

The President's Award for  
Panhellenic Excellence  
Annually Awarded to Outstanding Sororities  
Emporia State University

**AWARD PACKET DUE BY 5:00pm on MARCH 13**

**\*\*\*Please type and submit in a 3-ring binder with tabs for each  
category \*\*\***

**THE AWARD**

The President's Award for Panhellenic Excellence is a plaque given to each honored chapter that met 22 of the 23 criteria. Chapters receiving the award are announced at the Greek Awards Presentation during Greek Week.

**THE QUALIFICATIONS**

To qualify as a recipient of the President's Award, a chapter must meet 22 of the 23 specified criteria for which the award is presented. **There is no predetermined number of sororities eligible to receive the award each year.** Any chapter meeting the criteria is in fact an excellent sorority, one of which both its members and its university can be proud.

**CRITERION**

There are 23 award criteria in 8 major areas of chapter programming: SCHOLARSHIP, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT, NEW MEMBER EDUCATION, ALUMNAE RELATIONS, RECRUITMENT, and GENERAL.

Criteria must all be achieved within the allotted time period. This period will be indicated for each area of the award.

**SELECTION**

Chapters should maintain documentation of their progress toward the President's Award. Forms will be distributed to all chapters and should be turned into the Panhellenic Vice-President after the criterion is completed. A form should be turned in for each criterion for your chapter to be considered. The selection committee will be composed of the Panhellenic President, Vice-President, and the Greek Advisor(s).

# The Criterion

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### **CATEGORY ONE: SCHOLARSHIP**

**\*\*\*This section will be completed by the Selection Committee\*\*\***

This category is judged for a calendar year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the grades examined are those of the Spring and the Fall of '08.

1. # Sororities must have maintained an overall grade point average above the all-women's average for the spring and the fall semester of the previous calendar year.
2. **80%** of all new members pledged during each semester of the award period must have achieved a **2.20 g.p.a.** during the semesters of pledging.

### **CATEGORY TWO: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

This category is judged for the current school year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the criteria examined is that that has been completed either Fall of '08 or Spring of '09.

3. The chapter must hold an officer training and transition program. On the form, please be specific about what this program entailed.
4. The chapter must sponsor an all-chapter retreat annually. This retreat should include such things as goal setting, problem solving, and improvements for the chapter as a whole. Please provide an agenda or minutes.

### **CATEGORY THREE: EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

This category is judged for the current school year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the criteria examined is that that has been completed either Fall of '08 or Spring of '09.

5. # The chapter must sponsor at least one community service project **each semester**. This cannot include the community service project sponsored by PHA. Please provide the hours of the community service, the names of women who attended and a brief description of the event.

6. The chapter must provide any written communication to the parents of new members orienting them to relevant information about the chapter and the new member program. Please provide a copy.
7. During **each semester** of the award period, at least **3** faculty or staff members must be present at a chapter event. Faculty members need not all be present at the same time. Faculty members serving as advisors to the chapter do not qualify for the criterion. Please provide the names of the faculty or staff members present and what event they attended on the form. Be specific about what date the event was on.

Example:

President Lane                      Chapter Dinner                      November 4, 2008

### **CATEGORY FOUR: CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT**

This category is judged for the current school year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the criteria examined is that that has been completed either Fall of '08 or Spring of '09.

8. At least **80%** of the initiates must be actively involved in campus organizations and related activities/programs, not including intramurals. Please **provide a list** of each member and the organizations they are involved in and attach it to the form.
9. The chapter will support at least one campus relations activity (other Greek organization event, UAC speaker or event, athletic events, etc...) during the award period. Provide evidence that 90% of the chapter was in attendance at the event. For example, if the chapter chose to attend the UAC Talent Show, provide a copy of the program and a list of all members in attendance, or if your Dad's day included going to a football game, provide the invitation that was sent to your dads and a list of the women who attended the game.

### **CATEGORY FIVE: NEW MEMBER EDUCATION**

**\*\*\*Number 10 will be completed by the Selection Committee\*\*\***

This category is judged for the current school year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the criteria examined is that that has been completed either Fall of '08 or Spring of '09.

