

2018-2019 Midwest Region Program

“Call for Awards”



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The Midwest Region Leadership Team is pleased to announce the criteria for the 2018-2019 Program Awards to be presented during the Sisterhood Luncheon at the 54th National Convention in New Orleans, LA. Questions regarding the attached content should be directed to Midwest Region Program, Planning & Development Chair, Dr. Tchicaya Ellis Robertson at dstmidwestregionppd@dstmidwestregion.com. The following award categories will be recognized:

Midwest Alumnae Awards

Alumnae Submissions Only

Two Categories: Large Chapter (greater than 75 members) and Small Chapter (75 members or less)

- Alumnae Chapter of the Year
- Alumnae Soror of the Year
- Delta Dear of the Year
- New Initiate of the Year **(New)**
- Sisters on Sisterhood (S.O.S) **(New)**
- Reclaim to Fame **(New)**
- Winning the Internet **(New)**

Midwest Collegiate Awards

Collegiate Submissions Only

- Collegiate Chapter of the Year
- Collegiate Soror of the Year
- New Initiate of the Year
- Project 3.0 Recognition
- Highest Chapter GPA Award
- Advisor of the Year
- Sisters on Sisterhood (S.O.S) **(New)**
- Reclaim To Fame **(New)**
- Winning the Internet **(New)**
- Collegiate Transition Program of the Year **(New)**
- Collegiate Transition Champion Award **(New)**

Exemplary Program Awards (Collegiate & Alumnae)

Three awards will be presented in each category: two for Alumnae Chapters (large chapters greater than 75 members, and small chapters with 75 members or less) and one for a collegiate chapter in the following programmatic thrusts:

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- International Awareness & Involvement
- Physical & Mental Health
- Political Awareness & Involvement
- Emergency Preparedness (ERT)
- Chapter Collaboration **(New)**

The 2018-2019 Midwest Region Program Awards will be presented by the Midwest Program, Planning & Development Committee, recognizing those chapters who have met and/or exceeded the region's programmatic expectations by exemplifying the ideals and beliefs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and executing outstanding programming in their communities/campuses.

Deadline

All 2018 - 2019 Midwest Region Program Award submissions must be received by **May 31, 2019 at 11:59 pm cst.**

Please note the following enhancements for the 2018-2019 year:

- Programs/events for submission must have been implemented between **May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019** for all awards
- Nominated sorors must be in attendance at the 54th National Convention to receive award.
- Nominated chapters must have registered attendees present at the 54th National Convention to receive award.
- Pictorial Guidelines
 - There must be no more than 10 pictures on the designated pages of the required templates and no more than 2 included on all other pages.
 - All pictures must be captioned with numbers.
 - Each page with pictures must also include a legend detailing the activity for each numbered picture.

Submission Instructions

Format:

Electronic submissions are required. After preparing Award nominations, please complete the form located on the Midwest Regional website (www.dstmidwestregion.com) in the area designated to Submit Awards and upload the requested materials. The required template must be used for submissions. **Submissions not on the required template will be disqualified.**

NOTE: There is only one award category accepted per form. A separate form should be completed for each award nomination. **All nominations from a chapter must be submitted by one contact.**

Please contact dstmidwestregionict@gmail.com for technical assistance.

Alumnae Chapter of the Year

Purpose: A chapter can be nominated by another chapter, Regional/National officer, or by self-nomination. This award will be given to outstanding Alumnae chapters that have exhibited innovation and quality execution in the areas of internal development, programmatic delivery, community involvement, chapter management, and member involvement. The submission should detail the following:

- Ways in which the chapter has best implemented programs and activities promoting member development, sisterhood and service in the community
- Describe any significant impact the chapter programs have made in the community
- Ways in which the chapter exemplifies the sorority mission, ideals and goals of the sorority
- Describe how the chapter and its members serve as examples for other chapters, Alumnae and Collegiate
- Detail and provide evidence of grants, awards or recognitions the chapter has received
- Execute quality and effective programming in all Five-Point Programmatic Thrust
- Execute quality and effective programming supporting National Arts & Letters Initiatives
- Execute quality and effective internal and external programming supporting ERT Initiatives
- Execute quality and effective internal and external programming supporting dFree Initiatives
- Execute quality and effective internal and external programming supporting Delta Care Initiatives
- Chapter attendance at Delta Days at the Nation's Capital
- Chapter attendance at Delta Days at the United Nations
- Promote internal development programs to ensure member understanding of, but not limited to: Chapter Policies & Procedures, Grand Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Conduct. These programs must be exclusive of the Membership Intake Program requirements
- Reflect creativity in the method of program delivery and execution
- Collaborate across chapter committees, with other community organizations and Delta chapters to execute programming
- The implementation of initiatives in support of at least 2 Strategic partnerships
- The implementation of an integrated program model promoting member development, sisterhood and the Collegiate Transition Committee
- Execution of reclamation activities in support of the MW Reclamation Challenge
- Delta DEAR focused activities
- Programs that show demonstrable results with documented success metrics

