



**STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE
Awards**

Informational Packet

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Schedule of Events

March 5, 2010:

Standards of Excellence Awards Packets Due

SOE Awards Review Packet and any individual award applications are due into the Office of Greek Life by 5 p.m.

March 15 – March 26, 2010

Standards of Excellence Judging

Friday – April 16, 2010

Standards of Excellence Awards Ceremony

Time: TBD

Location: Live Oak Full

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Standards of Excellence Awards –

Award Descriptions

There are six core areas of achievement that will be awarded on an annual basis, as well as an overall award for excellence in all of these areas.

Each chapter will be reviewed and ranked in each area on a 1-5 star ranking scale. Each chapter that achieves a 4 or 5 star rank will be recognized at the Standards of Excellence Ceremony.

The six core areas to be awarded for chapter standards of excellence are:

The Humanity Award:

This award is given to the chapters that have attained outstanding levels of achievement in **Civic Engagement**. The objective of this award is to recognize fraternities and sororities who contribute to the campus and community through their positive involvement. In addition, this award recognizes the service that a fraternity/sorority gives to their community and to national/international needs and issues.

The Cornerstone Award:

This award is given to chapters that have attained outstanding levels of achievement in **Organizational Management**. The objective of this award is to recognize fraternities & sororities who are promoting high levels of achievement in overall operations of fraternal organizations.

The Intellectual Advancement Award:

This award is given to the chapters that have attained outstanding levels of achievement in **Intellectual Advancement**. The objective of this award is to recognize fraternities & sororities that are positively affecting their member's intellectual advancement, in an effort to achieve academic success.

The Founders Award:

This award is given to the chapters that have attained outstanding levels of achievement in **Values Congruence**. The objective of this award is to recognize fraternities and sororities that are striving to meet the mission of their fraternal organizations.

The Elevation Award:

This award is given to the chapters that have attained outstanding levels of achievement in **Membership Development**. The objective of this award is to recognize fraternities and sororities who promote development at all levels of membership.

The Synergy Award:

This award is given to chapters that have attained outstanding levels of achievement in **Relationship Building**. The objective of this award is to recognize fraternities & sororities who are ensuring that their chapters and chapter membership are establishing positive, long-term relationships.

OVERALL

The Chapter Standards of Excellence Awards:

This award is the overall award given to the fraternities/sororities, which have attained outstanding levels of achievement in all of the above areas. This award will be the highest award given to any chapter in the fraternity/sorority community by Florida Atlantic University.

Standards of Excellence Awards Criteria

Chapters will create a typed document for each core area. This document is to be used as a guide for the Standards of Excellence Judging Committee to review the accomplishments of your chapter. There are six core areas of achievement that will be awarded on an annual basis, as well as an overall award for excellence in all of these areas.

Standards of Excellence Judging Committee

Chapter's Standards of Excellence documents will be judged by 3 individuals in each of the six core areas:

Civic Engagement - Organizational Management - Intellectual Enhancement
Membership Development- Relationship Building - Values Congruence

Each core area will have at least one reviewer who is of Greek affiliation.

When creating the document, chapter representatives should address how their chapter has met the objective of that category. They should NOT list basic answers to the questions below, rather, explain more in-depth how the activity, event or program met the criterion for that category. Emphasize how chapter members are impacted by, participate in, and live these aspects within the chapter.

***Chapters will report on events and activities that occurred or will occur between:

- **February 1, 2009 and January 31, 2010**

Star Rankings

Standards of Excellence reviews packets will be scored using the following break-down. Total scores will not be averaged up (curved).

Each Review Area:

- 5 Star Chapter: 90% of total points
- 4 Star Chapter: 78% of total points
- 3 Star Chapter: 66% of total points
- 2 Star Chapter: 54% of total points
- 1 Star Chapter: 42% of total points

Overall Achievement:

- 5 Star Chapter: 90% of total points
- 4 Star Chapter: 78% of total points
- 3 Star Chapter: 66% of total points
- 2 Star Chapter: 54% of total points
- 1 Star Chapter: 42% of total points

Review Packet Format

- Chapter review packets must be placed in a 3-Ring binder, with information separated by each core area.
- Packets may only include color in their cover pages.
- Packets may not exceed 30 pages.
- Review packets must be received by the deadline listed in this packet, to be considered for Standards of Excellence Awards.

Civic Engagement – *The Humanity Award*

Criteria: Fraternities & Sororities contributing to the campus and community through their positive involvement, as well as giving to their community and to national/international needs and issues.

Awards will be given to chapters that achieve a four or five star ranking.

