

**2026 CENTRAL REGION**

**AWARDS &**

**ACHIEVEMENT GUIDE**

**“Elevated, Empowered, Engaged: Captivating the Greater in Central!”**

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# WELCOME

Greetings Sorors, Philos and Rhoers,

It is my pleasure to present the 2026 Central Region Awards & Achievement Guide and to share the awards that will be conferred at the 86th Central Region Conference, taking place March 19–22, 2026, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our conference theme — **“Elevated, Empowered, Engaged: Captivating the Greater in Central!”** — calls us to celebrate excellence at every level of our sisterhood.

This guide outlines the full submission process and requirements for each award. Please take time to read all criteria carefully and pay close attention to any updates in the documentation needed for standing awards. Several awards will be presented throughout the conference, in addition to the Awards Celebration on Saturday, March 21st.

Important reminders as you prepare your submissions:

- All applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically via the designated Google Submission Form.
- The Central Region awards submission window opens **today** and closes on **January 16, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST**.
- Because the Rhoers will not attend the 86th Central Region Conference, this year’s award guide includes a scaled-back list of Rhoer and Rhoer Club award opportunities.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to excellence and for taking the time to showcase the impactful work happening across our region. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at [awards@sgrhocentral.com](mailto:awards@sgrhocentral.com).

In service,

**Soror Angela Bullock**

Chair, Central Region Awards & Achievement Committee

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

## AWARD CONTACTS

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- **National Programs** - Programs Chair, Angel Leake-Worthy - [programs@sgrhocentral.com](mailto:programs@sgrhocentral.com)
- **Undergraduate Awards** - UCC, Doni Walker – [ucc@sgrhocentral.com](mailto:ucc@sgrhocentral.com)
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- **Rhoer Awards** – Rhoer Coordinator, Jesyka Thomas, [rhoercoordinator@sgrhocentral.com](mailto:rhoercoordinator@sgrhocentral.com)
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- Click [HERE](#) to submit Philo & Rhoer Awards

## SUBMISSION PROCESS:

- The submission method is via the appropriate Google Submission Form.
  - Click [HERE](#) to submit Graduate & Undergraduate awards
  - Click [HERE](#) to submit Philo & Rhoer Awards
- Submit the application, required documentation and contact information using the designated google form link associated with the award(s) you are applying for.
- Please ensure that your awards application is complete when submitted.
- 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.**
- **Submission Document Sample:**

### 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.

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## NATIONAL AWARDS

### 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.

#### Criteria:

1. How has the community member/ soror provided humanitarian services within the community?
2. Explain how has the humanitarian service benefited the community?
3. How has the community service made an impact to those who were served?
4. Provide evidence that community member/soror provided humanitarian and community service. List the evidence included in award packet. Evidence may be in the form of newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.

**Award:** Trophy

#### • Required Documentation:

- Letter of recommendation from the Basileus
- High resolution professional headshot
- Personal Profile (resume style, inclusive of accolades)
- Any additional/necessary information

### 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 2026.

#### • Required Documentation:

- Completed application
- Chapter branded photo
- Letter of introduction detailing service effort
- Letters of recommendation

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- Applications will be judged using the following criteria:
  - Introduction: Describe the health education effort displayed by the chapter and explain how your chapter partnered with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.
  - Explain the steps used to successfully plan the Project Reassurance Program, e.g., objectives of the program, dates of the activities proposed, detailed description of program, goals of the chapter, etc.
  - Explain how the chapter implemented a successful Project Reassurance Program.
  - The material provided must include the name of the chapter, dates, objectives and activities.

### HATTIE REDFORD SCRAPBOOK/DISPLAY AWARD: **UPDATED**

Awarded to one undergraduate chapter and one alumnae chapter at a Boule for best exhibits of chapter achievement since the last Boule. The undergraduate and graduate chapters shall each be judged on both scrapbooks and chapter displays (craftwork, etc.). Scrapbooks and displays for undergraduate and alumnae chapters must showcase the regional conference theme as well as activities, events, and programs for the timeframe of Boule to Boule. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be given. The 1<sup>st</sup> place regional winners are eligible to compete nationally at the 2026 Boule. See detailed scrapbook and display requirements in [APPENDIX A](#).

