



Ω The Order of Omega Ω
proudly presents
**The 7th Annual Duke University
Greek Awards Ceremony**
Application Packet



APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009 by 5PM

- **EXPLANATION & GUIDE TO AWARDS PACKET**

The Greek Awards Ceremony is an effort to recognize those Greek chapters and their members who are making a positive impact in the Greek, University and outside communities as leaders, scholars and innovators. It is essential for the health and longevity of Greek Life at Duke that we, as the Greek community, applaud the efforts of those who make Fraternity and Sorority life as rewarding as possible.

- **AWARD CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY**

This packet includes applications for 19 different awards: 10 chapter awards and 9 individual awards. Each chapter is encouraged to apply for as many awards as it finds itself eligible. Individuals may also apply or be nominated for as many awards as they are eligible. Chapters are encouraged to nominate individuals by completing an application on their behalf. Please be sure to tailor each application to the award in question, as the same judges will be looking at all of the applications.

Each award application must be accompanied by the Chapter Information Sheet or the Personal Information Sheet, which can be found in this packet. All applications must be turned in to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life by Friday, March 20, 2009. Direct all questions to Leslie Pfeiffer (mlp15@duke.edu), Order of Omega VP At Large, or the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at (919) 684-9401.

- **AWARDS**

Chapter Awards

Chapter of the Year
Most Improved Chapter
Outstanding Fraternal Values
Outstanding Greek Collaboration
Outstanding Member Education
Outstanding Philanthropy Event
Outstanding Programming
Outstanding Risk Management
Outstanding Service
Highest GPA Per Council

Individual Awards

Greek Man of the Year
Greek Woman of the Year
Outstanding Alumni Advisor
Outstanding Chapter President
Outstanding Community Service
Outstanding Greek Involvement
Outstanding University Involvement
Outstanding New Member
Embodying Fraternal Values

CHAPTER AWARDS

INFORMATION SHEET

Include a copy of this sheet with your application for each of the following awards:

Chapter of the Year, Most Improved Chapter, Outstanding Fraternal Values, Outstanding Greek Collaboration, Outstanding Member Education, Outstanding Philanthropy Event, Outstanding Programming, Outstanding Risk Management, Outstanding Service.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Chapter Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Position in the Chapter: _____

Campus Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

AWARD INFORMATION:

We are applying for:

- Chapter of the Year
- Most Improved Chapter
- Outstanding Fraternal Values
- Outstanding Greek Collaboration
- Outstanding Member Education
- Outstanding Philanthropy Event
- Outstanding Programming
- Outstanding Risk Management
- Outstanding Service

SIGNATURE

I hereby attest that all information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Chapter of the Year

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter who has made the most significant contribution to the Greek and University communities through involvement, service, and exemplary behavior. This chapter represents the model of a Greek organization.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC, or Panhellenic.
4. If the chapter has faced disciplinary action or sanctions by the Greek Judicial Board, the University, or the (inter)national organization within the academic year, please include a brief statement on how the predicament requiring judicial action was overcome by the chapter in a positive way.

AWARD CRITERIA:

- Free of disciplinary action or sanctions by the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and respective organization
- Overall chapter GPA meets or exceeds council average
- Good financial management, timely submission of reports to IFC, IGC, NPHC, or Panhellenic, and involvement of chapter delegate at council meetings
- Chapter involvement with the University or Durham communities
- Involvement in Greek activities (i.e. Greek Week or other chapter's service events), including cross-chapter and cross-council collaboration
- Active relationship with faculty, alumni, advisors and national organization
- Participation in campus programming, including but not limited to intramurals, speakers or other university-sponsored events
- Demonstrated efforts towards risk management and education: Chapter provides a safe environment for its members and keeps members accountable to greater Greek community standards

Please compose a statement demonstrating how your chapter best fits the purpose stated above. Keep in mind that your chapter need not meet all aspects of the outlined criteria and your statement should expound upon those criteria which you do meet.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Your application must include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **A typed statement, not to exceed three pages, detailing the chapter's outstanding accomplishments over the past year**

