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### EIU Fraternity and Sorority Programs

#### AWARDS CRITERIA and ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

The purpose of the EIU Fraternity and Sorority Programs Excellence Awards is to recognize chapter and members for their dedication, success and improvements within the EIU fraternity and sorority community. The goals of award program are to support and incorporate the ideals and goals of the overall community: scholarship, membership development, leadership, service, growth, and chapter management.

The criteria and eligibility of the follow awards are detailed on the following pages. An award review committee of faculty, staff, graduate assistant staff, and a select group of your peers may review applications and awards will be announced at Fraternity and Sorority Excellence Awards Celebration on Sunday, April 9, 2017. The awards are divided into three groups: Individual Awards, Chapter Awards and Individual Scholarship Awards. Chapters will compete against other chapters within their councils.

All individuals and chapters can be nominated by themselves or by other members of the fraternity/sorority community, advisors, faculty, staff, and alumni. For individual awards, chapters may only nominate one candidate. Please check the individual criteria of the award for further information on nominations.

All awards must be submitted on-line. Awards may be found on the EIU Greek Life website at the following link: [https://www.eiu.edu/grklife/awards\\_honors.php](https://www.eiu.edu/grklife/awards_honors.php).

#### **Individual Awards**

- Fraternity Man of the Year
- Sorority Woman of the Year
- Top Five Fraternity Men and Sorority Women
- Outstanding New Member of the Year (Fraternity and Sorority)
- Chapter President of the Year (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Outstanding Chapter Advisor (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Dr. Charles and Mrs. Sharon Eberly Essence of Fraternal Values Award
- Outstanding Individual Community Service
- Unsung Hero
- Fraternity and Sorority Advocate

#### **Chapter Awards**

- Excellence in Community Service
- Excellence in Leadership Development

#### **Individual Scholarship Awards**

- Charles “Tight” Carter Awards

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## Individual Awards

### Eastern Illinois Fraternity Man and Sorority Woman of the Year

This award recognizes individuals who represent their chapter, council and/or the Eastern Illinois University fraternity and sorority community through these values: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Community. This person exemplifies the true meaning of being a fraternity/sorority member.

Each chapter can submit a nomination letter for a man and/or woman. Please cover the following items in describing the candidate(s).

1. Individual name
2. Individual chapter and council
3. Individual class standing
4. Positions held by the individual
5. Membership and position in other organizations
6. How does the candidate emphasize leadership?
7. Why does the nominee deserve to be awarded the Fraternity Man or Sorority Woman of the Year award?

### Outstanding New Member of the Year

This award recognizes new members in the fraternity and sorority community who represent their chapter and/or the Eastern Illinois University fraternity and sorority community through the values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Community. This person understands what being a fraternity/sorority member truly means. Individuals who joined their chapter during the Spring or Fall of 2016 are eligible for this award.

Each chapter can submit a nomination letter for a man and/or woman. Please cover the following items in describing the candidate(s). Submit a separate nomination letter for each candidate.

1. Candidate name
2. Candidate chapter and council
3. Any positions the candidate held or still is holding
4. List the candidate's membership in any other organizations on campus
5. How has the new member demonstrated leadership within the new member class and chapter?
6. What specific contributions has the new member made to the new member class, chapter or the Eastern Illinois fraternity and sorority community?

### Outstanding President of the Year

Outstanding President of the Year recognizes a council or chapter president for his or her dedication to the fraternity and sorority experience and EIU community. For this award, a chapter or individual member must submit a one to two page letter of recommendation about the individual. A sorority and fraternity president will be named the winner of this award. Chapters or individual members can nominate a president from the Spring 2016 to Spring 2017 term. The nomination letter should explain major accomplishments made by the president, how he or she have affected the chapter, and their legacy.

Please cover the following items in describing the candidate(s). Submit a separate nomination letter for each candidate.

1. Candidate name
2. Candidate chapter and council
3. Any positions the candidate held or still is holding
4. List the candidate's membership in any other organizations on campus

### Unsung Hero

The Eastern Illinois University fraternity and sorority community supports development of student leaders, but leaders aren't always recognized or praised for their hard work and dedication. The recipient of this award may not have ever held a significant leadership role, but they have either helped their chapter or fellow students through hard times, potentially weathering significant hardship to help. They dedicate their service, time and energy without expecting anything in return.

Candidate qualifications

1. Helped his/her chapter, brothers/sisters or fellow student through difficult times or obstacles
2. Experienced great self-sacrifice to help the chapter or a specific person

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## **Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award**

The advisors to our fraternities and sororities are incredible resources. Even after graduating, they still feel the desire to contribute to the community that they themselves were once a part of. These individuals sacrifice their time in order to share personal experiences and knowledge about the importance of being a values-based fraternal organization. The Advisor of the Year not only encompasses all of these traits, but exceeds all expectations of the position and deserves special recognition for his or her continual commitment to the Eastern Illinois University fraternity and sorority community.

Each chapter can nominate one advisor within their chapter. Chapters can nominate other advisors within the Eastern Illinois University fraternity and sorority community as they see necessary. In a one to two page letter, describe why the advisor should win this award. Make sure to cover the items listed below.

1. Describe the role the advisor plays within the chapter, the national organization and the Eastern Illinois University community.
2. How has the candidate made a difference within your chapter?
3. How does your advisor approach his/her role? How has this approach helped your chapter become successful?
4. How does the advisor take a role in developing members, leaders and new members within the chapter?
5. What contributions has the advisor made to the chapter or the Eastern Illinois University community that sets them apart?

