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SORORITY & FRATERNITY LIFE

FRATERNAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
TEN TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

START EARLY!

Applications/nominations open in October (calendar-year chapters) and February (academic-year chapters). It takes time to write and organize documents.

DELEGATE

Within your executive board, make sure you know who is applying for awards to ensure you are not duplicating work. Work smarter together as a team and review each other's work.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Pick authors for these letters that can provide original insight on the chapter, event, or individual nominee. Best practice is at least two weeks of notice for someone to write one!

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Photos, videos, flyers, outcomes, attendance records, other awards and recognitions, or even news articles are all great items to attach for judges to gain a better insight!

PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND

Judges come from all over campus, so do not assume that they know the context for your application/nomination. Be sure to add as much detail as possible to explain context and show impact!

FOLLOW THE CRITERIA

Good applications/nominations follow the criteria of the award. Before you submit, make sure you are answering the questions being asked. Get someone else to proofread!

SUBMIT SOMETHING

Many people do not submit something because they do not think they can win. Be confident and submit something! If an award does not have qualified submissions, it does not get awarded that year.

ASK FOR HELP

Proofreading, collecting materials, searching for photos, asking for a letter of support... ask for help! Your executive boards, members, and advisors all want to be recognized for your hard work!

ASK QUESTIONS

OSFL is here to help! Your council advisor or chapter coach can guide you through the application/nomination process. OSFL staff members typically only write one letter of support per award.

HAVE FUN

The more enthusiastic and personal an application/nomination is, the more the judges will respond to it! Proof reading is important, but don't leave out your personality, formatting, and photos!

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