



National Awards Criteria

All National Awards for 2020 Convention Require Application or Nomination Form

*This document contains the 2020 revised criteria for National Awards. All applications are available and due online by **April 30, 2020**.*

Aleta Bock Schneiders Chapter Recruitment Award

Presented to the chapter outstanding in the following: percentage increase in the number of new members; excellence of recruitment methods and reports. All recruitment reports for the biennium must be submitted to be considered.

Alumnae Association Community Service Award

Presented in recognition of the most worthy activity (single event or project) that brought value to the community on the part of an alumnae association. Community Service is volunteering time for a charitable organization. Examples include helping to build a house for Habitat for Humanity, serving a meal at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen, distributing flyers, and working at an event for an organization. Award is based on the Alumnae Association Annual Reports. Two separate awards may be considered for hometown community service and/or national community service based on reporting submitted.

Alumnae Association Philanthropy Award

Presented in recognition of the most worthy activity (single event or project) for one of our national philanthropies or a local philanthropic organization. Award is based on the Alumnae Association Annual Reports. Philanthropy is collecting money or items for a charitable organization. Examples include collecting money, canned goods, or clothing, raising money through the sale of items, charging a participation fee for an event. Two separate awards may be considered for hometown philanthropy and/or national philanthropy based on reporting submitted.

Amelia McSweeney Alumnae Association National Contribution Award

Presented to the alumnae association that makes an outstanding contribution to Theta Phi Alpha on a national level. Award is based on the Alumnae Association Annual and ongoing reports.

Centennial Award for Alumnae Associations

Presented to the alumnae association for overall excellence in membership, cooperation with national, financial management, program planning, and participation in national activities. Award is based on the Alumnae Association Annual Reports, required National reports and other National Award Applications.

Chapter Hometown Philanthropy Award

Presented to the chapter that best supports the efforts of a local philanthropic project as evidenced by the scope, number of participants, and success of the project. Philanthropy is collecting money or items for a charitable organization. Examples include collecting money, canned goods, or clothing, raising money through the sale of items, charging a participation fee for an event. Reports are not usually requested since application cites one major event, but Philanthropy Report may be considered.

Chapter National Philanthropy Award

Presented to the chapter that best supports the efforts of our National Philanthropies as evidenced by the scope, number of participants, and success of the project. Philanthropy is collecting money or items for a charitable organization. Examples include collecting money, canned goods, or clothing, raising money through the sale of items, charging a participation fee for an event. Reports are not usually requested since application cites one major event, but Philanthropy Report may be considered.

Circle of Excellence Award

Presented to chapter(s) that have been outstanding since the previous Convention in membership, cooperation with the national organization, academic excellence, financial management, and active participation in campus activities. As a chapter, you will be competing against yourself, not other chapters, to be recognized for this highest national award for a chapter. A required detailed application & optional multimedia presentation is requested.

Dr. Mari Ann Callais Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority Professional Award

To recognize an outstanding Fraternity/Sorority advisor who provided superior support and guidance to a chapter and/or Fraternity/Sorority Community on campus. No reports required.

Gloria Neises Chapter Advisory Board Award

Presented to the Chapter Advisory Board for outstanding guidance to a collegiate chapter. Nomination required by a chapter, alumnae association, Chapter Advisor, Conference Director or other national officer. A recommendation form is required from one collegian not on the board. Advisory Board reports are required from the national office.

Helen Ryan Quinlan Chapter Community Service Award

Presented in recognition of the most worthy activity (single event or project) that brought value to the community or campus by a chapter. Community Service is volunteering time for a charitable organization. Examples include helping to build a house for Habitat for Humanity, serving a meal at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen, distributing flyers, and working at an event for an organization. Two separate awards may be considered for hometown community service and/or national community service based on reporting submitted. Reports are not usually requested since application cites one major event, but Philanthropy Report may be considered.

Mildred M. Connely Alumnae Association Chapter Support Award

Presented to an alumnae association for their outstanding support to a collegiate chapter or colony during the biennium. Award is based on the Alumnae Association Annual and ongoing reports as well as the alumnae relations report and the President's report.

National Achievement Award

Presented to the individual, chapter, or alumnae association whose contribution made Theta Phi Alpha notable or brought recognition to Theta Phi Alpha.

Otilia Leuchtweis O'Hara Chapter Improvement Award

Presented to the chapter showing the greatest improvement during the biennium. Award is based on comparison of number of New Members initiated, chapter size and grade point average from the previous biennium and recommendation of National Officers who work with the chapter. Various reports that include above information are required- need to know what reports contain these questions.

Outstanding Alumna Mentor Award

To recognize an alumna who has demonstrated exceptional ability in guiding the personal and fraternal growth of a sister, colony or chapter. In addition to the nomination form, at least one recommendation form is required along with a list of individual sisters, associations and/or chapters who this sister has impacted; no additional reports are required.

Ruth M. Thompson Chapter Greek Life Award

Presented to the chapter that has contributed the most to the College Panhellenic or Fraternity/Sorority Council on its campus. NPC report and President's Report may be utilized.

Ruth M. Thompson Alumnae Association Greek Life Award

Presented to the alumnae association that has made an outstanding contribution to the Alumnae Panhellenic/Council in which they participate. Annual report from associations are required.

The following awards are also given at National Convention but are not application based:

Guard of Honor

Presented to alumnae members who have given long and devoted service to the national organization. The Guard of Honor is the highest award Theta Phi Alpha can bestow on an individual member. Award is based on National Service Record.

National Officer Award

Presented to a National Officer who has made a significant difference for Theta Phi Alpha through her dedication and hard work. Award is based on the recommendation of the Grand Council.

Jean Yosepian Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award

Presented to the chapter that has given the most support to the Foundation through donations since the preceding National Convention. Award is based on monetary donations from the chapter or sisters who indicate the donation should be credited to a specific chapter. No report or application is required; information on winner comes directly from the Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Chairman.

Lois Barry Lynch Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award

Presented to the alumnae association that has given the most support to the Foundation through donations. Award is based on monetary donations from the alumnae association or sisters who indicate the donation should be credited to a specific alumnae association. No report or application is required; information on winner comes directly from the Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Chairman.