Texas Tech University
FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS
The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) has created a new initiative called the Standards of Excellence. Simply put, the Standards of Excellence are set of common community standards, which all our chapters should aspire to achieve. Chapters are encouraged to use the standards listed under each category as a *best practices* guide to aid in planning, goal setting and general chapter operations. FSL will recognize those chapters that demonstrate excellence in meeting these standards.

The Standards of Excellence are organized under the following categories:

*Academic Achievement*
*CRW Risk Education*
*Leadership and Member Development*
*Philanthropy and Civic Engagement*
*Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion*
*MGC: Values in Action*
*NPHC: Program of the Year*
*CPH: Recruitment and New Member Education*
*IFC: New Member Education*

**Individual Awards:**
*IFC Member of the Year*
*MGC Member of the Year*
*NPHC Member of the Year*
*CPH Member of the Year*
*Community Builder Award*
*Advisor of the Year*
*Emerging Leader Award*
*Helping Hand Award*

**Guidelines**
Each category submission will be scored by outside fraternity & sorority life professionals. Every category will contain an application that requires you to upload documentation or a written response that corresponds with the application criteria statements. Each category is worth a total of ten points. The submissions will be evaluated using a rubric with a scale of 1-10.

- Below 5 points= Severely Below Expectations
- 5-6 points = Needs Improvement
- 7-8 points= Achieved Expectations
- 9-10 points= Outstanding
• Applications must be submitted via online form
• All submissions are due no later than 11:59 PM CST on February 1st. Late applications will not be evaluated.
• Each council will have a Chapter of the Year Award. **To be eligible for Chapter of the Year, chapters must apply for at least 5 of the 6 chapter categories.** Chapter of the Year will be awarded to the organization with the highest combined point total of all categories. In the case that no chapter applies for at least 5 categories, no Chapter of the Year will be awarded for the respective council.
• In order to be eligible for Chapter of the Year, the chapter must be in good standing with their national organization, council and the university.
• If a chapter does not meet Community Standards and is placed on Warning or Organizational Review in any category, that chapter will not eligible to win Chapter of the Year.
• The evaluation period for recognition will be the **2019 calendar year.** Any activity, program, etc. which occurred from January 1, 2019- December 31, 2019 can be counted toward the standards. Standards of Excellence applications will be due Feb 1, 2020 at 11:59pm. FSL will host a Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Ceremony during the 2020 Spring semester. Following the FSL Awards each chapter president will receive the scores for their chapter and **if a chapter received below Achieved Expectations in any category, they will be expected to meet with their FSL Council Advisor to discuss areas for improvement prior to the end of the Spring 2020 semester.**

We are thankful for your participation in this initiative, and we hope these standards will serve as a helpful guide to point your chapter toward excellence.

**FSL Awards Timeline**

**FSL Awards Training November 6th & 7th, 2019 – 6:00-7:00 PM**
Chapters have the option of attending on either date. Chapters that intend to apply for FSL Awards must attend one of these sessions to pick up their informational packet, receive training on the new process, and ask questions.

**Online Applications Period Begins November 29th, 2019**
Chapter and individual awards applications will go live on Google Forms.

**Deadline for Chapter and Individual Awards February 1st, 2020 11:59 PM CST**
Chapter and awards applications must be submitted via Google Forms.
Chapter and Individual Awards Application Review *February 15th - March 15th, 2020*

**RSVP for FSL Awards Ceremony** *March 13th, 2020 5:00pm CST*
All chapters that applied and all individual award finalists will be asked to RSVP with the total number of members and guests expected to be in attendance. Accommodation preferences will be made for chapter and individual award finalists.

**FSL Awards Ceremony** *April 2, 2020 6:00pm CST*
Ceremony to recognize Individual and Chapter Award applicants and winners.

