

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Objectives

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Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator

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Submission Guidelines

Select all awards that are being submitted for and upload ONE document with the appropriate google links to the files that contain the submission.

Submission Deadline is Friday, January 17th
END OF BUSINESS – 7:00 PM CST for ALL Awards.
Click [HERE](#) for Graduate & Undergraduate awards

Graduating Senior Award: Given to undergraduate graduating Soror having the most outstanding record in school and sorority activities during her undergraduate year.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Unofficial transcript for Fall 2024
- Document proving graduation in December 2024, May 2025 or August 2025
- Memo explaining record of outstanding achievement/involvement in school and sorority; involvement in conferences, meetings, etc.
- Recommendation from campus or Sigma advisor

Undergraduate Rising Star: Given to an undergraduate Soror who maintains a positive attitude in all circumstances, and is exemplary in carrying out her duties; maintains Sigma image and has shown involvement with the sorority through the graduate chapter or regional committees.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Unofficial transcript for Fall 2024
- Recommendation letter from UG advisor or regional committee chair

Undergraduate Advisor of the Year: The graduate chapter advisor recognized for her leadership, patience, positive attitude, willingness to listen, and outstanding service as a role model and mentor to her undergraduates. Winner receive a \$250 gift card.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Completed application
 - Professional headshot
 - Letter of introduction (by UG Chapter)
 - Sigma resume
 - Advisor statement

Sigma Of the Year (Undergraduate): Sigma of the Year (Undergraduate) is nominated by her undergraduate chapter and/or graduate chapter advisor, holds a 3.0 cumulative GPA (3.75 on a 5.0 scale) and is recognized for her demonstration of outstanding leadership. She has high standards of character and reputation. The eligible Soror chosen as Sigma of the Year will receive \$250 gift card.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Completed application
 - Professional headshot
 - Letter of Introduction
 - Sigma resume
 - Unofficial transcript
 - (2) Letters of recommendation

Sigma Image 3D Award: This award is in recognition of an undergraduate Soror that exemplifies Sigma Image 3D. This Soror must possess Sigma Healthy, Sigma Sanity, and Sigma Image on and off campus. Winner will receive (1) full page in the Central Region Rhoynal Knowledge Advisor/Undergraduate Newsletter and a \$50 gift card.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Name, chapter, and photo of Soror (1) page double-spaced: Why this Soror exemplifies Sigma Image 3D?
 - Recommendation from chapter advisor
 - Recommendation from chapter representative
 - (3) full length photos (business attire, service/campus attire, formal attire)

Scholastic Achievement: Awarded to all undergraduate Sorors with a cumulative 3.0 GPA (3.75 on a 5.0 scale).

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Unofficial transcript or enrollment verification reflecting grade point average is required.
 - School name & student name needs to be clear.
 - Fall unofficial transcript (3.0/4.0 scale and 3.75/5.0 scale)

***Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Award:** Acknowledgement of the chapter that has demonstrated an exceptional record of overall chapter excellence. Academics, programming, campus involvement, membership growth, community service and chapter management. Chapter must have 5+ members to submit; \$500 regional award & trophy. The regional winner during a Boule year is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Unofficial transcripts for Fall 2024; must be all on one page; report from school recommended

- Chapter must have 5+ members to apply
- Submission of grades from ALL current members in the chapter.
- Memo explaining record of outstanding programming and campus involvement, chapter growth as well as sorority events, Area Meetings, Regional Conferences, Boules (past/present) inclusive of flyers, pictures, campus newspaper articles, etc. recommended.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.
 - One must be from Sigma advisor
- Previous Audit for Excellence must have been submitted
- Proof of financial status

Essence of Sigma Service: Acknowledgement to the chapter that has demonstrated excellence in implementing the Sorority's national projects and programs. Consideration taken from records submitted to Regional Programs Chair monthly.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Memo explaining record of outstanding service programs and National Programs.
- Inclusion of flyers, pictures, campus newspaper articles, etc. recommended

