

## Fraternity and Sorority Life Recognition Award Overall Cover Sheet

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check each award that your chapter applied for.

### Individual Awards:

- Fraternity Man/Sorority Woman of the Year
- Outstanding New Member
- Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 GPA
- Graduating Seniors with a 3.75-3.99 GPA
- Excellence in Chapter Presidency
- Excellence in Chapter Advising
- Excellence in Faculty Support

### Chapter Awards:

- Excellence in Programming
- Excellence in Philanthropy
- Excellence in Chapter Improvement
- Excellence in Greek Community Relations
- Excellence in Brotherhood/Sisterhood
- Excellence in Alumni and Parental Involvement

### Eligibility and application requirements:

Each award will require an individual essay of no more than two pages demonstrating why the nominee/chapter deserves the award. None of the awards listed require a mandatory application, but each individual and chapter is encouraged to apply for whichever awards that they feel they deserve. To be eligible to receive awards, the individual or chapter applying must be in good academic standing and must have complete and up-to-date records in the Office of Student Life. No award may be given to the same recipient two years in a row unless indicated with an asterisk. Please read on for complete descriptions and requirements for each award. **In addition to their own nomination, organizations may nominate an additional event, program, and/or individual from other chapters that they feel were exceptional.**

Awards Applications must be returned to the Office of Student Life by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:00pm. Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.



**Fraternity and Sorority Life Recognition Awards  
Chapter Awards:**

Excellence in Programming  
Excellence in Philanthropy  
Excellence in Chapter Improvement

Excellence in Greek Community Relations  
Excellence in Brotherhood/Sisterhood  
Excellence in Alumni and Parental Involvement

**Guidelines for chapters:**

- ❖ Deadline for submission of award applications is: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:00 pm to the Office of Student Life
- ❖ Award applications may cover the Winter and Fall semesters from the current year (2009)
- ❖ All entries must be on 8.5" by 11" paper typed in 11 point Times New Roman font, single or double spaced, with 1" margins on all sides. They may be no longer than two pages per award.
- ❖ Each individual award application should have a title page with the name of the award desired, the name of the chapter applying, and the name(s) and contact information of the person who prepared the document. Please enter your awards in the order that they are listed in this packet in order to add ease to the judging process.
- ❖ All supporting documents, such as endorsement letters or event descriptions, should be clearly labeled and legible. They should immediately follow the specific award that they are accompanying. All awards should be submitted and reviewed to the chapter president before final submission.
- ❖ Presentation of materials will be noted.

**Chapter Awards:**

***Excellence in Programming***

- ❖ This award will be given to a chapter that best demonstrates excellence in a SINGLE programming event throughout the year. Please describe the chapter's involvement in planning the event, the event's execution, and the level of success that the event received. Please also detail the funding as well as if and how the event was co-sponsored. All co-sponsors should submit an accompanying letter of recommendation with the form.

***Excellence in Philanthropy***

- ❖ This award will be given to the chapter that best demonstrates excellence in giving back to philanthropy throughout the year. You may describe your effort throughout the year to give back to your philanthropy and how involved you have been with working to benefit local and national philanthropies. Explanations of specific events are encouraged. Please describe the chapter's involvement in planning the event, the event's execution, and the level of success that the event received.

***Excellence in Chapter Improvement***

- ❖ This award will be given to the chapter that best demonstrates excellence in the overall improvement of their chapter from the last academic year to the current academic year. Criteria for improvement includes, but is not limited to: improved alumni relations, academics, community service, relationships, risk management, and standards. Please compare both years and document how the changes have improved the chapter.

***Excellence in Greek Community Relations\****

- ❖ This award will be given to the chapter that best demonstrates excellence in building positive relationships with other Greek Organizations. Criteria for this award could include having multiple socials or mixers with groups, involvement in Greek Leadership on campus, and co-sponsorship of events with other Greek organizations. Support of other fraternity and sorority events will also be noted.

***Excellence in Brotherhood/Sisterhood Development***

- ❖ This award will be given to the chapter that best demonstrates excellence in Brotherhood or Sisterhood development. The planning and execution of alcohol-free Brotherhood and Sisterhood events should be discussed as well as other ways that your chapter works to foster and improve friendships within the chapter itself.

***Excellence in Alumni and Parental Involvement\****

- ❖ This award will be given to the chapter that best demonstrates excellence in alumni and parental involvement. The recipient of this award should explain how they involve their alumni with the active chapter as well as how they encourage parental involvement and support. Programs, mailings, and activities involving alumni and parents should be discussed and documented.

***\*Those events marked with an asterisk may have the same winner for consecutive years.***

**Fraternity and Sorority Life Recognition Awards**  
**Individual Member Awards:**

Fraternity Man of the Year  
Sorority Woman of the Year  
Outstanding New Member (Fall and Winter Semesters)  
Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 GPA

Graduating Seniors with a 3.75-3.99 GPA  
Excellence in Chapter Presidency  
Excellence in Chapter Advising  
Excellence in Faculty Support

**Guidelines for individuals:**

- ❖ Deadline for submission of award applications is: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:00 pm to the Office of Student Life
- ❖ Award applications may cover the Winter and Fall semesters from the current year (2009)
- ❖ All entries must be on 8.5" by 11" paper typed in 11 point Times New Roman font, single or double spaced, with 1" margins on all sides. Essays may be no longer than two pages per award.
- ❖ All individual entries must include a title page with the name of the applicant, their chapter affiliation, and their year in school (or year graduated/position held). All undergraduate entries must include a letter of recommendation from a chapter advisor as well as a member of your chapter's executive board. For faculty and alumni awards, a letter of recommendation from the chapter president as well as another member of the chapter must accompany the application.
- ❖ Presentation of materials will be noted.

