



Florida Greek Awards 2026 Application Packet

The University of Florida Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life's Greek Awards ceremony is a prestigious event celebrating the outstanding achievements and contributions of our Greek community. We look forward to recognizing the efforts and positive impacts our Greek members, chapters, and advisors make each day to upholding our values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Community.

This application packet provides a breakdown of chapter level and individual level awards offered this year. Below you will find all individual and chapter awards listed along with the description of the award, eligibility, judging criteria, and materials required.

Application Timeline

The application packet and form can be found at <https://greeks.ufl.edu/greekawards/>.

- Award Packet Published: November 3, 2025
- Application Form Published: November 10, 2025
- Application Deadline: January 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. EST
- Greek Awards Banquet: April 8, 2026

If you have specific questions or concerns about the Greek Awards application process, please email Sarah Liu at sarah.liu@ufl.edu and kaylamyers@ufl.edu or call the SFL Office at 352-846-3171.

Award Information

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Please be advised that while applications are accepted, your individual and chapter's standing with the University of Florida will be taken into consideration up until the Greek Awards Banquet.



Individual Awards

These awards recognize individuals who go above and beyond to embody the values of the UF Sorority and Fraternity community. Applicants can self-nominate for all individual awards with the exception of the Advisor of the Year Award and House Director of the Year.

Individual Awards are as follows:

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Greek Person of the Year

The following 4 Greek Person of the Year Awards are meant to recognize individuals who represent their chapter and/or the Sorority and Fraternity Community at UF through the values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Community. These members exemplify the true meaning of being Greek and set the standard for the community.

- **Interfraternity Council (IFC) Buddy MacKay Greek Member of the Year:** The Buddy MacKay Award is given to the Interfraternity Council's Man of the Year. Buddy MacKay has served in many roles throughout his life, including state representative, senator, congressman and Lt. Governor of Florida. Buddy MacKay has made it his priority to focus and improve the quality of Florida's schools, make Florida's neighborhoods safe, and preserve and protect Florida's environment. This award is designed to honor an outstanding member of the Interfraternity Council who, like Buddy MacKay, displays outstanding scholarship, service, and leadership to the entire Florida community striving to further develop Buddy MacKay's dedicated commitment to education and to promoting safe and inclusive environment within the campus community. Interfraternity Council (IFC) Greek Member of the Year will demonstrate a commitment to Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Risk Management and Community. **(IFC MEMBERS ONLY)**
- **Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) William Santiago Greek Member of the Year:** As a member of the Phi Chapter of Lambda Theta Phi, William Santiago helped create the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) at the University of Florida. William's vision and passion was providing a stronger community of support for students interested in cultural appreciation. He carved a path for many of the MGC Greek chapters to exist today at UF. The recipient of the William Santiago award shares his great passion and determination as well as strives to continually improve both the Multicultural Greek Council and the Florida Greek community. Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) Greek Member of the Year will demonstrate a commitment to Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Risk Management and Community. **(MGC MEMBERS ONLY)**
- **National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Samuel Taylor Greek Member of the Year:** Samuel Taylor was the first Black University of Florida student to be elected Student Body Vice President in 1971 and went on to become the first Black student elected Student Body President in 1972. He was very instrumental during his time at the University of Florida, especially his participation in "Black Thursday," which was a sit-in held in 1971 by Black UF students who demanded an increase in minority representation on the campus. Additionally, Samuel Taylor was key in creating the African American studies program at UF. Taylor was dedicated to the betterment of the Black community at the University of Florida and strived for excellence in his field. The recipient of this award has a similar determination for his or her community. He or she deserves special recognition for the traits and accomplishments that come along with these qualities. National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Greek Member of the Year will demonstrate a commitment to Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Risk Management and Community. **(NPHC MEMBERS ONLY)**
- **Panhellenic Council (PC) Dr. Helen Mamarchev Greek Member of the Year:** As the former Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Florida, Dr. Helen Mamarchev founded the Women's Leadership Conference out of a need for programming at the University of Florida, especially for bright young women. This award is designed to honor an outstanding member of the Panhellenic Council who, like Dr. Mamarchev, displays outstanding scholarship, service, and leadership to the entire



Florida community striving to further develop Dr. Mamarchev's vision of education and promoting outstanding woman leaders and role models for the campus community. Panhellenic Council (PC) Greek Member of the Year will demonstrate a commitment to Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Risk Management and Community. **(PC MEMBERS ONLY)**