Undergraduate Program "Vision Award": Acknowledgement of the chapter that has demonstrated leadership by creating a special campus-based program that addresses campus issues or needs. The campus program must have been in collaboration with another student organization or university office. Awards given for both fall and winter campus programming.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Recommendation letter from chapter with supporting documentation
- Flyer of campus program co- sponsored with another student organization
- Date of event must be visible (two awards given: Spr. 2024, Fall 2024 or Spr. 2025)
- Date of Spr. 2024 activities must have occurred after the 84th Regional Conference

Soaring Upward Recognition: Acknowledgment of the chapter that has demonstrated continuous **outstanding percentage of graduating seniors who transfer to the alumnae chapter.**

- **Required Documentation:**

- Awarded by Region – Email can be sent for consideration, but not necessary

Chapter Scholastic Achievement: The undergraduate chapters recognized for outstanding scholastic achievement throughout the region. Special recognition will be awarded to the chapters with the highest GPA of all Greek-lettered organizations. Number of members in chapter must be higher than college/university student organization minimum.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Submission of grades from Fall 2024 for all financial members in the chapter
- Unofficial transcript for Fall 2024 > 3.0/4.0 scale
- Campus Greek Organization Overall Academic Report – Fall 2024 (must show all campus averages and averages of all Greeks on campus, if applicable)

***Sigma Torch Award:** Award acknowledges the undergraduate chapters with 11+ member -based inductions completed through March 13, 2025. The Region UCC will verify rosters prior to the conference. The last 3 official reporting forms must accompany the application. The Regional winner with the highest chapter inductions is eligible to compete in the National Competition.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Chapter branded photo
- Proof of increased membership

- Total number of Active/Financial Members for 2023-2024
- Total number of Active/Financial Members for 2024-2025
- Total number of returning members for 2024-2025
- Total number of initiated members for 2024-2025
- Number of TORCH processes
- Number of transferred members
- Total number in chapter as of March 13, 2025

***Annie Neville Talent Competition:** Undergraduate Sorors who are interested in competing in the Annie Neville Talent Competition during the Central Region Conference must submit a request via the link below. The winner shall represent the region in the national competition with financial support from the region:

- **Required Documentation:**

- Video submission no more than 4 minutes
- High resolution video submission
- Format landscape or full screen
- Deadline for submission: **Friday, January 17th END OF BUSINESS — 7:00 PM CST**
- Please upload your video of your talent to:
 - Label: First initial, last name, Annie Neville, Chapter

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Central Region Awards Chair

Awards Chair, Kisca Sturkie – awards@sgrhocentral.com

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Central Region Life Member Award: Recognition of a Life Member Soror who has tirelessly contributed to the organization on either the local or the regional level.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Copy of Life Member card or certificate
 - Letter of recommendation
 - Personal profile
 - Resume style, inclusive of accolades
 - Proof of current financial status

Outstanding Alumnae Chapter of the Year Award: Given to the Alumnae Chapter judged as making the most impact in the community with an emphasis on the five essential programs. Particular attention will be paid to the objectives of programs, collaborations with local/national chapters and partners, community service and programs held in the community, and their overall success for the current sorority year. The regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Completed application
 - Chapter branded photo
 - Letter of recommendation from Basileus
 - Proof of programs and community service

- Proof of service provided to the community (i.e. copies of awards, letters received, proclamations, pictures, newspaper articles/clippings, etc.)