- **Required Documentation:**
  - Award application
  - Chapter report (**as part of display not online submission**)
  - ~~○ 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):

The Award of Achievement is given to:

1. Any undergraduate soror who has received honors from her college/university, or who has given outstanding service to the institution and the Sorority.
2. 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.
3. Any member of Sigma Gamma Rho affiliates who have been publicly recognized for outstanding achievement in academic or community service.



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- **Required Documentation:**

- Letter of recommendation from chapter Basileus, Affiliate President or Rhoer Advisor
- High resolution professional photo
- 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 and graduate chapters with the highest percentage for increased membership during the 2024-2025 sorority year. Winners will be presented at the 2026 Area Meetings for 2026-2027 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
  - High Resolution professional photo
  - Letter of recommendation from the chapter, please include pictures and articles

### SOROR RECOGNITION AWARD:

Given to the undergraduate and graduate Sorors for meritorious service. Recognized Sorors will be showcased on regional platforms.

- **Required Documentation:**
  - Brief rationale (50 words or less) from the Chapter Basileus for each recognized soror. If submitting for multiple sorors, the names and rationales can be on one document.
  - This is a non-graded category.

## ALUMNAE REGIONAL AWARDS

### 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
  - High Resolution professional photo
  - 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
  - High resolution 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.)
- **Applications will be judged using the following criteria:**
  - Chapter Growth (evidence of Retention, Recruitment and Reclamation)
  - Community Involvement
  - Chapter Relationship
  - Scholarship Endeavors (did chapter raise the money themselves, or did the chapter get donations from outside entities, scholarship amounts given)
  - Involvement with Undergraduates and/or Affiliates (if applicable)
  - Quality and/or Frequency of sorority programs
  - Youth Symposium, Founders' Day/Week programs and Sigma Commitment
  - Branding efforts (chapter logo, website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok: provide handles)
  - Collaborations (Greek Organizations, and outside organizations)

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- Charitable Organizations supported
- 501c3 (provide name)
- Sister Share
- Community service hours
- Participation in the 5 Essential Program

**ALUMNAE SIGMA OF THE YEAR:**

The Alumnae Sigma of the Year is nominated by her chapter for demonstrating outstanding leadership. The Regional winner will compete in the National Competition for Boule 2026.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Completed application
- High resolution professional headshot
- Letter of recommendation from chapter (250-word)
- Sigma resume (a listing of all sorority activities highlighting participation in national projects, offices held, sorority representation and specific awards given.
- Community Service and Leadership activities. Provide detailed documentation of involvement in your community, co-sponsored events, leadership conferences, etc.
- Two (2) Letters of recommendation from an outside organization

## UNDERGRADUATE REGIONAL 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 2025
  - Document proving graduation in December 2025, May 2026 or August 2026
  - 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 2025
  - 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 will receive a \$250 gift card.

- **Required Documentation:**
  - Completed application
  - Professional headshot
  - Letter of introduction (by UG Chapter)
  - Sigma resume
  - Advisor statement
- **Applications will also be judged using the following criteria:**
  - Has the nominee displayed the following qualities
  - Consistent attendance at chapter meetings and events
  - Regional Conference attendance
  - Boule attendance
  - Area Meeting attendance
  - Display development and leadership skills

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- Honest and impartial in chapter dealings
- Able and willing to inspire others
- Effective communication
- Provide training and assistance (TORCH, Workshops etc.)
- Mentorship
- Evidence of a supportive and amicable relationship between advisor and undergraduate advise
- Activities supervised as an advisor

### 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. The Regional winner will compete in the National Competition for Boule 2026.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Completed application
- Professional headshot
- Letter of Introduction
- Sigma resume
- Unofficial transcript
- Two (2) Letters of recommendation

- **Applications will be judged using the following criteria:**

- **Letter of Introduction-** Provide letter of introduction to the nominated member from the nominating chapter supporting the recommendation with highlights as to why the nominee should be considered. A recent professional electronic photograph of the nominee is required.
- **Letters of recommendation-** Provide two (2) letters of recommendations: (1) from outside of the organization on the recommender's professional letterhead and (1) from either the Undergraduate Advisor or an Alumnae Soror in the advising chapter.
- **Sigma Resume-** Provide a listing of all sorority activities highlighting participation in national projects, offices held, sorority representation at campus events and collaboration with other campus organizations/agencies/ clubs, local programming, membership initiatives that address R3 and participation/ support of region wide initiatives and any specific awards earned in the 2024-2025 sorority year.
- **School/Community Activities-** Provide detailed documentation of your involvement on your campus, any specific awards earned, extracurricular activities co-sponsored

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events, leadership conferences, community service, local programming, membership initiatives that address R3 and participation/support of region wide initiative.