***Please include any relevant documentation, as you provide answers to the following questions:**

1. How does your chapter serve & engage the Florida Atlantic University community?
2. How does your chapter serve & engage the greater Boca Raton, and surrounding area, community?
3. What is your inter/national philanthropy and how does your chapter support national or international needs/issues (societal issues and philanthropies)?
4. Please address the difference between service and philanthropy, and how your chapter balances both.
5. Please describe any standards currently in place in your chapter regarding service hours or community involvement. How are these standards enforced?

Organizational Management – *The Cornerstone Award*

Criteria: Chapters achieving high levels of success in the overall operations of their organization.

Awards will be given to chapters that achieve a four or five star ranking.

***Please include any relevant documentation, as you provide answers to the following questions:**

1. How does your chapter educate members on the expectations associated with membership?
2. How does your chapter educate members on the policies/procedures set forth by your Inter/National Organization, and those set forth by Florida Atlantic University?
3. How does your chapter promote continued involvement of members throughout their collegiate experience?
4. How does your chapter promote involvement from graduating seniors and solicit continued connection of members following graduation?
5. Please outline your officer transition program.
6. Please describe your standards/judicial board. Describe how the chapter communicates expectations for appropriate member behavior, contribution and participation.
7. What are the chapter's strengths and areas for improvement with regard to chapter management? Please describe how you continue to address your chapter's areas for improvement

Intellectual Advancement – *The Intellectual Advancement Award*

Criteria: Fraternities & Sororities positively affecting their member's intellectual advancement.

Awards will be given to chapters that achieve a four or five star ranking.

***Please include any relevant documentation, as you provide answers to the following questions:**

1. Identify your chapter's grade point averages for new members, members and graduating members.
Please verify this information with Greek Life staff.
2. What are your chapter's academic goals?
3. Please describe any academic standards that are currently in place in your chapter.
4. Please describe any incentives (positive & negative) that are currently in place in your chapter, based on academic achievement
5. How does your chapter educate your members on societal issues (e.g. multiculturalism, politics, personal safety, etc.)?
6. Please define how your chapter develops, educates, implements programming related to risk management/reduction (e.g. alcohol abuse, hazing, etc.)

Membership Development – *The Elevation Award*

Criteria: Fraternities & Sororities promoting and enhancing development at all levels of membership.

Awards will be given to chapters that achieve a four or five star ranking.

***Please include any relevant documentation, as you provide answers to the following questions:**

1. How does your chapter encourage members to take a positive leadership role within the chapter, the Greek community, the campus, local community and society?
2. Please outline your chapter's member development program.
3. Please outline your chapter's new member development program.
4. Please list chapter members who serve in leadership roles in on/off campus organizations.
5. Please explain how your chapter actively participates within your governing, coordinating councils (IFC, Panhellenic, NPHC, MGC).
6. What national/regional leadership programs (LeaderShape, UIFL, Futures Quest, MGCA, National Leadership Schools, etc.) have members from your chapter attended within the past year?
7. What campus based leadership programs (sponsored by the Office of Greek Life or other campus depts.) have members from your chapter attended within the past year?
8. Please describe your current alumni advisory/chapter advisor involvement & structure.
9. How does the chapter involve alumni, chapter advisors, faculty and/or staff in leadership development?

Relationship Building – The Synergy Award

Criteria: Fraternities & Sororities ensuring that their chapters and chapter membership are establishing positive, long-term relationships

Awards will be given to chapters that achieve a four or five star ranking.

***Please include any relevant documentation, as you provide answers to the following questions:**

1. Please describe the relationship between your chapter and your Inter/National organization. What are the mutual benefits of this relationship? How does the chapter continue to foster this relationship?
2. Please describe the relationship between your chapter and the alumni/ae of the chapter. What are the mutual benefits of this relationship? How does the chapter continue to foster this relationship?
3. Please describe the relationship between your chapter and the Office of Greek Life. What are the mutual benefits of this relationship? How does the chapter continue to foster this relationship?
4. Please describe the relationship between your chapter and Florida Atlantic University. What are the mutual benefits of this relationship? How does the chapter continue to foster this relationship?

Values Congruence – The Founders Award

Criteria: Fraternities & Sororities that are striving to meet the mission of their fraternal organizations.

Awards will be given to chapters that achieve a four or five star ranking.

***Please include any relevant documentation, as you provide answers to the following questions:**

1. What are the values of your organization?
2. Please give examples of programs that your chapter coordinates that are congruent with your organization's founding values.
3. How does your chapter educate members of your organization's founding values?
4. How does your chapter instill the values of your organization into daily operations?
5. How does your chapter hold members responsible to your stated values?