Alumnae Soror of the Year: The Alumnae Soror of the Year is nominated by her chapter for demonstrating outstanding leadership. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Completed application
- Professional headshot
- Letter of recommendation from chapter (250-word)
- Sigma resume
- (2) Letters of recommendation from an outside organization

CENTRAL REGION AWARDS GRID

Greetings

Sigma

Family

It is my pleasure to share with you the awards that will be presented at the **85th Central Region Conference & 100th Centennial Celebration, March 13th – March 16th in Chicago, Illinois**. Various awards will be presented throughout the conference in addition to at the awards banquet on Saturday, March 9th. The Regional Conference theme is: **“Elevating Central Region To The Next Level Of Greater!”**

Please read any new changes to the required documentation for standing awards. Be sure to review the awards grid carefully. Use this document to review the submission process for all awards that will be presented at the conference. Please note that many categories have their own additional packet that explains each award and submission process in more detail.

Award
Contacts

- **Central Region Awards** - Awards Chair, Kisca Sturkie – awards@sgrhocentral.com
- **Scholarships** - Scholarship Chair, Frances Lennix– scholarship@sgrhocentral.com
- **National Programs** - Programs Chair, Angel Leake-Worthy - programs@sgrhocentral.com
- **Undergraduate Awards** - UCC, Doni Walker – ucc@sgrhocentral.com
- **Philo Affiliate** - Philo Coordinator, Dr. Jacki Stennis-Moore philocoordinator@sgrhocentral.com
- **Rhoer Club** - Rhoer Coordinator, Jesyka Thomas– rhoercoordinator@sgrhocentral.com

Deadline

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Click [HERE](#) for Graduate & Undergraduate awards
Click [HERE](#) for Philo & Rhoer Awards

Submission process: The submission process is via a Google Submission Form. Submit the application, required documentation and contact information to the designated web address, google form link, or email address associated with the award(s) you are applying for. Please ensure that your awards application is complete when submitting. Only ONE document should be uploaded with the appropriate award links included and the award categories listed. (see sample below) **Be sure to request a copy of your submission via google forms.**

Thank you Sorors, Philos and Rhoers! I am looking forward to seeing and celebrating everyone's achievements at the conference.

Soror Kisca Sturkie, Chair Awards and Achievement Committee

Submission Document Example:

Alpha Sigma Award Submission Sheet:

(Chapter Name – Award title)

[Alpha Sigma Outstanding Alumnae Chapter of the Year](#)

[Alpha Sigma Alumnae Soror of the Year](#)

[Alpha Sigma Award of Achievement](#)

[Alpha Sigma Ollie V. Greene Humanitarian Award](#)

These are Google links that the committee grader can click on to view the submission.

PROTOCOL FOR CHAPTER BANNER DISPLAYS

Chapter banner exhibit is to uniquely showcase your chapter to the sisterhood. During non-Boule years chapters can bring their banners for showcase competition or simply participation purposes.

PROTOCOL FOR CHAPTER BANNER DISPLAYS

- **Banner criteria:**
 - 1. Official sorority colors
 - 2. Includes the chapter name and location
 - 3. Neat in appearance and clean
 - 4. Display chapter selected theme effectively
 - 5. Must be **retractable banner** either standing or tabletop
- Although there are separate categories listed, only one award will be given. Judging will be based solely followed guidelines, creativity, and execution of theme.
 - Judging is based upon how effectively the theme is conveyed around the banner
 - If Banner is Table-top, please advise if table needed
 - Amount of space provided for the banner display will be between 3ft and 6ft.
- **Banner Themes:**
 - Central's Centennial
 - Elevating Central to the Next Level of Greater
 - For the Founders

CHAPTER BANNER EXHIBITS WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM AWARD CONSIDERATION IF THEY INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Any official sorority book in its entirety
- Materials classified for official business
- Photos of events classified for official business

Copied banner examples will result in disqualification



Tabletop Retractable Banner

Theme: Year of the Poodle

Theme: All Gold Everything

"100 Balloons"