Most Improved Chapter

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter who strove to improve its overall condition through changes in programming, increased collaboration, the implementation of new ideas, improved efficiency, and the development of innovative educational programs.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC, or Panhellenic.
4. If the chapter has faced disciplinary action or sanctions by the Greek Judicial Board, the University, or the national organization within the academic year, please include a brief statement on how the predicament requiring judicial action was overcome by the chapter in a positive way.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The chapter must submit a written statement, not to exceed two pages, that demonstrates its efforts to improve itself over the course of the past year. This statement should specifically address the problems the chapter faced, the measures taken to remedy those issues, and the results thus far. Keep in mind this statement should demonstrate the chapter's current efforts, as well as its intentions for future improvement.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Your completed application must include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **A typed statement, not to exceed two pages, demonstrating the chapter's improvement over the past year**

Outstanding Fraternal Values

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter who has exemplified the highest ideals of Greek life through their behavior, programming, and standing within the Greek and greater University communities. The chapter should be a reflection of the principles set forth by its founders.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC, or Panhellenic.
4. If the chapter has faced disciplinary action or sanctions by the Greek Judicial Board, the University, or the national organization within the academic year, please include a brief statement on how the predicament was overcome by the chapter.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Chapters should submit a typed statement, not to exceed one page, which demonstrates how your chapter acts with high ideals. The statement should center on the founding principles of your organization and detail how your chapter strives to act in accordance with these principles. Also include how the ideals of Greek life – including scholarship, leadership, diversity, civic responsibility, and personal development – are instilled within chapter members. Please cite specific and relevant programming that seeks to promote these ideals.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Your completed application must include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **Copy of your chapter's mission statement**
3. **A typed statement, not to exceed one page, that reflects your chapter's fraternal values**

Outstanding Greek Collaboration

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter that has demonstrated a concerted effort to interact with a wide range of other Greek organizations on campus.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic.

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a typed outline, not to exceed one page, applicants should demonstrate how they have interacted with a wide variety of other Greek organizations. Keep in mind these interactions should go beyond social functions with other organizations. The typed statement could include multiple types of functions, including social functions, philanthropic events, scholarship, education, and risk management programming.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications must include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **Typed statement, not to exceed one page, demonstrating why your chapter deserves this award**

Outstanding Member Education

PURPOSE: To recognize a chapter that has shown an outstanding commitment to educating its members on a wide variety of salient issues.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC, or Panhellenic.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The chapter should submit a typed outline, not to exceed one page, describing the unique and innovative aspects of the member education program. Programs should show a continuing commitment to educating chapter members, and should be applicable to life before and/or after graduation. Topics can include personal development, health and safety, scholarship, career development, diversity, ethical issues, general life skills, or other similar topics.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **A typed statement, not to exceed one page, demonstrating why your chapter deserves this award**

Outstanding Philanthropy Event

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter whose philanthropy programming is well planned and executed. The philanthropy event ideally involves the entire University community and may expand beyond a single event. Exceptionally impressive individual events should require high levels of commitment, organization, and coordination. Funds should be raised for the chapter's philanthropic organization or another comparable cause.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC, or Panhellenic.

AWARD CRITERIA:

1. A page providing the following information:
 - Name of the philanthropy project
 - Location
 - Date
 - The project's benefactors
 - Estimated number of participants (from the entire University/Durham community)
 - Organizations who participated
2. A budget, including goals set and the total amount donated
3. A brief statement about or from the charitable organization to which you donated
4. A short paragraph detailing why your chapter deserves the award

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Your completed application must include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **Cover page detailing the criteria above**
3. **Budget detailing the criteria above**
4. **Brief statement about the charitable organization**
5. **One short paragraph with additional information**

Outstanding Programming

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter who has demonstrated varied, unique, and successful programming throughout the past year that has benefited the University and/or the greater community.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic.