Adhering to pictorial guidelines, entries may also include supporting documentation such as pictures, newspaper articles, commendations and event flyers.

Please contact dstmidwestregionppd@gmail.com with questions specific to this award.

Alumnae Soror of the Year

Purpose: A chapter, another Soror or a Regional/National officer can nominate a Soror for this award. A letter of nomination should be sent along with the supporting documentation. The nominated Soror must have been financial for the 2018 – 2019 fiscal year and the submission should detail their accomplishments during the 2018 – 2019 sorority year.

Provide pertinent information regarding the nominee:

- Name, Chapter, Member Number
- Chapter of Initiation, Year of Initiation
- Address, Phone (Day and Evening)
- Occupation
- Current chapter in which the Soror is financial
- Current Delta Activities
- Outside Activities
- Hobbies/Interests

Complete an essay on why the nominated Soror should be selected for this award. Include the following:

- Examples of how the Soror exemplifies the Sorority's mission and principles in her daily interactions with others
- How the Soror has exhibited constant dedication to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., her chapter and community work
- Any outstanding achievements or awards for leadership or professional and volunteer activities
- Any local, state, regional or national leadership roles the Soror has held in the sorority
- Please include a photograph of the nominated soror in the submission.

Please contact dstmidwestregionppd@gmail.com with questions specific to this award.

Delta Dear of the Year

Purpose: A Soror, age 62 and over, can be nominated by a chapter, another Soror or Regional/National officer.

- **An essay of** nomination must be sent along with supporting documentation, including, but not limited to, photos, newspaper articles, event flyers and programs.
- The nominee must be **financial for the 2018–2019 Sorority Year**.

The submission should include an essay detailing the Soror's involvement and accomplishments over the **2018-2019 Sorority Year**, with the following information:

- Is **financial** and has attended at least four (4) Chapter Meetings for both present and past calendar years.
- Has attended at least one National Convention or Midwest Regional Conference within the last three years.
- Describe ways in which the **Soror exemplifies the Sorority's principles** in her daily interaction with others.
- Cite examples of how the **Soror shares** her knowledge and expertise with others.
- Cite ways in which the Soror has **exhibited involvement** in her Chapter and her community.
- Identify any **outstanding achievements or awards** for leadership and/or professional and volunteer activities.
- Identify local, state, regional or national **leadership roles** the Soror has played.
- Must be a **registered attendee at the Convention or Conference** where the recognition will occur.
- **Has not previously been honored as Delta D.E.A.R Soror of the Year**.
- Please include a **photograph** of the nominated soror.

Please contact dstmidwestregiondeltadears@gmail.com with questions specific to this award.

New Initiate of the Year

Purpose: A chapter, another Soror or a Regional/National officer can nominate a Soror for this award. A letter of nomination should be sent along with the supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, event flyers, programs, etc. The nominated Soror must have been initiated during the 2018 – 2019 academic year and the submission should detail their accomplishments during the sorority year. In addition to the below criteria the recommender should be able to comment on the new Sorors zest, enthusiasm and overall new energy that she brings to the sorority.

Provide Pertinent Information regarding the Nominee:

- Name, Chapter, Member Number
- Chapter of Initiation, Year of Initiation
- Address, Phone (Day and Evening)
- Occupation
- Current chapter in which the Soror is financial
- Current Delta Activities
- Outside Activities
- Hobbies/Interests
- National, Regional or State leadership roles the Soror has held in the sorority

Complete an essay on why the nominated Soror should be selected for this award. Include the following:

- Examples of how the Soror exemplifies the Nine Cardinal virtues in her daily interactions with others
- How the Soror has exhibited constant dedication to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., her chapter and community
- Any outstanding achievements or awards for leadership or professional and volunteer activities
- Please include a photograph of the nominated Soror in the submission.