Gold Table cloth

Gold chocolate coins

Table provided by hotel

Standing retractable banner

Chapter name & Location

Background to include sorority colors, and choice of design

Bowl with Rubies & Pearls

Toy/Stuff Poodle prop

small rug



NATIONAL AWARDS

The Evelyn Hawkins Hood Distinguished Service to Mankind Award: The Evelyn Hawkins Hood Distinguished Service to Mankind Award is given to the outstanding person in the community whom the sorority wishes to publicly recognize for outstanding achievement in human and community service. (Bylaws Article VIII, Section 802 (3) & SOP Section 8.323)

Award: Trophy

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Copy of Life Member card or certificate
 - Letter of recommendation
 - Personal Profile
 - Resume style, inclusive of accolades
 - Proof of current financial status

Mary Lou Allison Little Loving Cup Award: Undergraduate and Graduate Chapter reporting the most successful program related to ideals, purposes, motto, and national theme.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Evidence of pre-planning for the year's activities and projecting the Sigma image. Programs promote Sigma activities such as Founders Day, Sigma Week, National Youth Project, multicultural activities, etc.

Dr. Rejesta V. Perry Project Reassurance Award: Shall be given each year of the Boule to the Chapter reporting the most successful Project Reassurance Program. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule 2024.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Completed application
 - Chapter branded photo
 - Letter of introduction detailing service effort
 - Letters of recommendation

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partners, community service and programs held in the community and their overall success for the current sorority year. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Completed application
- Chapter branded photo
- Letter of recommendation from Basileus
- Proof of programs and community service
- Proof of service provided to the community (i.e. copies of awards, letters received, proclamations, pictures, newspaper articles/clippings, etc.)

Alumnae Soror of the Year: The Alumnae Soror of the Year is nominated by her chapter for demonstrating outstanding leadership. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule

- **Required Documentation:**

- Completed application
- Professional headshot
- Letter of Recommendation from chapter (250-word)
- Sigma resume
- (2) letters of recommendation from an outside organization

Award of Achievement (Alumnae, Undergraduate, Philo and Rhoer):

A. Any undergraduate soror who has received honors from her college/university, or who has given outstanding service to the institution and the Sorority.

B. Any soror (undergraduate or alumna) who has given meritorious service to the Sorority or who has been publicly recognized for outstanding achievement in other areas of service.

C. Any member of Sigma Gamma Rho affiliates who have been publicly recognized for outstanding achievement in academic or community service.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Letter of recommendation from chapter Basileus, Affiliate President or Rhoer Advisor
- Proof of recognition
 - Documentation may include but not limited to articles, letter from organization, pictures, certificate



REGIONAL AWARDS

Attendance Award: Given to the undergraduate & graduate chapters with the highest number of Sorors in attendance at the Central Region Conference.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - N/A

Carrie Filer Davis Award: Given to the undergraduate & graduate chapters with the highest percentage for increased membership. Will be presented at the 2024 Area Meetings for 2023-2024 sorority year.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - N/A

Ollie V. Greene Humanitarian Award: Given each year to the Soror, Sigma affiliate member or community person who best epitomizes the life of George Washington Carver, the great scientist and humanitarian.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Personal profile
 - Letter of recommendation from the chapter, include pictures and articles

PHILO AWARDS

Objectives

These submissions are a representation of the Philo Affiliate's BEST foot forward. Capture as much greatness in each submission as possible. The Forever Friends of Sigma are philanthropic affiliates and these submissions should reflect that. **Any incomplete submissions will not be graded.**

Philo Coordinator

Philo Coordinator, Dr. Jacki Stennis Moore –
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Click [Here](#) for Philo submission form

Philo Advisor of the Year: The outstanding Philo Advisor exhibits leadership in the chapter & affiliate. She fosters and encourages relationships between Philos and Sigma's. She maintains high standards of character projecting the best Sigma image possible.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Personal profile
 - Resume style document, inclusive of accolades
 - Letter of recommendation from Graduate Chapter
 - Letter of recommendation from Affiliate President

Outstanding Philo Affiliate: This award is presented to an Affiliate with outstanding service since the previous conference. Service to local Sigma Chapter, Philo Affiliate, Rhoers, community/civic organizations

