

International Achievement Week
Committee
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



International Achievement Week Awards
Bro. Charles A. Bruce, Chairman
Awards and Submission Criteria

Overview

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International Achievement Week Committee (IAWC) is composed of each District's Achievement Week Committee Chairman plus appointed "At-Large" Members. On the International level, the focus and concentration is on the following areas:

- A. International Achievement Week Awards**
- B. International High School Essay Contest**

The International Achievement Week Awards are comprised of the following ten categories:

- **Undergraduate Chapter of the Year**
- **Graduate Chapter of the Year**
- **Large Graduate Chapter of the Year**
- **Citizen of the Year Award**
- **Undergraduate Chapter Advisor Award**
- **Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award**
- **Superior Service Award**
- **Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year**
- **Graduate Omega Man of the Year**
- **Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award**

The committee's charge is to administer uniform Fraternity-wide minimum criteria for these awards. This includes the nomination, selection and documentation required for these awards to be consistently administered at the Chapter, District and International levels. The ultimate objective is to produce nominees of the highest qualifications that support the award criteria and the ideals of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The criteria for the awards are listed below for both Graduate and Undergraduate Members and Chapters.

Nominees must be Financial at the Local, District and International Levels (International Chapter and Honorary Members need only be Financial at the International Level.)

Candidates for these Awards (except for the Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award) are to be submitted based solely upon their activities and contribution during the Fraternal Year under consideration.

*Please note: Candidates for the International Achievement Week Awards will be submitted to the IAWC by the various District Achievement Week Chairmen. **Each District is limited to one candidate per award category with no exceptions.***

There is a separate and distinct Form 77 Appendix document for each Award Category that is to be used as the Application for that Award.

The 10 Award Categories are:

Chapter of the Year Award (Graduate, Large Graduate and Undergraduate) The Chapter of the Year Award candidate should be a Chapter that has made significant contributions on the District and the International level of the Fraternity as well as to its community.

Graduate Chapters with a financial membership of **5 to 49 members will be in the Graduate Chapter category**. Graduate Chapters with a financial membership of **50 members or more will be in the Large Graduate Chapter category**.

The Undergraduate Chapter candidate must be in good standing with its college or university (as defined by the college or university). The Undergraduate Chapter should be a Chapter that has made significant contributions to its college or university, its local community as well as on the District and International level of the Fraternity.

All Chapter candidates must be in good standing at the District and International levels during the immediate year prior to the award and the year of the award. The exception would be only for Chapters that were not chartered in the prior year.

Citizen of the Year The Citizen of the Year is selected each year from outstanding citizens nominated for unique contributions to humanity. The nominee should be a person of local, regional and International recognition and who are acclaimed by a significant segment of society for outstanding contributions to the welfare of mankind. **This Award category is only for non-Members of the Fraternity. Omega Men are not eligible for this Award.**

Undergraduate Chapter Advisor Award The Undergraduate Chapter Advisor of the Year Award will be given to a Brother who has demonstrated outstanding contributions and sustained concern for the activities of one or more Undergraduate Chapters. The successful candidate will have acted in a mentoring capacity, providing insight and guidance that has positively influenced Undergraduate Chapter Members to aspire to and achieve the ideals of the Fraternity and its mandated programs. Also, please note the following:

1. The Undergraduate Chapter must be in good standing with the Fraternity
2. The Chapter(s) which the nominee advises must have made significant contributions to the Fraternity and/or community at local, District/state, and/or International levels
3. Nominees must have served in a manner above and beyond the ordinary participation levels necessary to implement programs and projects of the Undergraduate Chapter

Superior Service Award The Superior Service Award will be given to a Brother who has demonstrated outstanding contributions and concern for the activities of his Chapter and local community. The nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the Fraternity at his Chapter level and within his local community. Nominees must have served in a manner above and beyond the ordinary participation levels necessary to implement programs and projects. Nominees should be involved with the organization, planning and implementation of programs and projects.

Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award

Nominees for this Award must meet the following criteria:

1. Nominee must be financial on the Chapter, District and International Levels
2. The nominee must be considered “on active duty” with any branch of the US Armed Service during the period in which he is nominated.
3. The nominee’s rank is not a consideration for this award (can be enlisted or a commissioned officer).
4. Nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the Fraternity at Chapter, District, International level (Chapters/District are expected to support all International and District mandated programs) and the military.
5. Nominees must have served in a manner above and beyond the ordinary participation levels necessary to implement programs and projects. Nominees should be involved with the organization, planning and implementation of programs and projects.
6. Documentation associated with this award must demonstrate the nominee’s activities and be certified by the Basileus and Keeper of Records and Seal on the Chapter level.

Omega Man of the Year Award (Graduate and Undergraduate) The Graduate nominee should be a Brother who has made significant contributions to his Chapter, his District and on the International level of the Fraternity. This nominee should also be one who has made significant contributions to his community.

The Undergraduate nominee must be actively pursuing an undergraduate degree and be in good academic and financial standing with his college or university during the period under consideration. The Undergraduate nominee should be a Brother who has made significant contributions to his Chapter, College or University, his local community, his District and on the International level. Additionally, the nominee must be financial at the Chapter, District, and International levels during the immediate year prior to the award and the year of the award. The exception would be if he were not a member of the Fraternity in the prior year.

Service and contribution from Leadership positions are a significant element of the selection and scoring criteria for the Omega Man of the Year Awards.

Founders’ Lifetime Achievement Award The nominee for the Founders’ Lifetime Achievement Award should be a Brother who exhibits the highest ideals of Omega’s Four Cardinal Principles - Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. The Brother should be recognized for his contributions to the Fraternity at the Chapter, District and International Levels for a minimum of 25 years of Financial Membership. In addition, consideration should be given to his impact on society that has enhanced the welfare of mankind. Nominations should be accompanied by a concise and thorough documentation of the nominee’s sustained contribution and achievements to reflect lifelong service to the Fraternity.

This Signature Sheet Must be submitted with each Award Application

Note: The signatures of the Basileus and KRS are required below for all awards to confirm that they each read, reviewed and approved the contents of the applications. (Electronic Signatures are Acceptable)

Prepared by: _____
(Name – legibly print or type) (Signature) Date

Chapter Basileus: _____
(Name – legibly print or type) (Signature) Date

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Chapter KRS: _____
(Name – legibly print or type) (Signature) Date

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

THE INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROCESS

- A. The Chapters select winners for each Award category and submit these Chapter winners to their respective District Achievement Week Committee Chairman as nominees for District Achievement Awards.**
- B. The Districts select winners for each category and submit these District winners to the International Achievement Week Committee Chairman as nominees for International Achievement Awards.**
- C. The International Chairman collects all nominees for International Achievement Awards and submits them to the International committee for review, scoring and ranking:
 - i. The International Chairman does not participate in the selection process except in the case of a tie result**
 - ii. The District Chairmen do not vote for candidates from their own District****
- D. The International Chairman collects results from the process defined in C above and, based upon those results, defines the winner for each category.**
- E. The results are announced and Awards presented at the next scheduled International Meeting (Grand Conclave or Leadership Conference)**

Note:

- 1) The International Committee does not mandate, supervise or otherwise control the selection process at the Chapter or District Level.**
- 2) The expectations are:
 - a. Chapter and District Award winners are selected based upon the same criteria as defined for the International Awards**
 - b. Chapter and District Award winners are documented on the current revision of the Form 77 as presented on the Fraternity (IHQ) website****
- 3) Regardless of the selection process and documentation used at the Chapter and District Levels, nominees for the International Achievement Awards, to be included in the International Achievement Award process, must be presented to the International Chairman on a Form 77 Award Application using the most current revision of the appropriate Form 77 document.**