

# The Oxford Award of Delta Gamma Submission Instructions

**Award Application:** Anchorbase --> Awards --> Tasks --> Oxford Award If you don't have Anchorbase access, email <u>awards@deltagamma.org</u> for assistance.

#### **Award Description:**

The Oxford Award recognizes the alumna who exemplifies the Delta Gamma philosophy of service to their community through volunteer and philanthropic activities. It honors the alumna who take pride in their community and who, through the years, have devoted their talents to improving the quality of life around them.

The Fraternity Awards Committee relies on the nomination application and all aspects of the submission for evaluation purposes. A comprehensive presentation of a nomination is essential. Final selections are approved by Council.

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

- An Oxford Award nominee may devote themself to a single community project over a period of years, or they may be involved in numerous philanthropic activities.
- A nominee brings a sense of pride to their alumnae group through their community efforts and involvement. While Delta Gamma alumnae participation is encouraged, it is not a factor in determining worthiness for this award.
- A nominee's service:
  - Does not include years of Fraternity employment (e.g., Collegiate Development Consultant, Executive Offices staff).
  - Does not include collegiate honors or offices.
  - Does include professional or community activities unrelated to Delta Gamma.

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Nominations are due by 11:59 p.m. (in the submitter's time zone) November 15. Final selections are approved by Council.

 Members of Council, the Foundation Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee and the Fraternity Director: Awards are ineligible for nomination while in office.

#### Preparing the application:

- Allow adequate time for contacting those who will write and submit letters of support and assembling the application. Many groups start this process in the summer.
- Letters of support from professional colleagues are at the heart of this submission.
  - It is helpful to provide letter writers with the Oxford Award description and inform them of the award's confidentiality.
  - Consider requesting photographs of the nominee at the same time as support letters.
- View the <u>Comprehensive Individual Alumnae Award Winners</u> and <u>2024</u> <u>Individual Alumnae Award Recipients</u> documents in the library to determine which, if any, Delta Gamma awards the individual has received.
- Nominators can check for Delta Gamma volunteer history and verify if a member has previously received an Individual Alumnae Award via the Delta Gamma Member Search. Visit <a href="members.deltagamma.org">members.deltagamma.org</a> and navigate to Directory > Member Search > Search by first name and last name > Results > Select See Profile and find Office History and Awards.

## Assembling the application:

- It may be helpful to compose the full submission information in a Word document that may be revisited and saved.
- The online application may be accessed/completed via desktop, laptop and/or iPad devices.
- It is recommended that nominators do not wait until the intended submission date to access the online application for the first time.

# Submitting the application:

- Applications may be submitted by any Delta Gamma member.
- Applications must be submitted via Anchorbase. Contact <a href="mailto:awards@deltagamma.org">awards@deltagamma.org</a> if you do not have Anchorbase access.
- The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on November 15 (in the submitter's time zone). This is a firm deadline.

## **Required Materials and Information:**

- Nominee name (maiden and married, if applicable).
- Nominee's current alumnae chapter membership, if applicable.
- Nominee's mailing address (street, city, state/ province, zip/postal code).

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- Nominee's chapter and university of Initiation.
- Nominee's Initiation year.
- Any Delta Gamma individual alumnae awards (Cable, Anchor, Oxford, Shield and/or Rose) received and year(s) presented.
- Status of 2024-2025 per capita dues payment and/or status as a 50-year member.
- Date award will be presented.
- Chronological information including specific dates (mm/yy-mm/yy) of all relevant volunteer activities, community awards and honors, memberships (civic, professional, non-professional) and/or other noteworthy accomplishments (may upload a volunteer résumé, if available).
- Summary of why the nominee is qualified for the Oxford Award (250-500 words suggested).
  - A high-level overview of how the nominee exemplifies the Delta Gamma philosophy of service to her community through volunteer and philanthropic activities.
- At least five letters of impact from Delta Gamma sisters (no minimum # of letters from Delta Gammas), relevant friends, business and professional associates or fellow volunteers must be submitted.
  - o Letters of impact help the members of the Awards Committee get to know the nominee on a more personal level.
  - Letters should demonstrate the nominee's impact on their community, including noteworthy accomplishments and outcomes.
     Nominators are encouraged to explain the significance of the service(s) rendered, the benefits to the community and an indication of why these activities are beyond normal community involvement.
  - Most letters have three parts: an opening statement that identifies the relationship of the letter writer to the nominee, 1-2 middle paragraphs that demonstrate the impact of the member's service, and a closing statement.
- Any additional information, including additional recommendation letters, media coverage and other supporting documentation, may be submitted.

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