



The Courage Award Process & Instructions

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 the dignity of others 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.

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

NOMINATION PROCESS

Any member – collegiate or alumnae – may nominate a member, new member or higher education professional for the Courage Award by completing the Courage Award application. Non-members may nominate a member, new member or higher education professional with support from a member. The application will be reviewed by Courage Award Committee consisting of the Council Trustee: Fraternity Programming, Assistant Director of Health & 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.

Award applications are received on a continuous basis with unlimited awards given each year. The Assistant Director of Health & Wellness will review award applications for completeness before distributing to the award committee and verify with the Regional Collegiate Specialist (collegiate nominees only) the nominee meets the award criteria. The Assistant Director of Health & 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).

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