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Applicants must be in good standing with the University and their respective Greek council.
- ☐ Applicants must not have been found responsible for violating the student code of conduct between January 1, 2025-April 9, 2026.
- ☐ Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 based on Fall 2025 grades.
- ☐ Applicants must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter at the time of application.
- ☐ Applicant's chapter must be in good standing with its council, Sorority and Fraternity Life, and the University of Florida.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Practices the 4 values (scholarship, leadership, service, and community) of the Florida Greek community as well as those of their chapter.
- ☐ Represents the legacy of the honorary's story (Buddy Mackay, Dr. Helen Mamarchev, William Santiago, or Samuel Taylor).
- ☐ Participation in chapter and council level leadership and Florida Greek community events.

Application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. An involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation that describes why you deserve this award from one of the following: chapter advisor, SFL community member, UF faculty/staff, etc.
4. A statement which thoughtfully answers the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. How do you practice and or exemplify the four core values of the Greek community (scholarship, leadership, service, and community), as well as the values of your chapter.
 - b. How do you represent the qualities of the person for which this award is named. In other words, how have you lived the legacy of the person for which this award is named?



James E. Scott Living the Ritual Award

James E. Scott spent his career teaching and serving others. Beginning his career as a high school teacher and guidance counselor, Dr. Scott became Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Florida in September 1999. He quickly gained a reputation as someone students could trust, someone who promoted respect in addition to providing it to students. The Living the Ritual Award is given to the most outstanding member of the Florida Greek community who throughout her/his academic career has not only promoted the ideals of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Community but also the values of her/his individual chapter.

No application is necessary for this award. Eight (8) semi-finalists of the Greek Person of the Year award (2 per council) will be contacted to schedule an interview.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Must apply for respective council's Greek Person of the Year award.
- ☐ Must be a semi-finalist for Greek Person of the Year award.

Frank Maturo Outstanding Greek Scholar

As both a former University of Florida professor and fraternity advisor, Dr. Maturo inspired students to strive for a higher academic standard. Like Dr. Maturo, the recipient of this award will be someone who has excelled academically while devoting time to remain a highly active member of the Greek community.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Applicants must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and their respective Greek council.
- ☐ Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 based on Fall 2025 grades.
- ☐ Applicants must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter at the time of application.
- ☐ Applicant's chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at UF.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Shows dedication to the first value of the Florida Greek community: Scholarship.
- ☐ Promote academic excellence across the chapter and/or Florida Greek community.

Application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. An involvement resume.
3. Please list your current cumulative GPA.
4. A letter of recommendation that describes why you deserve this award from one of the following: chapter advisor, SFL community member, UF faculty/staff, etc.
5. A statement which thoughtfully answers the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. How have you been dedicated to the Greek community value of scholarship and promoted academic excellence within your chapter and/or the Florida Greek community?

Dr. Michael Bowie Greek Community Involvement Award

Dr. Michael Bowie has served the Greek community in a variety of capacities. Most notably, he was elected the youngest President in the history of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Dr. Bowie's level of involvement is incredible, including serving as the National Treasurer of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., Florida State Keeper of Records & Seal of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Past President of the Gainesville Council of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Advisor to the NPHC at the University of Florida. All these accomplishments are a great inspiration to all. In the spirit of Dr. Bowie's outstanding service to the Greek community, this award will be presented to a dedicated and involved member of the Greek community.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Applicants must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and their respective Greek council.
- ☐ Applicants must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter at the time of application.
- ☐ Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 as of Fall 2025.
- ☐ Applicant's chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at UF.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Demonstrates a high level of involvement in various areas of the Florida Greek community.
- ☐ Demonstrates quality of leadership given to the position(s).
- ☐ Positive impact of applicant's involvement of the Florida Greek community

Application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. An involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation that describes why you deserve this award from one of the following: chapter advisor, SFL community member, UF faculty/staff, etc.
4. A statement which thoughtfully answers the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. How have you demonstrated quality leadership through your involvement and how has it made a positive impact on the Florida Greek community?

William E. Rion University Involvement Award

Dedicated to serving the student body, William E. Rion became the youngest Union Director in the nation in July 1948, just three years after he graduated from UF. He served as Director of the Florida Union for more than 50 years, seeing it move from Dauer Hall during the 1960s to its Museum Road location now known as the J. Wayne Reitz Union. While serving as Director, Rion fostered student involvement on campus by providing available spaces for various activities at the Florida Union that promoted diversity, leadership, and scholarship. The University Involvement Award is designed to honor a student who exemplifies the true meaning of being an involved member of the University of Florida through various activities and commitments.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Applicants must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and their respective Greek council.
- ☐ Applicant's chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at the UF.