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The S.O.S. (Sisters on Sisterhood) Award

Purpose: A chapter, another Soror or a Regional/National officer can nominate a Soror for this award. A letter of nomination should be sent along with the supporting documentation. The nominated Soror must have been financial for the 2018 – 2019 fiscal year and the submission should detail how this soror has demonstrated the following sisterly acts:

- **Retention** - Going Above and Beyond the call of sisterhood. Random Acts of Kindness (send cards, called in time of need, attended an important event)
- **Reclamation** - Actively assisting with reclaiming sorors (i.e. participates on the reclamation committee, invites sorors to meetings and events)
- **Sisterhood** – Genuine care and concern for sisters. Always displays a pleasant and positive Attitude

Provide pertinent information regarding the nominee

- Name, Chapter, Member Number
- Chapter of Initiation, Year of Initiation
- Address, Phone (Day and Evening)
- Current chapter in which the Soror is financial

Complete an essay on why the nominated Soror should be selected for this award. Include the following:

- Examples of how this soror has helped retain sorors in the chapter or in other chapters.
- Examples of how this soror has helped reclaim sorors in the chapter or in other chapters
- Examples of how this soror has distributed sisterhood

Reclaim to Fame Award

Purpose: A chapter that has demonstrated reclamation efforts can be submitted for this award. No matter how big or how small the efforts are, reclaiming sorors is our duty. The submission should detail the following:

The chapters will need to submit the following:

- Proof of the number of financial members
- A List of all reclaimed sorors (Sorors are eligible for reclamations if they have not been financial since the 2016-2017 Fiscal year or before)
- A description of the program, event, or activity conducted to assist with chapter reclamation efforts

The winning chapters will be based on the highest percentage of reclamation of the chapters membership

Please contact dstmidwestregionrr@gmail.com with questions specific to this award.

Winning the Internet Award

Purpose: This award will recognize one alumnae and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented an outstanding digital web presence and/or social media campaign supporting an event, activity or social cause.

- Submission must include supporting website links, social media screen shots, event flyers, announcements, programs, etc.
- All submissions **must** follow the Delta Internet Guidelines (DIG).

The submission should detail the following:

- Describe ways in which the chapter has designed and implemented website and/or social campaign
- Provide details on collaboration with other community organizations on social
- List any awards or recognitions the chapter has received for their exemplary digital presence
- Detailed evidence of goals and metrics
 - Website visits
 - Average time on site
 - Social media impressions
 - Shares of content
 - Audience engagement (Followers)

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Links & Rollovers	All links work and are easy to identify.	Most links and rollovers work.	Some links hard to identify. Rollovers or links not working.	Numerous broken links and rollovers.
Graphics/Images	Graphics/images are related to the theme/purpose of the site/campaign, thoughtfully cropped, are of high quality and enhance interest and understanding.	Graphics are related to the theme/purpose, are of good quality and enhance interest and understanding.	Graphics are related to the theme/purpose and are of good quality.	Graphics seem randomly chosen, are of low quality or distract the reader.
Design Principles	All principles applied consistently throughout website.	Principles of design applied in most, but not all of the site/campaign.	Limited application of design principles.	Use of design principles not evident.
Professional Guidelines	The site/campaign has an attractive and usable layout. It is easy to locate important elements. White space, graphic elements and/or alignment are used effectively to organize material.	The pages/campaign have an attractive and usable layout. It is easy to locate all important elements.	The pages/campaign have a usable layout but may appear busy or boring. It is easy to locate most of the important elements.	Novice: Design and development effort is inconsistent. Attention to planning and details not evident. Looks cluttered or confusing. It is difficult to locate important elements.

