University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life
Fraternal Excellence Awards Categories

Award Nominations
Nominators are encouraged to submit supplemental documentation for the following award categories: Chapter President of the Year, SFL Member of the Year, New Member/Neo of the Year and the Young Alumni award. Supplemental documentation for these can include letters of recommendation from campus faculty or staff, organizational headquarters staff members, sorority and fraternity life volunteers, etc. When submitting supplemental documentation for the Most Innovative Program of the Year award, please ensure the documentation illustrates the impact that this program had on the organization, council, community, student body, or greater Knoxville area.

Chapter President of the Year (4 awards)
The nominee for this award must have exhibited service and leadership to the sorority and fraternity community, their chapter, the campus as a whole, and demonstrate a high level of scholarship. This award shall go to the chapter president who has bettered the spirit of their organization through their leadership.

- Describe a time when this chapter president showed exemplary leadership skills in areas of administration, education, and/or service. How has this chapter president supported individual members of the chapter and executive board? Under this chapter president’s leadership, how has this organization excelled in areas of conduct, service, campus collaboration, and/or council support?

SFL Member of the Year (4 awards)
The nominee for this award must have exhibited exceptional service and leadership to the sorority and fraternity community, their chapter, the university, and demonstrate a high level of scholarship. This award shall go to the man or woman who has bettered the spirit of the sorority and fraternity community. Individuals that receive this award should represent what it truly means to be a fraternity or sorority member. All SFL members, including council executives, are eligible.

- How does this individual live out the values of their council and organization in the campus community? Describe why this individual is deserving of this award.

Outstanding Advisor of the Year (4 awards)
The nominee for this award must be a current volunteer advisor to an IFC/MGC/NPHC/Panhellenic organization. The individual chosen for this award shall have exhibited exceptional guidance and leadership to the chapter they serve, the sorority and fraternity community, and continue to represent the values of the organization they serve as an alumn/i/a member. OSFL Staff are not eligible for this award.

- Describe a situation where this advisor’s guidance contributed to the ultimate success of the organization. How does this individual continue to live out the values of their organization as an alumni member?
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**New Member/Neo of the Year** (4 awards)

The nominee for this award must have exhibited service and leadership to the sorority and fraternity community, their chapter, the campus, and demonstrate a high level of scholarship. This award shall go to the new member/neophyte who has bettered the spirit of the sorority and fraternity community and their organization through their efforts. **Individuals eligible for this award must have joined their organization during the 2022 calendar year.**

- This award recognizes a member of the community who has shown to be an emerging leader in their organization. How has this member pursued leadership and fellowship in their new member period? Describe a time where this member brought forth an innovative idea, program, or vision that led to positive change in their organization or the community.

**Most Innovative Program of the Year** (4 awards)

The program selected for this award is an educational program, sister/brotherhood event, philanthropic or service event, or any other type of program that has been implemented within a chapter or council for its members during the 2022 calendar year. Programs nominated should be unique, have evidence of its impact or outcome, and generally uphold the values of the specific chapter or council. Collaborations between chapters, offices on campus, or outside community agencies are welcome and accepted.

- Provide documentation that this program was executed following Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life and campus event policies in the event planning process. If applicable, how did the impact/outcome of this program promote cross council collaboration? What was the outcome of this program for members of the organization? How did the impact/outcome of this program utilize or showcase campus resources? How did the impact/outcome of this program serve a greater need within our student body and/or the Knoxville community?*

**House Director of the Year** (1 award)

The nominee for this award must be a current House Director for a fraternity or sorority with a housing facility. The individual chosen for this award shall have exhibited exceptional guidance and support to the organization they serve.

- How does this individual promote a holistic and healthy lifestyle? Describe a time when this individual showed a willingness to learn and invest in the success of the organization they are responsible for.
Alumni Chapter of the Year (1 award)

The alumni chapters/groups nominated for this award must exhibit a true representation of the organization’s values. This is showcased through a visible commitment to being active as an Alumni group and being connected to the undergraduate chapter at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. While there will not be a physical award for this accolade, the groups chosen will be recognized for their contribution during the 2022-2023 SFL award ceremony.

- How has this group lived up to the values of their organization as model alumni members? Describe this group’s commitment to upholding their organization’s mission and values alongside the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life.

Young Alumni (1 award)

The requirements for this award match the “Alumni Hall of Fame” requirements. However, the individual nominated is required to be in current senior standing, on track to graduate at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The student must be in good standing with the university, their chapter, and inter/national organization.

- Describe the impact that this individual has had on their organization, their council, and the community as a graduating member of Sorority & Fraternity Life at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Why does this individual deserve to be recognized as the recipient of the “Young Alumni” award?

Campus Partner

This is an opportunity for OSFL staff & students to recognize community and campus partners that have greatly contributed to the SFL community at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The mission of this is to recognize the community partners, campus departments, administrators, and faculty members that support the Fraternity & Sorority Experience at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and have contributed highly to its success in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Alumni Hall of Fame

In a maximum of 1,000 words, please describe how the nominated individual exhibits the qualities listed above. Please be specific about this individual’s contributions as a member and alumni member of the UTK and SFL community. A one-page letter of support is also recommended from either the individual’s chapter on campus or a fellow brother/sister from the individual’s organization. If current chapter leadership does not have a strong relationship with the nominee, it is suggested that they meet virtually to discuss the chapter, organization, and both parties’ involvement and experience in SFL.

- Why does this individual deserve to be an inductee of the Sorority & Fraternity Life Alumni Hall of Fame? How does this individual show their commitment to serving the University of Tennessee and our Greek life community?