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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 Monday, April 15, 2019. The awards are divided into two groups: Individual Awards and Chapter 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 or https://www.eiu.edu/grklife/greek_week.php.

Individual Awards

- Fraternity Man of the Year (IFC and NPHC)
- Sorority Woman of the Year (PHC and NPHC)
- Outstanding New Member of the Year (Fraternity and Sorority)
- Chapter President of the Year (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Ms. Elise Ramsey Chapter Advisor Award (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Dr. Charles and Mrs. Sharon Eberly Essence of Fraternal Values Award
- Outstanding Individual Community Service (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Unsung Hero (Fraternity & Sorority)
- Fraternity and Sorority Advocate

Chapter Awards

- Excellence in Community Service
- Excellence in Leadership Development
- Excellence in Inter-Fraternal Relations
- Excellence in Campus Relations and Involvement
- Excellence in New Member Education

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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 Fall of 2018 or Spring of 2019 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 2018 to Spring 2019 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 recipients of these 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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Ms. Elise Ramsey 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 Elise Ramsey Advisor of the Year Award 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.

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 model's 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. Submissions must be for the 2018 academic term.

Award Criteria and expectations for the Excellence in Community Service Award

1. Creativity
2. Majority of the chapter attending/participating in the service program
3. Must have occurred in the Charleston/Coles County area
4. Shows that there was a positive impact on the community the program aimed to help
5. 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. Submissions must be for the 2018 Academic Term.

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

1. The chapter officer transition and training process
2. Goal setting initiatives, and achievement of goals that were set
3. Describe any programming, educational retreats or activities the chapter held, or encouraged members to take part in, to provide leadership training for members.
4. 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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Excellence in Inter-Fraternal Relations

The Excellence in Inter-Fraternal Relations award is given to the chapters who exemplify the concept of positive fraternity/sorority relationships within the Eastern Illinois University fraternity and sorority community. These chapters support other chapters and councils whether it is lending a helping hand, supportive stance, co-sponsoring programs or working together to improve the community. Submissions must be for the 2018 academic term.

To apply for this award the chapter must submit programs and/or events they partnered with another chapter within each council. Chapters should submit events with another organization in IFC, PHC and NPHC. Please attach any supporting documents for each event. Please describe each event separately for the awards packet. Chapters may submit up to three events/programs.

1. Name of the programs/events
2. Date of the programs/events
3. Location of the programs/events
4. Attach any supporting documents for each submission (i.e.: flyer, article, PR materials, pictures, brochures, etc.)
5. Co-Sponsor/Partner (along with the council)
6. Brief outline of the event details
7. Total number of members in attendance
8. What were the goals of the program/event?
9. How effectively did the chapter meet the goals?

Excellence in Campus Relations

This award recognizes chapters for demonstrating excellence in involvement within the University, for activities not directly related to the fraternity and sorority community. The recipient of this award should have major participation in one or more University programs, have an active membership in University organizations, and exhibit a positive attitude towards University community interactions. Submissions must be for the 2018 academic term.

Part I: Please provide a list of chapter members who are also members of other student organizations at Eastern Illinois. The list needs to include members, with the names of the student organizations where they are members and if they hold any position within the organization.

Part II: Provide examples of at least one and no more than three programs or events with RSOs and/or other campus offices that are not part of the fraternity and sorority programs office. Document must include the following information listed below and copies of any photographs or promotional materials related to the event or program.

1. Name of the programs/events
2. Date
3. Location
4. Co-sponsor/partner
5. Brief outline of the programs/events
6. Goals of the programs/events
7. How effectively did the chapter meet the goals?
8. Supporting materials (any photographs or promotional materials related to the event or program)

Excellence in New Member Educational Programming

This excellence award recognizes individual chapters who have shown a commitment to an outstanding new member experience. Through teaching new members, the values of the Eastern Illinois fraternity and sorority community and his/her chapter, while maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment. Submissions must be for the 2018 academic term.

Part I: Describe the topics listed below. Include specific dates, details and examples if applicable. Promotional materials, agendas and photographs can be included within this section.

1. List the educational and scholastic components with the new member educational programming
2. New Member involvement and integration into the chapter
3. New Member education specific to hazing prevention
4. A description of the New Member Educator responsibilities
5. Supporting Materials (agendas and photographs)

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Part II: Describe a specific New Member Program/Event held by the chapter. Chapters can submit one or two specific programs/events. Each event must be described separately. Please attach any supporting documents for each submission (i.e.: flyer, article, PR materials, pictures, brochures, etc.) Please describe each event separately for the awards packet.

1. Name of the program/ event
2. Date of the program/event
3. Location of the program/event
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?
9. Supporting Materials: (i.e.: flyer, article, PR materials, pictures, brochures, etc.)