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2018-2019 MIDWEST REGION – COLLEGIATE AWARDS

Collegiate Chapter of the Year

Purpose: A chapter can be nominated by another chapter, Regional/National officer, chapter advisor, or by self-nomination. This award will be given to an outstanding collegiate chapter that has exhibited innovation and quality execution in the areas of internal development, programmatic delivery, campus and community involvement, chapter management, and member involvement. The submission should detail the following:

AWARD CRITERIA

- Ways in which the chapter has best implemented programs and activities promoting member development, sisterhood and service on the campus community
- Describe any significant impact the chapter programs have made on the campus
- Ways in which the chapter exemplifies the sorority mission, ideals and goals of the sorority
- Describe how the chapter and its members serve as examples for other Collegiate chapters
- Detail and provide evidence of grants, awards or recognitions the chapter has received
- Execute quality and effective programming in all Five-Point Programmatic Thrusts
- Execute quality and effective programming supporting National Arts & Letters Initiatives
- Execute quality and effective internal and external programming supporting ERT Initiatives
- Chapter attendance at Delta Days at the Nation's Capital
- Chapter attendance at Delta Days at the United Nations
- Chapter attendance at 2018 Collegiate Retreat
- Promote internal development programs to ensure member understanding of, but not limited to: Chapter Policies & Procedures, Grand Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Conduct. These programs must be exclusive of the Membership Intake Program requirements.
- Reflect creativity in the method of program delivery and execution
- Collaborate across chapter committees, with other campus/community organizations and Delta chapters to execute programming
- The implementation of an integrated program model promoting member development, sisterhood and the Collegiate Transition Taskforce
- The implementation of initiatives in support of at least 2 Strategic partnerships
- Exhibit academic excellence with at least 75% of Chapter members obtaining a 3.0 GPA
- Signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for submission of this award

Adhering to pictorial guidelines, entries may also include supporting documentation such as pictures, newspaper articles, commendations and event flyers.

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Collegiate Soror of the Year

Purpose: A chapter, another Soror or a Regional/National officer can nominate a collegiate Soror. A letter of nomination should be sent along with supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, event flyers, programs, etc.

Provide Pertinent Information:

- Name, Chapter, Member Number, Chapter of Initiation, Year of Initiation, Address, Phone (Day and Evening)
- Current chapter in which the Soror is financial
- Current Delta Activities
- Outside Activities
- Hobbies/Interests

The nomination should clearly show that the candidate is qualified to receive such an honor. Complete an essay on why the nominated Soror should be selected for this award.

Include the following:

- Delta and campus involvement
- Delta Resume and Professional Resume must be submitted
- Examples of how the Soror exemplifies the Sorority's principles in her daily interactions with others
- How the Soror has exhibited constant dedication to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., her chapter and community
- Any outstanding achievements or awards for leadership or volunteer activities
- Any local, regional or national leadership roles the Soror has held in the sorority
- Commitment to the uplifting of the quality of life on her college campus and/or in her local community
- Evidence of Academic excellence with a 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- Signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for submission of this award
- Please include a photograph of the nominated Soror in the submission.

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New Initiate of the Year

Purpose: A chapter, another Soror or a Regional/National officer can nominate a Soror for this award. A letter of nomination should be sent along with the supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, event flyers, programs, etc. The nominated Soror must have been initiated during the 2018 – 2019 academic year and the submission should detail their accomplishments during the sorority year. In addition to the below criteria the recommender should be able to comment on the new Sorors zest, enthusiasm and overall new energy that she brings to the sorority.

Provide Pertinent Information regarding the Nominee:

- Name, Chapter, Member Number
- Chapter of Initiation, Year of Initiation
- Address, Phone (Day and Evening)
- Occupation
- Current chapter in which the Soror is financial
- Current Delta Activities
- Outside Activities
- Hobbies/Interests
- National, Regional or State leadership roles the Soror has held in the sorority

Complete an essay on why the nominated Soror should be selected for this award. Include the following:

- Examples of how the Soror exemplifies the Nine Cardinal virtues in her daily interactions with others
- How the Soror has exhibited constant dedication to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., her chapter and community
- Any outstanding achievements or awards for leadership or professional and volunteer activities
- Evidence of Academic excellence with a 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- Signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for Submission of this award
- Please include a photograph of the nominated Soror in the submission

Project 3.0 Recognition

Chapters and individuals who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 should provide the following:

- Chapter Name and Location
- Individuals:
 - Name
 - Major /Field of Study and expected graduation date
 - Grade Point Average

Highest Chapter GPA Award

This award will be determined by the Midwest Region Representative based upon required chapter submissions.

- Signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for submission of this award

Advisor of the Year

Purpose: This award is to recognize a chapter advisor who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help the collegiate chapter excel. Nominees can consist of primary, secondary advisors or members of an advisory council. An essay of nomination must be sent along with supporting documentation, including but not limited to: photos, newspaper articles, event flyers and programs.

