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# Alumnae Hope for the Future Award Instructions

#### **Nomination Criteria and Instructions**

#### Purpose:

The Alumnae Chapter Hope for the Future Award recognizes an alumnae chapter that has achieved success in the second year of the biennium from the first year.

Selection for this award is for a chapter that was close to being a "non-functioning" or "struggling" alumnae chapter in Year 1 of the biennium (scored as blue on the alumnae group evaluation) and made significant improvements in Year 2 of the biennium (scored as pink or bronze on the alumnae group evaluation) to achieve success. This improvement was accomplished by:

- setting goals to increase local membership participation
- increasing the number of dues paying alumnae
- finding new leadership

The goal of the chapter's efforts was to keep the alumnae chapter well-functioning and able to remain as a Delta Gamma alumnae chapter, to be in good standing, and meet all credentials to attend and be "seated" at Convention.

#### Nomination Considerations:

- Chapter is in "good standing" with the required number of members, events and fees paid and Anchorbase updates completed for second year of the biennium (Convention year);
- Chapter was considered by the Regional Alumnae Specialist (RAS) as close to being a "non-functioning" or "struggling" alumnae chapter in Year 1 of the biennium (scored as blue on the Alumnae Group Evaluation);
- Chapter has proven a "willingness and determination to continue as a chapter" within its membership;

- Chapter worked to establish a new, stronger Executive Board consisting of the five core officers; president, vp: finance; vp: membership; vp: programming; vp: communications;
- Chapter reached out to all membership, communicating by newsletter, e-newsletters, e-vites, and telephone)
- Chapter has an increase in "local dues paying members" from Year 1 to Year 2 of the biennium;
- Chapter exhibits something "unique" to set itself apart from other chapters in achieving success from Year 1 to Year 2 of the biennium.
- All criteria above are documented by the alumnae team.

### Selection Process:

- The Regional Alumnae Specialist team (including Alumnae Development Consultants) recommends, collaboratively, one alumnae chapter within its region to be considered for this Convention award.
- The RAS team verifies the chapter is in good standing, completes and submits this application. The Director: Awards is then notified.
- The Alumnae Committee evaluates applications and selects the winner(s). The Director: Awards submits the recommended winners to Council Trustee: Communications for Council vote for final approval.

## Assembling the application:

- It may be helpful to compose the full submission information in a Word document that may be revisited and saved
- The online application may be accessed/completed via desktop, laptop and/or iPad devices
- Review the online application to familiarize yourself and prepare all required information
  - Go to Anchorbase and click on the "Awards" menu at the top.
  - Select "Tasks" and then "Alumnae Hope for the Future Award"
- It is strongly recommended that nominators do not wait until the intended date of submission to access the online application for the first time
- Online applications do not have to be completed in one sitting. You may save and revisit your application until submission is complete.
- The online application supports uploads in the following formats:
  - o .pdf
  - $\circ$  .doc and .docx
  - o .xls and .xlsx
  - o all other file formats should be converted to a pdf before uploading

#### Submitting the application:

- Applications may be submitted only by a Regional Alumnae Specialist, Alumnae Development Consultant or Fraternity Alumnae Director.
- Applications must be submitted online through Anchorbase.
- The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2020 (in the submitter's time zone). This is a firm deadline.