Standards of Excellence Awards
Tips Sheet

1. Creating a Standards of Excellence packet is not the sole job of the Chapter President. This process should be a combined effort by past/current exec, general chapter members, alumni/ae, etc.
2. Make this a priority! Your chapter deserves to be recognized for all of the amazing things that you do.
3. This process is an amazing opportunity to assess the current state of your chapter.
4. Work together! Reminisce as a group about all the great times had by the chapter over the last year.
5. Ask the Office of Greek Life if you need clarification on any part of the packet.
6. It doesn't have to be pretty. We're looking for quality content, not amazing cover pages.
7. Be honest! See #2.
8. Spell check, spell check, & spell check!
9. Don't wait until the last minute! The quality of the packet will suffer.
10. Make a chapter copy of the packet to use as a learning tool and to compare future years.
- 10.5. Have fun with it! This should not be a painful process 😊

Individual Awards – Fraternity Man of the Year

NAME	<input type="text"/>		
CHAPTER	<input type="text"/>		
E-MAIL	<input type="text"/>		
Z - NUMBER	<input type="text"/>	GPA	<input type="text"/>

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe the following:

The winner of this award will be the fraternity man who contributes to his chapter, campus, and community by excelling in the six core areas of Standards of Excellence:

- Civic Engagement
- Organizational Management
- Intellectual Advancement
- Values Congruence
- Membership Development
- Relationship Building

Summary letters should include what you have gained from your experience in Greek Life and how you demonstrate excellence and understanding in each of the six core areas above. Feel free to use the listed chapter standards as a guide and relate those standards to your individual application.

In addition to outlining the above information on a separate sheet of paper, you are required to submit this application and a resume.

Based on your application, you may be asked to participate in an interview. Interviews will be the final stage in this process.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Sean O'Brien at sobrie22@fau.edu

Individual Awards – Sorority Woman of the Year

NAME	<input type="text"/>		
CHAPTER	<input type="text"/>		
E-MAIL	<input type="text"/>		
Z - NUMBER	<input type="text"/>	GPA	<input type="text"/>

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe the following:

The winner of this award will be the sorority woman who contributes to her chapter, campus, and community by excelling in the six core areas of Standards of Excellence:

- Civic Engagement
- Organizational Management
- Intellectual Advancement
- Values Congruence
- Membership Development
- Relationship Building

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Individual Awards – Advisor of the Year Nomination

NOMINEE

NOMINATOR

E-MAIL

CHAPTER

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe the following:

The Advisor of the year Award recognizes the exceptional dedication to advising a chapter on the collegiate level and selfless contribution to the betterment of the Florida Atlantic fraternity and sorority community. Each chapter may submit one nomination for the award. Chapters may only nominate an advisor from their own organization.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Explain how your advisor provides your chapter with support in the six core areas of Standards of Excellence:
 - Civic Engagement
 - Organizational Management
 - Intellectual Advancement
 - Values Congruence
 - Membership Development
 - Relationship Building
2. Please describe your advisor's level of involvement your chapter's programs and initiatives during this Standards of Excellence period.
3. Please describe the impact your advisor has made on your chapter during this Standards of Excellence period.

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ORDER OF OMEGA
HONORING GREEK LEADERS SINCE 1959

Dear Applicant:

The Tau Mu chapter of Order of Omega is looking for members of the Greek life who stand out and fit the purposes of Order of Omega.

Purpose of Order of Omega

- To recognize those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment;
- To bring together outstanding fraternity men and women to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate fraternity affairs.
- To bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness;
- To help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions.

Requirement to be in Order Of Omega are:

- A Grade Point Average of a 3.0 or higher.
- Must have completed 50 credit hours

A written application and letters of recommendation will be necessary to apply. Within your application, you will want to describe your involvement in any of these roles.

To complete the process, please place the finished paperwork in a envelope with your name written on the outside and place it into the Order of Omega mailbox in the Greek Office.

Please have all applications in the mailbox by **March 5, 2010.**

Thanks,
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ORDER OF OMEGA
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Tau Mu Chapter

Florida Atlantic University
Candidate Application Form

Name: _____ **Organization:** _____

Grade Point Average: _____ **Credit Hours Completed:** _____

Z Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Please respond to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper?

1. What are the values of your chapter and in what ways do you uphold them
2. Please list & describe any and all positions you've held with the FAU fraternity and sorority community?
3. Please list & describe any and all leadership positions you've held within the FAU community?
4. Please list & describe any and all service and/or philanthropic activities that you have lead/participated in, as a member of the FAU fraternity and sorority community?
5. In what ways will your involvement in Order of Omega benefit the entire FAU fraternity and sorority community?

**In Addition, a candidate must have 2 letters of Recommendation.
Suitable letters of recommendation should be from Faculty, Alumni, and or President of your
Chapter.**

Please note that there is a one-time fee of \$75 due upon initiation into OOO.

Questions, comments, concerns? E-mail Sean O'Brien at sobrie22@fau.edu