- **Transcript of GPA Documentation-** Provide a copy of an unofficial transcript demonstrating scholastic achievement.
- **Proof of Additional organizational participation**

### 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 write up in the Central Region Rhoyal Knowledge Advisor/Undergraduate Newsletter and a \$50 gift card.

- **Required Documentation:**

- Name, chapter, and photo of Soror (1) page double-spaced essay on why this Soror exemplifies Sigma Image 3D
- Recommendation from chapter advisor
- Recommendation from chapter representative
- Three (3) full length well-lit, high-resolution color photos based on a demonstration of business attire, service/campus attire, and 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 must be clearly visible.
- 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 2025; 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.

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- 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
- **Applications will be judged using the following criteria:**
  - Chapter Growth (evidence of Retention, Recruitment and Reclamation)
  - Community Involvement
  - Chapter Relationship
  - Quality and/or Frequency of sorority programs
  - Youth Symposium, Founders' Day/Week programs and Sigma Commitment
  - Branding efforts (chapter logo, website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok: provide handles)
  - Collaborations (Greek Organizations, and outside organizations)
  - Charitable Organizations supported
  - Community service hours
  - Participation in the 5 Essential Programs

**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



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- Date of event must be visible (two awards given: Spr. 2025, Fall 2025 or Spr. 2026)
- Date of Spr. 2025 activities must have occurred after the 85th 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 – documentation can be sent for consideration, but not necessary

### CHAPTER SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT:

The undergraduate chapters are 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 their college/university student organization minimum.

- **Required Documentation:**
  - Submission of grades from Fall 2025 for all financial members in the chapter
  - Unofficial transcript for Fall 2025 > 3.0/4.0 scale
  - Campus Greek Organization Overall Academic Report – Fall 2025 (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 19, 2026. 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 2024-2025
  - Total number of Active/Financial Members for 2025-2026
  - Total number of returning members for 2025-2026
  - Total number of initiated members for 2025-2026
  - Number of TORCH processes
  - Number of transferred members
  - Total number in chapter as of March 19, 2026 (include Spring 2026 initiates even if still in the TORCH process)

**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 Google submission form for all awards. 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
- Please upload a link to a video of your talent using the awards submission form.
  - File Label: First initial, last name, Annie Neville, chapter name
    - (example: JDoe\_Annie Neville\_AlphaChapter)

## PHILO AWARDS

### 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
- **Criteria for the award are:**
  - She exhibits outstanding leadership in her Affiliate.
  - She fosters and encourages outstanding service to the community.
  - She maintains high standards of character and reputation acceptable by her Affiliate and the Sorority.
  - She projects the best Sigma Philo image to the public as possible.
  - She fosters service to the Sigma Sorority.

### 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 (biography and photos of involvement with the Philo Affiliates and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.)
    - 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
- **Criteria for the award are:**
  - Services rendered to local Sigma Chapter
  - Services rendered to local Philo Affiliate

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- Services rendered to the community/civic organizations
- Services rendered to Rhoers (If a group is organized on the local level)

### 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

### PHILO SCRAPBOOK

**Scrapbook:** Awarded to an outstanding Philo Affiliate for the best exhibit of achievements since the National meeting. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. See detailed scrapbook requirements in [APPENDIX A](#).

- **Criteria for the award are:**
  - Table of Contents/Index
  - Current News Clippings
  - Neatness
  - Originality
  - Continuity of the National Sigma theme
  - Variety of Activities

**AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT (PHILO AND RHOER):**

The Award of Achievement is given to 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
- High resolution professional photo
- Proof of recognition
  - Documentation may include but not limited to articles, letter from organization, pictures, certificate

## RHOER AWARDS

Because the Rhoers will not attend the 86th Central Region Conference, this year's award guide includes a scaled-back list of Rhoer and Rhoer Club award opportunities. **The award items in this section that are stricken through will not be collected or considered for recognition during this year's Central Region Conference.**

### 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
- Professional headshot or school photo
- 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 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 Central Region 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~~

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

### 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

Because the Rhoers will not be present at the 2026 Central Region Conference, the following awards will not be announced at conference; however, submissions will be accepted and notification with awards certificates will be sent by the Central Region Rhoer Coordinator.

