**The Courage Award Application**

**AWARD DESCRIPTION**

Article II of the Delta Gamma Fraternity Constitution challenges us to create a true sense of social responsibility. In order to create an environment where dignity is respected, honored and fostered, individuals must overcome bystander behavior and act when their dignity or others dignity is jeopardized or questioned. This award recognizes members, new members and higher education professionals who find the courage and stand up to protect the dignity of themselves and/or others creating an environment where social responsibility is nurtured.

Applications are received and awarded on a continuous basis. Unlimited awards may be given each year. The application will be reviewed by the Courage Award Committee consisting of the Council Trustee: Fraternity Programming,  Assistant Director for Health and Wellness, Director: Awards and an appointed higher education professional. The higher education professional will be appointed by the Council Trustee: Fraternity Programming and will have expertise in the areas of bystander behavior, hazing prevention and student development. When appropriate, the Courage Award Committee will consult Council, Cabinet, staff and advisers regarding the nominee’s qualifications.

The Assistant Director for Health and Wellness will review award applications for completeness before distributing them to the award committee and verify with the Regional Collegiate Specialist (collegiate nominees only) that the nominee meets the award criteria. The Assistant Director for Health and Wellness will work with the nominator to publicly recognize the recipient. The award recipient will receive a letter of congratulations from the Council Trustee: Fraternity Programming and a certificate. Recipients will also be recognized in the appropriate Fraternity and Foundation publications (if possible).

**AWARD CRITERIA**

A Courage Award recipient must meet the following criteria:

* a member or new member in good standing of Delta Gamma Fraternity or a higher education professional
* demonstrate significant leadership by overcoming bystander behavior to confront issues of human dignity in her or his chapter/group or campus/local community
* foster a culture of social responsibility amongst her or his chapter/group or campus/local community

**NOMINEE**

Nominee’s Name:

Date:

Chapter of Initiation (if applicable):

School (if applicable):

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

**NOMINATOR**

Nominator(s) Name:

Chapter of Initiation (if applicable):

School (if applicable):

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Nominator’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISORY TEAM CHAIRMAN CERTIFICATION (COLLEGIATE NOMINEE’S ATC ONLY)**

Advisory Team Chairman Name:

Chapter of Initiation:

School:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

I, Advisory Team Chairman, certify that the nominee meets the criteria of the Courage Award.

Advisory Team Chairman Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION**

Describe in 500 words or less how the nominee displayed courage by overcoming bystander behavior to confront issues of human dignity fostering a culture of social responsibility amongst her or his chapter/group or campus/local community. Include specific actions taken and outcomes achieved. The nominee’s actions should be above and beyond Delta Gamma’s standard expectations as defined by the Fraternity Standards and for officers, officer job descriptions detailed in the CCOM.

The application should come from one nominator but may include brief statements of support from other individuals who can speak to the nominee’s actions. These statements are part of the 500-word limit.

**QUESTIONS & SUBMISSION:**

Submit questions and complete award applications to:

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