**Chapter Awards**

**Academic Achievement**
- Chapter GPA is above the university undergraduate GPA for two consecutive semesters.
- Chapter provides recognition to members who perform well academically.
- Chapter has developed a detailed academic plan for its' members.
- Chapter has accountability measures in place for members that fail to meet the required chapter, university, and national organization GPA.
- Chapter educates members on academic misconduct.

**CRW Risk Education**
- Chapter has a social event risk management plan that includes education around alcohol and illegal substances as well as a chapter crisis management plan.
- Chapter incorporates risk reduction training in their new member education program.
- Chapters educate members on hazing prevention and consent/sexual assault education.
- 50% attendance Fall CRW Speaker.
- Chapters host or co-hosts a speaker or event on or more of the following:
  - Hazing prevention
  - Sexual Assault Education
  - Alcohol Risk reduction
  - Substance abuse
  - Mental Health/Stress
  - Bystander Intervention
Leadership and Member Development
- Chapter President attends the annual Leadership Summit
- Submission of Chapter goals for the upcoming year
- Chapter sends at least one active member to a state, regional or national convention for their organization
- 25% are active members in other student organizations and at least one of those members is in a leadership role
- Chapter provides a membership development plan for their chapter that includes programs, education and trainings on leadership development/personal growth

Philanthropy & Civic Engagement
- 90% of the chapter participates in at least 2 philanthropy or service projects hosted by the chapter per semester (4 per year)
- Each member of the chapter completes at least 5 community service hours per semester
- Chapter educates their members on their national philanthropy or service project
- Chapter hosts at least one philanthropy event per year and during the event informs participants where the money will be donated to and how it will positively impact that organization
- Chapter participates in a minimum of one council or FSL Office philanthropy or service project

Social Justice, Equity & Inclusion
- Chapter provides programming/education to chapter members on one or more of the following topics (Race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, socio-economic status, ability, and religion)
- Chapter promotes on-campus events around diversity, social justice, and inclusion
- Chapter partners with another organization to host a program or event around identities (Race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, socio-economic status, ability, and religion)
- Chapter engages in a discussion after reading about social justice, watching a video or attending a social justice event
- Chapter includes diversity training in their new member education program

CPH: Recruitment & New Member Education
- Chapter has thoroughly integrated organizational values into the recruitment process.
- Chapter holds at minimum one sisterhood retreat/event for new members
- Chapter utilizes campus partners/approved outside speakers to educate members on areas outside of fraternity education and values
- 80% of all new members are initiated
- Chapter provides new members with a complete New Member Education program calendar & expectations of new members each semester. This plan should include at least the following:
  - detailed week by week curriculum and plan of activities
  - academic standards and an academic assistance plan for new members.
  - Attendance requirements of a new member

**NPHC: Program of the Year**
- Chapter hosts a program/event utilizing guest speaker(s)
- Event is open to the TTU community
- Engagement with TTU staff or faculty in the planning, hosting or general attendance
- Chapter utilized multiple platforms to thoroughly market the event
- The program subject and method of delivery was innovative and relevant to today’s collegiate generation

**MGC: Values in Action**
- Chapter can articulate the values of their organization
- Chapter has policies in place to hold members accountable to their values
- Chapter offers personal development to its chapter members to educate them on their values
- Chapter incorporates values education in their new member process
- Chapter can demonstrate how they incorporate their organizational values into their daily operations

**IFC: New Member Education**
- Chapter initiates 80 percent of New Member Class
- Chapter holds weekly new member education meetings with the purpose of educating and orienting to new members into the fraternity (Provide documentation of the weekly activities)
- Chapter holds at minimum one brotherhood retreat/event per semester
- Chapter utilizes campus partners/approved outside speakers to educate members on areas outside of fraternity education and values
- New Member class plans their own service event and social event during their new member process
**Individual Awards**

**IFC Member of the Year**
This award is for any member of the Interfraternity Council, regardless of position that constantly strives to better the fraternal community. This individual has made solid relationships in the community and exemplifies the values of the fraternity and sorority life at Texas Tech.