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a typed statement, not to exceed one page, chapters should demonstrate how they have implemented a variety of successful programs throughout the past year. The programming should include a wide range of subject areas, and the chapter should also show the benefits to the community. Ideally, this includes innovative presentations covering a wide range of salient topics and produces tangible results.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **A typed statement, not to exceed one page, demonstrating why your chapter deserves this award**

Outstanding Risk Management

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter that has shown an outstanding commitment to their risk management program.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Provide an outline of your chapter's risk management plan, including any risk management programming, policies, and procedures, such as guest lists or party monitors. Applicants may also want to pay close attention to new member education programming. Risk managements topics include hazing, health, drinking, etc.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **A typed statement, not to exceed one page, demonstrating why your chapter deserves this award**

Outstanding Service

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter that shows a continued commitment to community service. Their service should benefit the University and /or greater community.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
2. Chapter must be chartered and in good standing with its (inter)national organization. Colonies receiving their charter before the end of the academic year are considered eligible.
3. Chapter must be a member of IFC, IGC, NPHC, or Panhellenic.

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a statement not to exceed one typed page, describe the ways in which the chapter shows its commitment to service. Service involvement should be ongoing and not confined to a single event or program. Include the ways in which the community has been positively affected by the service of the chapter. Also include a description of the service beneficiaries.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Your completed application must include the following:

1. **Completed chapter information sheet**
2. **A typed statement, not to exceed one page, detailing the chapter's commitment to service**

Individual Awards

INFORMATION SHEET

To be typed and included with each application for the following awards:
Greek Man/Woman of the Year, University Involvement, Greek Involvement,
Outstanding Chapter President, Citizenship, Outstanding New Member, Embodying
Fraternal Values, Alumni Advisor

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of Nominee/ Applicant: _____
Chapter Name: _____
Initiation Date: _____
Campus Address: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Year of Expected Graduation: _____
Hometown Newspaper (optional): _____

Name of Nominator (if applicable): _____
Chapter Name: _____
Campus Address: _____
Campus Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____

AWARD INFORMATION

Nominations are for (check all that apply):

- Greek Man of the Year
- Greek Woman of the Year
- Outstanding Alumni Advisor
- Outstanding Chapter President
- Outstanding Community Service
- Outstanding Greek Involvement
- Outstanding University Involvement
- Outstanding New Member
- Embodying Fraternal Values

SIGNATURE

I give my permission to contact any organization listed or persons named as references to obtain information about the application. I hereby attest that all information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Greek Man / Woman of the Year

PURPOSE: To recognize a male and female member of the Greek community who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to and passion for advancing the interests of Greek life in the past year.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominee must be a member of an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
2. Nominee must be initiated and in good standing.
3. Nominee should have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds a 3.0.
4. Nominee must be free of sanctions from the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and his or her respective organization.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Applications should exude a passion for Greek life that is evident in the nominee's interactions with members of the entire University community. This passion and commitment to Greek life should be expressed in a typed statement not to exceed one page. Nominations should demonstrate the contributions that this individual made and how his or her actions have benefited the entire fraternity and sorority community. Please detail specific projects the nominee has completed or endeavors the nominee has undertaken for the advancement of Greek life. Emphasize the accomplishments within the past year.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:

Completed applications must include the following:

1. **Completed personal information sheet**
2. **Typed statement addressing the nominee's qualifications for this award, not to exceed one page**
3. **Copy of nominee's resume**

Outstanding Alumni Advisor

PURPOSE: To recognize a Greek alumni advisor who has enhanced their individual chapter and/or Greek community through his or her service.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominee must be an advisor for an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
2. Nominee must have had alumni status for three years

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a statement not to exceed one typed page, demonstrate how the nominee has contributed to their chapter and/or the larger Greek community. Give examples of the ways in which they participated in the guidance and implementation of chapter programming and events. The application should show the commitment the advisor has to his or her chapter and describe examples of the positive impact of their involvement.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:

Completed applications must include the following:

1. **Completed personal information sheet**
2. **Typed statement addressing the nominee's qualifications for this award, not to exceed one page**

Outstanding Chapter President

PURPOSE: To recognize the chapter president who has affected the most positive change in his or her chapter and who has taken an active role in his or her council's activities.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominee must be an active member of an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
2. Nominee must be initiated and in good standing in his/her chapter.
3. Nominee should have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds a 3.0.
4. Nominee must be free of sanctions from the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and his or her respective organization.
5. Nominee must have served as President of his/her chapter during the most recent term of office.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Demonstrate how the nominee effectively used his or her leadership position to better his or her chapter. In a statement not to exceed one page, describe the challenges faced by the nominee and the methods and solutions used to overcome those challenges.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include the following:

1. **Completed personal information sheet**
2. **At least two recommendations from fellow chapter members or advisors**
3. **Typed one page statement addressing the above criteria**

Outstanding Community Service

PURPOSE: To recognize a Greek individual who has made significant contributions to the Durham community through sustained service. This award does not measure the quantity of service that an individual makes but rather the value of his or her contribution.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominee must be an active member of an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
2. Nominee must be initiated and in good standing.
3. Nominee should have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds a 3.0.
4. Nominee must be free of sanctions from the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and his or her respective organization

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a statement, not to exceed one page, describe the contribution the nominee makes to the Durham community, whether through organizations on campus or through direct partnerships with community organizations. Please expound upon why the person has chosen to be involved and how his involvement has had an impact on his time as a Duke University student.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include:

1. **Completed personal information sheet**
2. **Typed statement addressing the aforementioned criteria**
3. **(Optional) Recommendation from a member of the University or Durham communities**

Outstanding Greek Involvement

PURPOSE: To recognize a Greek individual who demonstrates concerted and prolonged involvement within the Greek community throughout their time at Duke.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominee must be an active member of an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
2. Nominee must be initiated and in good standing.
3. Nominee should have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds a 3.0.
4. Nominee must be free of sanctions from the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and his or her respective organization.

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a statement, not to exceed one page, describe the contribution the nominee makes to the fraternity and sorority community, expounding upon why the person has chosen to be involved. Finally, please describe his or her greatest achievement and what was gained from this leadership experience.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include:

1. **Completed personal information sheet**
2. **Copy of the nominee's resume**
3. **Typed statement addressing the aforementioned criteria**
4. **(Optional) Recommendation from a member of the Greek community**

Outstanding University Involvement

PURPOSE: To recognize a Greek individual who demonstrates concerted and prolonged involvement with the greater University community. This award does not measure the number of organizations or activities an individual is involved with but rather the value of the contribution he or she makes.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

5. Nominee must be an active member of an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
6. Nominee must be initiated and in good standing.
7. Nominee should have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds a 3.0.
8. Nominee must be free of sanctions from the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and his or her respective organization

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a statement, not to exceed one page, describe the contribution the nominee makes to organizations on campus, as well as his or her level of commitment. Please expound upon why the person has chosen to be involved. Finally, please describe his or her greatest accomplishment and what was gained from this leadership experience.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include:

4. **Completed personal information sheet**
5. **Copy of the nominee's resume**
6. **Typed statement addressing the aforementioned criteria**
7. **(Optional) Recommendation from a member of the University community**

Outstanding New Member

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and contributions during their first year of membership.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominee must be a member of an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
2. Nominee must be initiated and in good standing with his or her chapter.
3. Nominee should have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds a 3.0.
4. Nominee must be free of sanctions from the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and his or her respective organization.
5. Nominee must have been initiated in the last 18 months.

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a statement not to exceed one typed page, demonstrate how this nominee contributed to their chapter and/or the larger Greek community through his or her involvement in activities, projects, or leadership roles above and beyond expectations.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include the following:

1. **Completed personal information sheet**
2. **Typed statement, not to exceed one page, which demonstrates how the nominee meets the above criteria.**
3. **Recommendation from the chapter president, chapter advisor, or the nominee's new member educator**

Embodying Fraternal Values

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual who exemplifies his or her chapter's values and principles in his or her daily life.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominee must be a member of an IFC, IGC, NPHC or Panhellenic chapter.
2. Nominee must be initiated and in good standing with his or her chapter.
3. Nominee should have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds a 3.0.
4. Nominee must be free of sanctions from the Greek Judicial Board, the University, and his or her respective organization.

AWARD CRITERIA:

In a statement not to exceed one typed page, demonstrate how the daily actions of the nominee exemplify their chapter's values and standards. Applications should outline a particular example that illustrates the ways that the nominee has incorporated his or her chapter's values into his or her life. Incorporate relevant chapter values and mission statement in the application.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications should include the following:

1. **Completed personal information sheet**
2. **Typed statement, not to exceed one page, which demonstrates how the nominee meets the above criteria.**