- ☐ Applicants must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter at the time of application.
- ☐ Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 as of Fall 2025.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Demonstrates high level of involvement in various areas of campus and surrounding community.
- ☐ Demonstrates quality of leadership given to the experiences/position(s).
- ☐ Positive impact of applicant's involvement on the UF and surrounding community.

Application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. An involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation that describes why you deserve this award from one of the following: chapter advisor, SFL community member, UF faculty/staff, etc.
4. A statement which thoughtfully answers the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. How have you demonstrated quality leadership that has positively impacted the UF and/or surrounding community through your involvement experiences?

Frances Reitz Leadership and Service Award

While her husband J. Wayne Reitz served as President of the University of Florida, Frances Reitz made a name for herself by devoting her time and energy to serving the community. In addition to all her volunteer efforts, she also created the Friends of Music organization at the University of Florida. This award will be presented to an individual who also possesses a love of service and understands the importance of serving the University of Florida and Gainesville communities.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Applicants must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and their respective Greek council.
- ☐ Applicant's chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at UF.
- ☐ Applicants must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter at the time of application.
- ☐ Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 as of Fall 2025.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Dedication to the Florida Greek community value of Service.
- ☐ Promotes the need for service across the chapter and community.
- ☐ Has helped in the creation of helpful service-related programs/projects/policies.

Application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. An involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation that describes why you deserve this award from one of the following: chapter advisor, SFL community member, UF faculty/staff, etc.
4. A statement which thoughtfully answers the following questions (500-word max):



- a. How have you been dedicated to the Greek community value of Service, and how have you promoted this value within your chapter and/or the Florida Greek community?

New Member of the Year

This award is to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions and achievements made by a new member within the Sorority and Fraternity community at UF. This award aims to encourage and motivate new members to actively participate, excel, and make a positive impact during their initial period of involvement. It serves to acknowledge their dedication, enthusiasm, and valuable contributions to their chapter, council, and overall community. There will be 1 new member selected from each council.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Applicants must have been a new member in the Spring 2025 or Fall 2025.
- ☐ Applicants must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and their respective Greek council.
- ☐ Applicant's chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at UF.
- ☐ Applicants must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter at the time of application.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Demonstrates leadership skills and future potential as a leader within their chapter, council, and overall community.
- ☐ Demonstrates a commitment to the Greek pillars and chapter pillars/values.
- ☐ Participation as a new member in their chapter or council.
- ☐ Embodies the values of the organization they are a member of

Application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. An involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation that describes why you deserve this award from one of the following: chapter advisor, chapter executive board member, SFL community member, UF faculty/staff, etc.
4. A statement which thoughtfully answers the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. How have you been involved within the chapter, council, and on campus/in the community since joining your organization?
 - b. How have you demonstrated the values/pillars of your organization?
 - c. What is one goal that you have for your future as a member of your chapter and/or Greek community? What is your plan to achieving this goal?

Council Executive Member of the Year

This award is meant to honor and commend a member from each of the four council's executive boards who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and effectiveness in their role. It is to acknowledge the individual's significant contributions to the council's success, growth, and positive impact on the community.

This award will be awarded at Greek Awards 2026. Council Executive Members will be nominated by their council's respective president rather than be required to apply.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Nominees must have served on one of the four councils executive boards within the time frame of Spring 2025 - Fall 2025.
- ☐ Nominees must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
- ☐ Nominees' chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at UF.
- ☐ Nominees must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Dedication to strengthening community and enhancing the fraternal experience.
- ☐ Demonstrates exemplary leadership skills within their council and the overall community, fostering a positive environment.
- ☐ Active involvement in various events, programs, and initiatives of the sorority and fraternity community at UF.

The Council President shall submit an application on behalf of the nominee. The application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo of the nominee (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. The nominee's involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation from the nominator describing how the nominee went above and beyond the expectations of their role on the council executive board.