Criteria
- 2.75 Cumulative GPA
- Must at least be Sophomore standing
- Must be in good standing with organization

Application
- Name:
- Chapter:
- R#:
- Year:
- Cumulative GPA:
- Email:
- Please describe why you or the nominee should be chosen as IFC member of the year? (500 words or less)
- Upload Letter of good standing from organization

**MGC Member of the Year**
This award is for any member of the Multicultural Greek Council, regardless of position that constantly strives to better the fraternal community. This individual has made solid relationships in the community and exemplifies the values of the fraternity and sorority life at Texas Tech.

Criteria
- 2.75 Cumulative GPA
- Must at least be Sophomore standing
- Must be in good standing with organization

Application
- Name:
- Chapter:
- R#:
- Year:
- Cumulative GPA:
- Email:
- Please describe why you or the nominee should be chosen as MGC member of the year? (500 words or less)
- Upload Letter of good standing from organization

**NPHC Member of the Year**

This award is for any member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, regardless of position that constantly strives to better the fraternal community. This individual has made solid relationships in the community and exemplifies the values of the fraternity and sorority life at Texas Tech.

Criteria
- 2.75 Cumulative GPA
- Must at least be Sophomore standing
- Must be in good standing with organization

Application
- Name:
- Chapter:
- R#:  
- Year:
- Cumulative GPA:
- Email:
- Please describe why you or the nominee should be chosen as NPHC member of the year? (500 words or less)
- Upload Letter of good standing from organization

**CPH Member of the Year**

This award is for any member of the College Panhellenic Council, regardless of position that constantly strives to better the fraternal community. This individual has made solid relationships in the community and exemplifies the values of the fraternity and sorority life at Texas Tech.

Criteria
- 2.75 Cumulative GPA
- Must at least be Sophomore standing
- Must be in good standing with organization

Application
- Name:
- Chapter:
- R#:
- Year:
- Cumulative GPA:
- Email:
- Please describe why you or the nominee should be chosen as CPH member of the year? (500 words or less)
- Upload Letter of good standing from organization

**Community Builder Award**
*This award is given to an individual that displays a solid commitment to promoting unity and inclusion within their chapter, council, and the fraternity and sorority life community at Tech.*

Criteria
- Must be an active member of IFC/MGC/NPHC/CPH
- Has been a member of their fraternity or sorority for at least one semester

Application
- Name
- Chapter
- R#
- Initiation Semester
- Email
- Please describe how you or the nominee has gone above and beyond to build community within your chapter, council, and the overall FSL community (500 words or less)

**Advisor of the Year**
*This award is given to a chapter advisor that goes above and beyond to provide leadership and guidance to the chapter they advise.*

Criteria
- Has served as an advisor for at least one year

Application
- Name:
- Advising Position:
- Chapter:
- Years of advising:
• Nominator:
• Nominator’s email:
• Please describe why the nominee should be chosen as Advisor of the year? (500 words or less)

**Emerging Leader Award**
This individual has displayed a strong sense of values and leadership through their actions and has made a positive impact during their time in the community.

Criteria
• 2.75 Cumulative GPA
• Must be within first year of membership
• Must be in good standing with organization

Application
• Name:
• Chapter:
• R#:
• Year:
• Cumulative GPA:
• Initiation Date:
• Email:
• Please describe how you or the nominee has demonstrated leadership within chapter or the greater fraternity and sorority life community. (500 words or less)
• Upload Letter of good standing from organization

**Helping Hand Award**
This award is given to a campus partner (person or department) that has demonstrated a strong commitment to helping the fraternity & sorority life community at Texas Tech progress.

Criteria
• Must be a current faculty/staff member on campus or a campus department
• Cannot be a current chapter advisor

Application
• Your Name
• Nominee (person or department)
• Email address
• Please describe how this individual or department has assisted the fraternity & sorority life community at Texas Tech (500 words or less)