### 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

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Recognizing all graduating Rhoer Club Members

- **Required Documentation:**
  - Submission of name
  - Picture of Rhoer

**LARGEST RHOER CLUB:**

Rhoer Club with largest membership in the region

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

**AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT (PHILO AND RHOER):**

The Award of Achievement is given to 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
  - High resolution professional photo
  - Proof of recognition
    - Documentation may include but not limited to articles, letter from organization, pictures, certificate



## APPENDIX A

### HATTIE REDFORD AWARD (SCRAPBOOK & DISPLAY) GUIDELINES:

Scrapbooks and displays are to highlight the chapter's activities during the current chapter year.

**During a Boule year, the material must cover the time from the 2024 Boule to the upcoming 2026 Boule.** The Region's winner will be determined during the Regional conference. The Region winner will be judged on their scrapbook & display at the Boule.

### PROTOCOL FOR CHAPTER & AFFILIATE SCRAPBOOKS:

- **Scrapbook criteria:**
  - Official sorority/affiliate colors
  - Cover includes the chapter/affiliate name and location
  - Neat in appearance and clean
  - Includes chapter report (mandatory)
  - Includes a table of contents
  - Contain a description of activities
  - Organized in chronological order or by category, i.e. National Programs, Founders' Day, etc.
  - All items identified by event/activity name and date

Judging will be based solely on the content provided.

- **Protocol for Chapter Reports:** Chapter reports should reflect the scrapbook content and **MUST** be displayed along with the exhibit and/or scrapbook at the time of judging. Failure to display a copy of the Chapter Report will result in elimination of award consideration.
- **Awards:**
  - 1st Place: Plaque
  - 2nd Place: Ribbon
  - 3rd Place: Ribbon

### PROTOCOL FOR UNDERGRADUATE & ALUMNAE CHAPTER DISPLAYS: **UPDATED**

- **Display criteria:**
  - The exhibit must utilize the sorority/affiliate colors.
  - Pictures of chapter activities should be easily identifiable by names and dates.
  - Printed programs of chapter activities/events should contain the date.
  - Documentation from organizations outside of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority should appear on the organization's letterhead.
  - Use of sorority, affiliate and chapter specific items are allowed.

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- **Chapter exhibits will be eliminated from award consideration if they include any of the following:**
  - Any official sorority/affiliate book in its entirety
  - Materials classified for official business
  - Photos of events classified for official business
- **Display Awards:**
  - 1st Place: Plaque

### RHOER CLUB SCRAPBOOK SPECIFICATIONS

*(as derived from the Rhoer handbook)*

Rhoer displays/exhibits are NOT judged. There is no competition for displays separate from or in conjunction with the scrapbook. Scrapbooks will be digital.

- **Picture size**
  - Regular snapshots
- **Cover Page**
  - Royal Blue and Gold
  - Rhoer Symbol
  - Additional details as desired
- **Inside Cover**
  - Introductory Page/Slide
  - Name of Sponsoring Chapter - Region (city/state)
- **Page/Slide One**
  - Picture of each Rhoer Advisor
  - Short bio of each
  - Dedication or Thank You (Optional)
- **Page/Slide Two**
  - Picture of entire Rhoer Club
- **Page/Slide Three (additional pages accordingly)**
  - Pictures of Rhoer Club Officers
  - Include name and office held
- **Page/Slide Four**
  - Picture and information about Club's selected Rhoer of the Year candidate
- **Multiple Pages/Slides as Needed**
  - Picture and information about each Rhoer
  - Allow each Rhoer to design her own ½ or whole page
    - Each Rhoer page could include the Rhoer name, Rhoer parents name, School Name, Grade, Activities, Hobbies Talents, Awards, Future Plans/Aspirations

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- ~~Spotlight on Rhoer Activities~~
  - ~~Local newspaper or AURORA articles~~
  - ~~Any appropriate poems or songs written by Rhoers~~