The recipient of this award should be a Soror who is:

- An informative and inspiring asset to the collegiate chapter
- A Soror who has left a strong positive and lasting impact on the young women in the collegiate chapter by exercising justice and compassion
- An active promoter of the Collegiate Transition Taskforce
- A facilitator in the transition of collegiate Sorors into the alumnae chapter
- An example of commitment and dedication through her work as an advisor and a member of her community/alumnae chapter
- Must be actively involved in the alumnae chapter

Individuals or the entire chapter can recommend their advisor for this award. A letter of nomination should be sent along with a photograph. Please include any relevant information that will clearly illustrate that the candidate is qualified to receive such an honor.

- Delta Resume must be submitted
- Signed acknowledgement of support from the collegiate chapter is required
- Please include a photograph of the nominated Soror in the submission.

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- Sites, pages, campaigns implemented between
- Describe ways in which the chapter has designed and implemented website and/or social campaign
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Collegiate Transition Committee Program of the Year

Purpose: The Midwest Collegiate Transition Program of the Year will recognize innovative programmatic execution related to efficient collegiate transition to alumnae chapters. This award will be given to the collegiate chapter that has planned and executed programs that further the mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Awards will be given to the chapter that has implemented the most effective collegiate transition event. This award will be presented at the Midwest Regional Conference.

Criteria:

In order to be considered for this award, applicants must present supporting information in regards to their program. This includes program name, program description (the purpose of the program). (Include target audience and how program need was determined.) [200 words maximum]. In addition, an impact statement relating to how this program benefits the chapter members as it relates to collegiate transition should also be included. [200 words maximum].

Collegiate Transition Champion Award

Purpose: The Midwest Collegiate Transition Champion Award will be given to an outstanding collegiate chapter in the region that has the highest percentage of collegiates to transition to alumnae chapters. This award will be presented at the Midwest Regional Conference. Awards will be given to one chapter within the region that meets the criteria.

Criteria:

In order to be considered for this award, applicants must present general information about the chapter; such as the number of financial chapter members and documentation for all collegiate soror transitions in the chapter. In addition, a statement that describes the steps taken within the chapter to improve collegiate transition [300 words maximum] and a statement that summarizes how the chapter fully meets the criteria of the Collegiate Transition Champion Award [200 words maximum] should also be included.

Please contact dstmidwestregionctc@gmail.com with questions specific to this award.

Economic Development

Purpose: To recognize two alumnae (one large and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented an exemplary program in the area of Economic Development.

GUIDELINES FOR AWARD SUBMISSION:

- Submission must include supporting documents, newspaper articles, event flyers, announcements, programs, etc.

The submission should detail the following:

- Describe the programs or projects your chapter has been involved in relative to the Grand Chapter 2016-2019 initiatives
- Provide details on how these programs have affected your chapter and the community
- Describe the programs or projects your chapter has been involved in relative to the following focus areas:
 - dFree & dFree Young Money
 - Minimizing Fraud Risk for Delta DEARS and Seniors
 - Delta Red Pages Business Directory
 - Economic Empowerment
 - Workshops on financial planning and tools for parents
- Include information concerning any additional economic development programs that have been implemented in your chapter and the impact these programs have had on your chapter and the community
- List and provide proof of any awards your chapter has received for your exemplary Economic Development chapter program or project
- Detailed evidence of program goal and expected outcomes
 - How the outcomes were achieved
 - Feedback from target audience
 - Post-program event analysis
- For Collegiate Submissions, signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for Submission of this award is required
- Collaboration with Strategic Partners, across committees, with other organizations and/or other Delta chapter

Please contact dstmidwestregionppd@gmail.com with questions specific to this award.

Educational Development

Purpose: This award will recognize two alumnae (one large and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented an exemplary program in the area of Educational Development.

GUIDELINES FOR AWARD SUBMISSION:

- Submission must include supporting documents, newspaper articles, event flyers, announcements, programs, etc.

