



National Awards Criteria

All National Awards for 2020 Convention Require Application or Nomination Form unless noted

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. Two separate awards may be considered for hometown community service and/or national community service based on application 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. 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 application 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.

Anna Rose Kimpel Academic Excellence Award

Presented to the chapter having the highest grade point average reported during the previous academic year. Award is based on information submitted on Academic Excellence Reports. All Academic Excellence Reports for the biennium must be submitted to be considered for the award.

Centennial Award

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 Centennial Award application 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 Reports 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 Reports 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 detailed application is required and multimedia presentation is optional.

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.

Esther Burke McCormick Chapter New Member Retention Award

Presented to the chapter that has the highest new member retention rate as a percentage over the previous year. Award is based on submission of New Member Information Forms, Depledging Reports, Initiation Reports, and New Member Program.

Flint Area Alumnae Association Attendance Award (no application required)

Presented to the alumnae association with the most registered members in attendance at National Convention. An alumna who maintains membership in more than one association may be

counted as a member in each. Award is based on the number of alumnae registered for National Convention who indicate membership in the alumnae association on their registration form. Alumnae who attend Fraternity Night Banquet only and do not pay a registration fee for other events are not counted in the total. Most recent association roster and registration report is required to be considered for this award.

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.

Jean Yosepian Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award (no application required)

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; Theta Phi Alpha Foundation will determine the winner.

Lois Barry Lynch Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award (no application required)

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; Theta Phi Alpha Foundation will determine the winner.

Mildred M. Connely Alumnae Association Chapter Support Award

Presented to an alumnae association for their outstanding support to a collegiate chapter or emerging chapter during the biennium.

Mileage Award (no application required)

Presented to the chapter with the most members in attendance at Convention multiplied by the number of miles traveled from the site of the chapter's campus. Most current chapter roster (term report) is required to be considered for this award.

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.

New Chapter Cup (no application required)

Presented to each new chapter installed since the preceding Convention. No report or application is required.

Otilia Leuchtweis O'Hara Chapter Improvement Award

Presented to the chapter showing the greatest improvement during the biennium. Award is based on comparison of Standard of Achievement ratings, 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 the above information will be utilized.

Outstanding Alumna Mentor Award

To recognize an alumna who has demonstrated exceptional ability in guiding the personal and fraternal growth of a sister, emerging chapter, 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.

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 reports 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.