



**Phi Chi Theta
National Awards and Recognition Policy
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Introduction

Phi Chi Theta supports an environment where member and chapter participation is recognized and superior performance is rewarded. We accomplish this through a number of individual and chapter awards at both the national and local levels.

Recognized Awards

The following is a listing of all recognized and recurring Fraternity awards. The criteria for each award are listed along with the method of recognition. The National Executive Policy Board will determine the amount of any monetary award presented by the National Office. In order to receive any award, the recipient, whether a chapter or individual, must be in good standing with the national office. This includes that all dues and fees are paid in full and up to date by the date nominations are closed.

Where appropriate, the awards committee is appointed by the National President and shall have at least three people including the chairperson. The committee is responsible to ensure that the nominee(s) meet all of the award criteria. The committee will use its discretion when selecting an award recipient. They are not obligated to award any award simply because someone was nominated.

National Level - Chapter Awards

National Chapter Growth Award

This award will be presented annually to a Chapter in each Region that has shown the greatest percentage increase in membership for the year based on membership and initiation reports submitted to the National Office. The winners will be presented with a certificate from the National Office and a monetary award.

Executive Directors Award

This award is presented to one chapter nationwide annually that exemplifies the spirit of communication and cooperation. This chapter has honored all deadlines set forth in the Calendar of Due Dates and has done an exceptional job in communicating with the National Office. The winner is selected by the Executive Director and will be presented with a certificate from the National Office and a monetary award.

National Chapter Performance Award Program

The program recognizes the chapters that work diligently throughout the year. It helps the National Office rate the efficiency of our chapters and infuses a healthy spirit of competition between our chapters.

Points are awarded for items completed on the Calendar of Due Dates. The items must be completed and submitted to the National Office by the deadline posted on the calendar. Chapters can also earn bonus points in each category.

Awards are presented annually based on performance. Biennium awards for sustained performance over a two year period are presented at the National Meeting.

Annual awards include the “Fraternity Spirit & Cooperation Award”, “Business Ideals Award”, “Financial Management Award” and the “Membership Recruitment & Development Award”.

Biennium Awards will be the “Candle of Knowledge Award”, “Ship of Achievement Award”, “Chapter Aspiration Award” and the “Phi Chi Theta Chapter of Excellence Award”

The winners will be presented with a certificate from the National Office and a monetary award.

National Level - Individual Awards

Alumni Hall of Fame Award

At every National Chapter Meeting, outstanding alumni members are recognized by being admitted into the Phi Chi Theta Alumni Hall of Fame. Inductees are selected on the basis of lifetime contributions to the National Chapter and Alumni Chapters and outstanding accomplishments in other professional, honorary, and/or community organizations. The Hall of Fame was created in 1989, and the charter members were the six founding members of Phi Chi Theta; the six founding members of Epsilon Eta Phi (the organization that merged with Phi Chi Theta in 1973); all past National Presidents; and Jesse Erickson, a past National Secretary. Since 1989, inductees have been selected from applications that are judged by a committee appointed by the National President. Nominations may be made by any chapter or any alumni member in good standing. The winner will be presented with an award from the National Office.

The Naomi L. Satterfield Alumni Achievement Award

At every National Chapter Meeting, Phi Chi Theta recognizes the outstanding achievement of alumnus or alumna by presenting him or her the Naomi L. Satterfield Alumni Achievement Award. The recipient is selected on the basis of lifetime professional, civic and career achievements. Nominations may be made by any chapter or any alumni member in good standing. The selection will be made by a committee appointed by the National President. The winner will be presented with an award from the National Office.

Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award

The selection criteria for the Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award are the same as those for the Naomi L. Satterfield Alumni Achievement Award, except that the time horizon is shortened to include only the past five years. The intent of the Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award is to honor younger alumni. Nominations may be made by any chapter or any alumni member in good standing. The selection will be made by a committee appointed by the National President. The winner will be presented with an award from the National Office.

Alumni Service Award

At every National Chapter Meeting, Phi Chi Theta recognizes our most dedicated alumnus or alumna by presenting him or her the Alumni Service Award. The recipient is selected on the basis of their service and support of Phi Chi Theta at the local and/or national level. Their service has to be of such significance that it has had a dramatic impact on a local chapter or the National Chapter. The recipient's service that qualifies them for this award should span at least 6 months. Nominations may be made by any chapter or any alumni member in good standing. The selection will be made by a committee appointed by the National President. The winner will be presented with a certificate from the National Office.

Phi Chi Theta National Key Award

The Phi Chi Theta National Key Award recipient will be selected at every National Chapter Meeting on the basis of the nominee's contributions to the local Phi Chi Theta chapter; collegiate, civic, and career achievements while attaining his/her baccalaureate (or masters) degree. The nominee must be a recipient of their local chapter's Key Award. Nominations may be made by any chapter. The selection will be made by a committee appointed by the National President. The winner will be presented with a plaque from the National Office.

President's Award of Merit

This award is presented to any individual member in recognition of outstanding service to Phi Chi Theta. The service can be rendered at the local, regional, or national level. The honoree is selected by the National President and will be presented with a certificate from the National Office. Nominations will not be accepted for this award.

National Executive Council Recognition Certificate

This award is presented to any chapter in recognition of outstanding service to Phi Chi Theta or for unique performance in completion of its mission. The service can be rendered at the local, regional, or national level. The honoree is selected by the National Executive Council and will be presented with a certificate from the National Office. Nominations will not be accepted for this award.

Outstanding Faculty Advisor of the Year

This annual award is presented to one chapter advisor that has shown exceptional support to his/her local chapter. Nominations are submitted to the National Office by the local chapters and the selection will be made by a committee appointed by the National President. The winner will be presented with a certificate from the National Office.

National Honorary Member

Honorary Members shall be chosen by the Executive Council upon the recommendation of an Alumni Chapter, provided that the Honorary Member has a national reputation. This award is presented biennially at the National Meeting. The winner will be presented with a certificate and a pin from the National Office.

Chapter Level

Phi Chi Theta Chapter Key Award

Each collegiate and alumni chapter shall offer an annual Phi Chi Theta National Key Award. The Key is awarded to a student in the College or School of Business Administration and/or Department of Business and/or Economics on the basis of scholarship, activities and leadership. Alumni recipients are normally members in good standing of the local alumni chapter, and the recipients are selected on the basis of activities and leadership.

A committee selected from the faculty and fraternity members of the chapter determines the recipient. The winner must have completed at least one year in the appropriate academic unit and have attained a grade point average not less than the minimum requirement for admission into Phi Chi Theta.

A certificate shall be awarded from the National Office and a pin is available for purchase by the chapter at our website.

The 2006 National Meeting was the first year that a Key Award winner was announced on the national level.

Chapter Honorary Member

Honorary members may be chosen by local chapters, provided that such person shall be of professional standing and will make a definite contribution to the Fraternity.

A certificate is available from the National Office for a nominal fee and an Honorary Member Pin is available for purchase by the chapter at our website.

Exceptions

This policy does not preclude the National Office from recognizing a unique service or situation of a chapter or member by presenting a gift or honorarium not listed in this policy.

This policy does not preclude any chapter from creating and presenting any additional local awards.

This policy supersedes any previous documents published on this issue. This policy does not however supersede any provisions in the Phi Chi Theta National Bylaws.