The submission should detail the following:

- Programs that promote careers in math, science, technology and/or other educational interests within the chapter's community or campus through various programs. Submissions must include exemplary program implementations for at least 1 National initiative the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, Delta G.E.M.S, EMBODI, within the submitting chapter's programs
- Describe ways in which the chapter has implemented the exemplary program(s)
- Include information regarding the impact the program has made on the community and participants
- Provide details on collaboration with other community organizations on educational programs and activities
- Describe any additional educational development programs that have been implemented in your chapter and the impact these programs have had on your chapter, the participants, and the community
- List any awards or recognitions the chapter has received for their exemplary chapter program(s)
- Detailed evidence of program goal and expected outcomes
 - How the outcomes were achieved
 - Feedback from target audience
 - Post-program event analysis
- For Collegiate Submissions, signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for Submission of this award is required
- Collaboration with Strategic Partners, across committees, with other organizations and/or other Delta chapter

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International Awareness and Involvement

Purpose: To recognize two alumnae (one large and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented exemplary programs in the area of International Awareness and Involvement.

GUIDELINES FOR AWARD SUBMISSION:

- Submission must include supporting documents, newspaper articles, event flyers, announcements, programs, etc.

Describe programs/projects your chapter has been involved in relative to the National Programs:

- Support of International Initiatives in the IAI Sustainability Plan
 - Training Resources in Family Education (T.R.E.E.)
 - Adelaide Tambo School for Physically Challenged
 - Mary Help of the Sick Mission Hospital
 - I can Fly High School
 - Muindi Mbinga School
 - Siana Boarding Primary School
 - Delta House/Vashti Village
 - Delta Sigma Theta Elementary School
- World Aids Day

Highlight the following:

- Significant impact these programs have made toward building awareness for international issues especially those that affect mothers, daughters and sisters of the Diaspora
- Ways in which the program has encouraged collaboration with other community organizations on these issues
- Indicate specific outcomes your program efforts have generated: (i.e. money raised, policy changes, supplies or financial donations)
- Ways in which the chapter program has encouraged cross-cultural understanding
- Any additional international programs that have been implemented in the chapter and specify the impact these programs had on the chapter and the international community
- List any awards and recognitions the chapter has received for the exemplary chapter program.
- Detailed evidence of program goal and expected outcomes
 - How the outcomes were achieved
 - Feedback from target audience
 - Post-program event analysis
- For Collegiate Submissions, signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for Submission of this award is required
- Collaboration with Strategic Partners, across committees, with other organizations and/or other Delta chapter

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Physical and Mental Health

Purpose: This award will recognize two alumnae (one large and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented exemplary programs in the area of Physical and Mental Health.

GUIDELINES FOR AWARD SUBMISSION:

1. Submission must include supporting documents, newspaper articles, event flyers, announcements, programs, etc.
2. The following Physical and Mental Health initiatives must be highlighted:
 - All 3 Mental Health Across the Lifespan Initiatives (M.H.A.L.)
 - Bullying, Post-Partum Depression/Depression and College Students, and Successful Aging
 - At least 2 Strategic Partnership Collaborations
 - Implementation of the Delta Care program

Submissions should detail (but are not limited to) the chapter's involvement in the following:

- Implement at least one of the programs as an external program targeting the community
- Incorporate the Bullying module into youth programs (EMBODI, Delta Academy and Delta GEMS) curriculum, and implement as a collaborative effort between the Physical & Mental Health and the Educational Development committees
- Collaborate with AARP, the Alzheimer's Association, local mental health associations, and/or other mental health and social service organizations
- Indicate any recognitions or awards the chapter has received for exemplary chapter program in this area
- Detailed evidence of program goal and expected outcomes
 - How the outcomes were achieved
 - Feedback from target audience
 - Post-program event analysis
- For Collegiate Submissions, signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for Submission of this award is required
- Collaboration with Strategic Partners, across committees, with other organizations and/or other Delta chapter

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Political Awareness and Involvement

Purpose: This year the Social Action Leadership team is challenging all chapters to raise the bar and deliver creative, effective and relevant programs to their communities. Collaborations and Partnerships are encouraged and both small and large chapters will be honored again this year. The Social Action Leadership team has determined the following factors will be evaluated for the 2019 Political Awareness and Involvement Awards.

The submission should focus on the 2018-2019 Sorority year programming.

