

NATIONAL AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

The National Sorority presents several awards annually at the National Convention. These are awarded to outstanding chapters and individuals in various areas. These awards recognize leadership, service, sisterhood and professional development.

- The **Emerald Chapter Award** is given to chapters who have promptly submitted all forms, dues and required materials to National Sorority Board by the due dates and met additional point requirements throughout the year.
- **The Founder's Cup Award** is given to the chapter with the highest National point system total for the previous school year. Second and third place chapters are also recognized.
- The **Outstanding Scholarship Award** is presented to the chapter with the highest GPA. This is determined by the Annual Report submitted to National Sorority Board.
- The **Most Improved Scholarship Award** is presented to the chapter with the most improved GPA over the previous year (fall term to fall term). This is determined by the Annual Report that is submitted to National Sorority Board.
- The **Outstanding Service Award** is presented to the chapter with the most complete and successful overall service program. This is an award that must be applied for by the chapter.
- The **Outstanding Professional Development Program Award** is presented to the chapter with the most successful program of professional skill and knowledge development. This is also an award that must be applied for by the chapter.
- The **Outstanding Advisor Award** recognizes an advisor for his or her dedication to and support of Sigma Alpha Sorority at the collegiate level.
- The **Outstanding Leader Award** is presented to an outstanding leader whose chapter nominates her based on extraordinary accomplishments in Sigma Alpha and elsewhere in her college experiences.
- The **Outstanding Senior Award** is presented to a graduating senior whose chapter nominates her based on extraordinary accomplishments in Sigma Alpha and elsewhere in her college experiences.
- The **Outstanding New Member Award** is presented to a new member whose chapter nominates her based on her exemplary accomplishments in Sigma Alpha.
- The **Outstanding Sisterhood Award** is presented to the chapter that submits the most outstanding program of sisterhood development activities. This is an award that must be applied for by the chapter.
- An **Honorary Member** is honored at National Convention. This is an individual who has served Sigma Alpha in an extra special way, or who has made outstanding contributions to agriculture and supports the objective of Sigma Alpha. This person must be nominated by an active or alumni chapter on the application provided in the National Chapter Guide.
- The **Outstanding Alumni Award** is presented to a Sigma Alpha Alumni Member who has made great contributions to Sigma Alpha as a volunteer.

- The **Emerald Scholar Awards** recognize active members (or alumni who graduated the spring or summer term prior to Convention) who hold a 3.75 (4.0 scale) or higher cumulative GPA through the previous fall term. This is taken from the Annual Report that is submitted to National Sorority Board.
- The **National Scholarship** is awarded to one active member and to one alumni member as funds allow. This award is based evenly on academics, activities, leadership and answers to selected questions.
- **The Board's Choice Award** is given to one or more individuals who have provided special assistance to Sigma Alpha or shown outstanding efforts on behalf of the organization. Winners are selected by nomination and vote of the National Sorority Board.
- **Agriculture Advocate Award** this honor is to recognize alumni and advisors making an outstanding contribution congruent with Sigma Alpha's Objective to the agricultural industry.
- **Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award** is presented to an Alumni Chapter that has successful professional development and sisterhood development activities and has promptly submitted all reports and dues.
- **Outstanding Chapter Website Award** is presented to the chapter that maintains the most informative, creative, and professional chapter website.
- **Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook Award** is presented to the chapter that maintains the most outstanding chapter history in a scrapbook.
- **Jennifer McMillan Community & University Cooperation in Ag Awards** are presented to the chapters that recognize the positive influence, service contributions and increase of agriculture knowledge that chapters initiate in their communities and/or universities.