**Individual Member Awards:**

***Fraternity Man of the Year, Sorority Woman of the Year, and New Members of the Year will have separate applications.***

***Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 GPA, Presented by Gamma Sigma Alpha National Honor Society***

- ❖ This award does not require an application. Eligible nominees must be graduating during the 2010 calendar year. All students who meet the requirement will receive an award based on their cumulative or semester GPA. Chapters must submit a list of eligible members to the Office of Student Life to be compared against University records. This submission will take place during the Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff Assistant statistical review session, which will take place at the end of the winter semester.

***Graduating Seniors with a 3.75-3.99 GPA, Presented by Gamma Sigma Alpha National Honor Society***

- ❖ This award does not require an application. Eligible nominees must be graduating during the 2010 calendar year. All students who meet the requirement will receive an award based on their cumulative or semester GPA. Chapters must submit a list of eligible members to the Office of Student Life to be compared against University records. This submission will take place during the Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff Assistant statistical review session, which will take place at the end of the winter semester.

***Excellence in Chapter Presidency, Presented by Greek Life Council***

- ❖ This award will be given to the Chapter President that has shown excellence in all areas of their Presidency. This President should demonstrate how their leadership and dedication has benefited their chapter and should explain how they overcame obstacles to achieve success. They should also explain their involvement with Greek Life Council and how they have worked with fellow Presidents to Unify the Greek Community. In order to apply for this award, an applicant must have been a chapter president for at least one semester during the 2009 calendar year.

***Excellence in Chapter Advising, Presented by Order of Omega***

- ❖ This award will be given to a chapter advisor who has shown extreme dedication to the organization that they advise. In order to win this award, a chapter advisor must be nominated by a member of their organization. The letter of nomination should demonstrate how the knowledge and dedication given by the advisor has helped to benefit the chapter. The letter could also list the advisor's level of involvement and the specific areas that they have contributed to. This advisor may be an alumnus of the chapter but may not be the chapter's faculty advisor.

***Excellence in Faculty Support, Presented by Order of Omega***

- ❖ This award will be given to a faculty advisor who has shown extreme dedication to the organization that they advise. In order to win this award, a faculty advisor must be nominated by a member of their organization. The letter of nomination should demonstrate how the advisor has helped the chapter utilize their campus resources and how they have served as a knowledgeable member of the Grand Valley community. The letter could also list the advisor's level of involvement and the specific areas that they have contributed to. This advisor may be an alumnus of the chapter but must be a faculty or staff member of Grand Valley State University. The advisor does not have to be the chapter's official faculty advisor.

## Fraternity Man or Sorority Woman of the Year Application

-Given to one male and one female annually

-Each Chapter may nominate one member

Each candidate **must**:

- Have Junior or Senior Standing
- Not have been a previous recipient
- Be nominated by their organization
- Hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA

Please include the following in a **resume**:

- Name
- Year in School
- Organization
- Grade Point Average
- Major/Minor
- Expected Graduation Date
- Involvement in Greek Life, Campus, and the Community
- Any achievements, such as awards or recognition that you have received

Please include the following in an **essay**:

- Why do you feel that you are a good candidate for Fraternity Man or Sorority Woman of the Year?
- In what ways do you feel like you are a good representative of your organization and the GVSU Fraternity and Sorority Community?
- What impact have you made on the Fraternity and Sorority Community?

Please include **letters of endorsement** on behalf of the following:

- Chapter
- Chapter Advisor
- Additional letters are optional

Each nominee must submit the information listed above in a resume and essay to the Office of Student Life no later than **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** The awards will be given at this year's Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. All information must be submitted together. Presentation of materials will be noted.

## Outstanding New Member Application

-Given to one male and one female per semester.

-Each chapter may nominate two new members, one per semester

This award recognizes new members within the fraternity and sorority community who have proven themselves as leaders within their chapter and/or the campus community, have begun to create positive change, are dedicated to the success of fraternity and sorority life at GVSU, and serve as an exceptional representative for fraternity and sorority life.

Each candidate **must**:

- Have been a new member in **Winter or Fall 2009**
- Be nominated by their organization
- Hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA

Please include the following in a **resume**:

- Name
- Year in School
- Organization
- Grade Point Average
- Major/Minor
- Expected Graduation Date
- Involvement in Greek Life, Campus, and the Community
- Any achievements, such as awards or recognition that you have received

Please include the following in an **essay**:

- As a new member what have you done to set yourself apart from other new members?
- If you had to tell a potential member the top three reasons to Go Greek, what would you tell them and why?
- What major improvement or change would you like to see in our Greek community?

Please include **letters of endorsement** on behalf of the following:

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