## **The Dr. Charles and Mrs. Sharon Eberly “Essence of Fraternal Values Award”**

The Eberly Award recognizes an alumni group, chapter, fraternity or sorority member, or alumnus who through a specific act exhibits their fraternal values. The purpose of this award is to recognize leadership through what is right, and not necessarily what is popular, or the easy route to take - as that is what often times defines true leadership.

Chapters may nominate a specific chapter, individual member or alumnus, and/or an alumni group to receive this award. Chapters may nominate as many of the listed groups or individuals above as they deem necessary. To nominate one of the groups or individuals write a one to two page letter describing how the candidate(s) exhibits their fraternal values through his/her leadership, dedication and perseverance. Provide specific examples and include why the candidate should win this award.

## **Outstanding Individual Community Service**

The Outstanding Individual Community Service Award is a one to two page letter nominating an individual chapter member who exemplifies service leadership. In the nomination letter state how the individual serves the community and is an advocate for service leadership. If possible incorporate personal stories or testimonies about the individual. Letters of support from individuals or agencies who have benefitted from this service are encouraged.

Please cover the following items in describing the candidate(s). Submit a separate nomination letter for each candidate.

1. Candidate name
2. Candidate chapter and council
3. Any positions the candidate held or still is holding
4. List the candidate's membership in any other organizations on campus

## **Fraternity & Sorority Advocate**

The Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Advocate awards exists to recognize those outside of our fraternity and sorority community that serve as a means of support and advocacy for the continued existence of the college fraternal experience. While neither a current member nor advisor, these individuals assist in providing the encouragement necessary for fraternities and sororities to live their rituals and core values.

Candidate Qualifications

1. Candidates are not current a current advisor to a fraternity or sorority
2. Dedicated to promoting the Eastern Illinois University fraternity and sorority community values
3. Dedicated to developing leaders within the Eastern Illinois University undergraduate community
4. Promotes and role models ethical leadership
5. Remains a consistent means of support for fraternity and sorority members at Eastern Illinois University

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## Chapter Awards

### Excellence in Community Service

Fraternities and sororities are key participants in Eastern Illinois University's ongoing efforts to serve the greater Charleston & Coles County community. Some traditions include donating thousands of volunteer hours as well as hundreds of dollars. The continued leadership of the fraternity and sorority community is essential to the success of EIU.

Award Criteria and expectations for the Excellence in Community Service Award

- Creativity
- Majority of the chapter attending/participating in the service program
- Must have occurred in the Charleston/Coles County area
- Shows that there was a positive impact on the community the program aimed to help
- Discuss the means in which the event occurred

Please answer the following question on a separate page. All submissions should be typed. Please attach any supporting documents for each submission (i.e.: flyer, article, PR materials, pictures, brochures, etc.) Please describe each event you will like considered for the awards packet. Chapters can submit one to three events in this category.

1. Name of community service event
2. Date of the program/event
3. Location of the program/event
4. Co-Sponsor (if applicable)
5. Brief outline of the event details
6. Estimation of how many members took part in the event
7. What were the goals of the program/event?
8. How effectively did the chapter meet the goals?

### Excellence in Leadership & Educational Development

Development of strong leadership among members of fraternities and sororities is vital to the success of the chapters and councils.

Part I: Answer the following questions below, typed and no more than two pages. Provide specific dates, examples and programs if applicable.

- The chapter officer transition and training process
- Goal setting initiatives, and achievement of goals that were set
- Describe any programming, educational retreats or activities the chapter held, or encouraged members to take part in, to provide leadership training for members.
- Describe any programs, educational opportunities or training sessions the chapter encouraged or nominated members to take part in

Part II: Describe any program(s) held by the chapter to foster leadership and membership development. Chapters can submit one to three events. Include any promotional materials from the events, and if possible, please include agendas or outline used during the program or event. Please describe each event separately.

1. Name of the programs/events
2. Date of the programs/events
3. Location of the programs/events
4. Co-Sponsor/Partner (along with the council)
5. Brief outline of the event details
6. Total number of members in attendance
7. What were the goals of the program/event?
8. How effectively did the chapter meet the goals?

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## Additional Scholarship Award

These awards are for individual recognition and scholarship. Chapters can nominate from within their own chapter or outside their chapter and council. Some require having the candidate fill out additional material. Please read each scholarship/award carefully and submit all paper work. The candidate will be held responsible to hand in any other additional material. Please NOTE - some awards require nominated individuals to submit their own application.

- Charles “Tight” Carter Awards

### Charles “Tight” Carter Awards

Sponsored and selected by the Interfraternity Council, The Charles “Tight” Carter Awards recognize fraternity men who have given outstanding contributions in the areas of community service, athletics, student government, academic performance, and the IFC overall. Awards are given in each category.

Chapters may nominate one member from their chapter and as many individuals from other chapters as they deem necessary. Sorority chapters are able to nominate fraternity men for this award. To nominate a candidate, write a one to two page letter covering how the individual has contributed to community service, athletics, student government, scholarship programs or the IFC. Provide specific examples and explain why the candidate should win this award. Include the following information with your nomination.

1. Candidate Name
2. Candidate Chapter
3. Year in school
4. Candidate email and contact phone
5. Initiation year in the chapter
6. Any positions or committee membership within the chapter and council