10. At least **80%** of all new members pledged by October 1<sup>st</sup> must be initiated within five months.

11. The chapter must follow a written and constructive new member education program to initiation, which includes absolutely no hazing. Provide a copy of your written program and a list of events or schedule. Note: a summary of what is covered for the new member program does not qualify.
12. # New members, including those pledging in the Spring, must participate in at least one education program to be selected from the following topics: EATING DISORDERS, ALCOHOL AWARENESS, RELATIONSHIPS, MULTICULTURALISM, ACQUAINTANCE RAPE, SCHOLARSHIP/TIME MANAGEMENT, ETIQUETTE, AIDS, and RESUME WRITING/INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES.

### **CATEGORY SIX: RECRUITMENT**

**\*\*\*Number 14 will be completed by the Selection Committee\*\*\***

This category is judged for the current school year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the criteria examined is that that has been completed either Fall of '08 or Spring of '09.

13. \*Chapters must conduct an appropriate recruitment education program for all chapter members and all chapter members should be actively involved with the recruitment process.
14. \*The chapter must comply with all recruitment rules set by the Emporia State University's Panhellenic Association.

### **CATEGORY SEVEN: ALUMNAE RELATIONS**

This category is judged for the current school year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the criteria examined is that that has been completed either Fall of '08 or Spring of '09.

15. The undergraduate members must publish a chapter newsletter for alumnae at least once during the award period. Please attach a copy.
16. \*There must be at least one alumna present at a minimum of one party during the formal recruitment period. Please list who it was and what event they attended.

### **CATEGORY EIGHT: GENERAL**

**\*\*\*Number 17 will be completed by the Selection Committee\*\*\***

This category is judged for the current school year. For example, if Greek Banquet is in the Spring of '09, then the criteria examined is that that has been completed either Fall of '08 or Spring of '09.

17. The chapter must have had regular attendance by their delegate(s) and assistant delegate(s) at 90% of the Panhellenic Association meetings.
18. The chapter must be in good standing with the general fraternity, Emporia State University, and the appropriate Greek governing council during the award period. Chapter must provide written correspondence form Nationals confirming the Chapters good standing. **\*\*\*Selection committee will complete other two parts\*\*\***
19. \*Chapters who have houses must demonstrate good housekeeping methods and house appearance and the grounds must be in excellent conditions. Be specific about this process when filling out the form. How do you keep the house clean? Do you have a house manager? What are her duties?
20. The following policies must be read and posted at the beginning of each semester: Emporia State University's hazing and pranking policies. The appropriate forms from these policies must be signed and turned into the Greek Advisor(s) within two weeks of receiving them. Please provide a copy of your minutes from the dates that these policies were read to the chapter.
21. A PHA/IFC grade release form must be completed and turned into the Greek Advisor(s) for each new member within two weeks of pledging. **\*\*\*Number 21 will be completed by the Selection Committee\*\*\***
22. All Panhellenic dues must be paid in full to the PHA Treasurer by the designated time. **\*\*\*Number 22 will be completed by the Selection Committee\*\*\***
23. Chapters must have 1/3 attendance at least 90% of all PHA sponsored events. Please make a list of women in attendance of each event and attach it to the form.

If criterion has a pound sign (#), the chapter needs to do these both semesters.

If criterion has an asterisk (\*), Beta Lambda Alpha is excluded from the specific criteria.

Remember, it never hurts to be too specific. You don't want to be under qualified because your description was too vague. If you have questions please ask your chapter President or the Panhellenic Vice President.

A form must be filled out for each criterion! Thank you and GOOD LUCK!

**CATEGORY TWO: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

3. Officer Training Date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe in detail the training and transition program

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4. All-Chapter annual retreat Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provide an agenda or minutes

**CATEGORY THREE: EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

5. Community Service Project Fall Semester Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours \_\_\_\_\_

Names of women

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Detail description of event

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6. Correspondence to Parent's of New Members. Please provide a copy



9. Provide program or invitation for event and list of members who attended  
Member's Name

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**CATEGORY FIVE: NEW MEMBER EDUCATION**

12. Topic of Educational Program \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Program \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief description of Program

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**CATEGORY SIX: RECRUITMENT**

13. Topic of Recruitment Program \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Program \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief description of Program

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**CATEGORY SEVEN: ALUMNAE RELATIONS**

16. Name of Alumna Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruitment event \_\_\_\_\_