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Affiliate profile
 - Letter of recommendation from Graduate Chapter

Philo of the Year: This award is presented to an outstanding Philo exhibiting leadership in the affiliate. She fosters and encourages outstanding service to the community and the sorority. She maintains high standards of character projecting the best Philo image possible.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Personal profile

- Resume style document, inclusive of accolades
- Letter of recommendation from Graduate Chapter

Philo Scrapbook: Scrapbook showcasing the regional theme, activities, events, and programs that Philos have participated in for the timeframe of Boule to Boule . Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Refer to Central Region Scrapbook Guidelines

Community Service: This award is presented to the affiliate with outstanding service to the community, civic projects and charitable donations

- **Required Documentation:**
 - Affiliate profile
 - Letters, pictures, and articles

Philo Membership Development: Affiliate with highest increase in new members inducted since the last conference.

- **Required Documentation:**
 - N/A

Conference Attendance 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place: Affiliate with the largest number of members attending the conference

- **Required Documentation:**
 - N/A

RHOER AWARDS

Objectives

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Rhoer Coordinator

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Rhoer Advisor of the Year: This award is presented to the club Advisor who has provided exemplary leadership and mentorship to her Rhoer Club. She is also an advisor who has worked cooperatively and diligently with her fellow advisors and local chapter to plan, organize and execute effective programming for the Rhoers.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Rhoer Advisor of the Year application
- Typed report detailing completed projects as well as programs, **since the last Regional conference**
 - Programs should be extensions of the Sorority's international programs
- Letter of recommendation from local chapter Basileus or club Co-Advisors.

Rhoer Club of the Year: This award is presented to the club that has participated actively with the community, worked with their local chapter and developed or sponsored outstanding programs.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Rhoer Club of the Year application
- Chapter scrapbook submission
- Letter of recommendation from graduate chapter
- Chapter display (optional but must include the scrapbook)

Rhoer of the Year: This award is presented to the Rhoer who has actively participated in the activities of her club, distinguished herself academically, and exemplified leadership abilities within both her club and community.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Rhoer of the Year application
- Transcript verifying GPA
- Letter of recommendation from your Rhoer Club Advisor
- Documentation to support participation/involvement in the Rhoer Club and community activities
- Verification of receipt of awards, recognitions, or honors received
- Verification of financial status
- Letter of recommendation from an outside source (pastor, teacher etc.).

Rhoer Scrapbook: Scrapbook showcasing community service, programs developed or sponsored by the club, educational outings, and trainings or workshops the Rhoer have participated in for the timeframe of Boule to Boule. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Refer to Rhoer Scrapbook Guidelines

Miss Rhoer Competition: The Miss Rhoer Pageant is held every Boule year on both the Regional (Miss Rhoer) and international levels (Miss International Rhoer). At the regional level, the pageant is held to determine the Rhoer that will represent her region at the Boule and compete for the title of Miss International Rhoer.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Transcript verifying grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better
- Letter of recommendation from an outside source (Pastor, Teacher)
- Letter of recommendation from your Rhoer Club Advisor
- 300-word essay addressing the following: The Rhoer's future as a woman and what she can offer to mankind.
- Verification of the Rhoer's financial status
- Verification of club's financial status
- Resume of participation in high school activities/involvement, achievements, and honors received

Rhoer Scholastic Achievement: Awarded to all Rhoers with a cumulative **3.50 or higher GPA.**

- **Required Documentation:**

- Unofficial transcript or most recent report card **reflecting grade point average that is 3.50 or higher.**
- Progress reports will **NOT** be accepted

Graduating Senior Recognition: Recognizing all graduating Rhoers Club Members

- **Required Documentation:**

- Submission of name
- Picture of Rhoer

Largest Rhoer Club: Affiliate with largest membership

- **Required Documentation:**

- N/A