each qualified alumna who is identified through the nomination process and selected by Council.

**8. Policy Proponent and Exception Authority.** The proponent of this policy is the Council Trustee: Communications.

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