1. Programming in at least two (2) of the areas of the National Delta Social Action Agenda:
 - Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization Programs
 - Protection of Voting Rights (Voter Suppression, Restoration of Voting Ex-Offenders' Rights, etc.)
 - Affordable, Accessible and Quality Health Care
 - Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment
 - Support for HBCU's
 - Gender Equality
 - Gun Reform
 - Racial Profiling
 - US Census 2020
 - Supporting African American Women for Elected Positions
2. Programming in one (1) of the areas of the Midwest Region Social Action Agenda:
 - African American Women Equality and Policy Focus
 - Collegiate Theme - **#LEVELUP**
3. Programming related to Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization activities for the November 2018 elections
4. Building Relationships/Providing Access
 - a. Programming that provides the community with opportunities to interact with local, state and/or elected officials through town halls, forums, regular meetings or other events.
 - b. Regular Chapter-led communications with elected officials
 - c. Social Action committees continued efforts to inform Sorors of available offices – appointed or elected
5. Participation in Delta Days in the Nation's Capital (DDNC)
 - a. Alumnae – Support for collegiate participation
 - b. Collegiate – Fundraising efforts to sponsor representatives
 - c. Percentage of chapter members attending 2019 DDNC
6. Other Considerations
 - a. Creativity of Programming – Have you introduced new or more effective ways to engage Sorors or your community? How did you promote your events and activities? Did you utilize an effective social media campaign?
 - b. Collaborations and Partnerships – How did your Chapter make Social Action a part of all of your programming? How did your Social Action Committee collaborate with other chapter committees? Did you establish new partnerships? Leverage existing partnerships in effect ways?
 - c. Community Versus Soror Engagement – How many community members and Chapter members participated in your projects?
 - d. Awards Packet
 - i. Is your awards packet organized and formatted for electronic review?
 - ii. Did you include materials that clearly document your activities?
 - iii. Are your photographs labeled and representative of your work?

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Emergency Preparedness (ERT)

Purpose: To recognize two alumnae chapters (one large and one small) and one collegiate chapter that have developed and implemented an exemplary program in the area of emergency preparedness.

GUIDELINES FOR AWARD SUBMISSION:

- Describe the programs or projects your chapter has been involved with related to emergency preparedness initiatives/programs/projects
- Detailed evidence of program goals and expected outcomes

How the outcomes were achieved

Feedback from target audience

Post-program event analysis

ERT PREREQUISITES:

To apply for an ERT award, chapters must also meet the minimum standard requirements of a chapter's ERT Coordinator/Chair, as outlined below:

- Must appoint an ERT Coordinator/Chair for your chapter
- Must conduct at least two Safety Drills within the sorority year
- Completion of the Chapter Emergency Response Plan
- Develop Partnership with the American Red Cross
- Completion of ERT Activities in the Community* – **at least one to two activities**
- Completion of ERT Activities in the Chapter* – **at least one to two activities**
- Implementation of Red Envelope Initiative – distribution of red envelopes during chapter meetings or prior to trips to Delta Days, Regional Conferences, etc.

***Note:** These activities are not limited to the activities held in collaboration with the Red Cross.

- Submissions must include supporting documentation (e.g., newspaper articles, event flyers, announcements, programs, photographs)
- For Collegiate Submissions, signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for Submission of this award is required
- Collaboration with Strategic Partners, across committees, with other organizations and/or other Delta chapter

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Chapter Collaboration Award

Purpose: This award will recognize two alumnae (one large and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented an exemplary chapter collaboration across any membership services or program planning initiatives

GUIDELINES FOR AWARD SUBMISSION:

- Submission must include supporting documents, newspaper articles, event flyers, announcements, programs, etc.
- Submission must include a signed acknowledgement from 2 or more Chapter Presidents involved in the chapter collaboration

The submission should detail the following for both Chapters involved

- Chapter Names
- Chapter President Names
- Advisor Names (for participating collegiate chapter)
- City, State, Zip Code of participating chapters
- Programmatic thrust focus or Membership Services area event details
- Describe ways in which the chapter has collaborated with another Chapter (either collegiate or alumnae)
- Include information regarding the impact the program has made on the community and participants that resulted specifically from the collaboration
- Include information regarding the benefits of collaboration
- Indicate whether there were any non-delta and/or Strategic Partners involved in the collaboration; and detail the nature of the collaboration including the organization name, location, size of the organization, and benefits of the partnership (i.e., monetary support, in-kind support, physical resources, personnel resources, etc.)
- Detailed evidence of program goal and expected outcomes
 - How the outcomes were achieved
 - Feedback from target audience
 - Post-program event analysis
- For Collegiate Submissions, signed acknowledgement of support by the Chapter Advisor for Submission of this award is required

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