Council Director of the Year

This award is meant to honor and commend a member from each of the four council's directors board who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and effectiveness in their role. It is to acknowledge the individual's significant contributions to the council's success, growth, and positive impact on the community.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Nominees must have served as a Director on one of the four councils within the time frame of Spring 2025 - Fall 2025.
- ☐ Nominees must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
- ☐ Nominees' chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at UF.
- ☐ Nominees must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter.



Award Criteria:

- ☐ Dedication to strengthening community and enhancing the fraternal experience.
- ☐ Demonstrates exemplary leadership skills within their council and the overall community, fostering a positive environment.
- ☐ Active involvement in various events, programs, and initiatives of the sorority and fraternity community at UF.

A Council Executive Board member shall submit an application on behalf of the nominee. The application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo of the nominee (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. The nominee's involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation from the nominator describing how the nominee went above and beyond the expectations of their role on the council director board.

Chapter President of the Year

This award is meant to recognize and honor the outstanding leadership and contributions of the chapter presidents within the UF Sorority and Fraternity community. It highlights the presidents' exceptional qualities, dedication, and achievements in leading the chapter and fostering a positive, impactful, and thriving community.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Applicant must have served at least 1 term as Chapter President between Fall 2024-Fall 2025.
- ☐ Applicant must be an enrolled UF student in good standing with the University and its respective Greek council.
- ☐ Applicant's chapter must be registered as a social fraternity or sorority at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Applicant must be an active member of an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PC chapter at the time of application.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Sets the precedent of leadership within their chapter, respective council, and overall community.
- ☐ Dedication to advancing the fraternal movement and continuous improvement of Greek life.
- ☐ Dedication to fostering unity and collaboration

Application should include:

1. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
2. An involvement resume.
3. A letter of recommendation that describes why you deserve this award from one of the following: member of your council's executive board, chapter advisor, chapter executive board member, chapter member, SFL community member, UF faculty/staff, etc.
4. A statement which thoughtfully answers the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. What was the biggest obstacle in your role as chapter president, and how did you overcome that obstacle? What did you learn?
 - b. How has your chapter and the community as a whole benefited from your leadership?
 - c. How has being chapter president shaped your personal and professional development?

Advisor of the Year

The chapter advisors to our fraternities and sororities are incredible resources. These individuals sacrifice their time to share personal experiences and knowledge about the importance of being a values-based Greek organization. The Advisor of the Year not only encompasses all these traits but exceeds all expectations of the position and deserves special recognition for his or her continual commitment to the Florida Greek community. Only 1 Advisor of the Year award will be granted.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Dedication to promoting the success of the respective chapter
- ☐ Dedication to developing leaders within the chapter.
- ☐ Dedication to promoting a values-based organization.
- ☐ Promotes and models ethical leadership and healthy chapter membership.

Nomination should include:

1. Name of Advisor that you are nominating.
2. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo of the chapter advisor (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
3. A statement with thoughtfully-written responses to the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. How does your advisor promote the success of your chapter and a values-based organization?
 - b. How does your advisor promote and model ethical leadership?

House Director of the Year

The House Directors to our IFC fraternities and PC sororities serve a unique role, providing support, guidance, and comfort to our members. The House Director of the Year goes above and beyond the expectations of the position and deserves special recognition for his or her continual commitment to their residents and the Florida Greek community. Only 1 House Director of the Year award will be awarded.

Award Criteria:

- ☐ Dedication to the management and upkeep of the chapter facility
- ☐ Provides a residential experience that is safe and conducive to learning
- ☐ Shows commitment to promoting a living/learning community that aligns with the values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Community

Nomination should include:

1. Name of House Director that you are nominating.
2. A high-quality electronic professional headshot photo of the House Director (to be used in the slideshow during the award ceremony).
3. A statement with thoughtfully-written responses to the following questions (500-word max):
 - a. How does your House Director provide an excellent residential experience to your members that aligns with the values of the Florida Greek community on top of exceeding expectations in the management of the chapter facility?



Chapter Excellence Awards

There are 9 classifications of excellence that chapters may apply for as recognition of their hard work in various areas of the chapter. Each Excellence Award Category will have 1 finalist per council, 1 Overall Sorority Winner, and 1 Overall Fraternity Winner.

If your chapter intends to apply for Chapter of the Year, the Chapter must apply to at least 7 of 9 classifications of excellence.

Chapter Excellence Award Categories are as follows:

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Excellence in Community Collaboration

To recognize chapter(s) who have made conscious efforts in collaborating with another Greek organization(s), registered student organization(s), and/or campus departments in the brainstorming, planning, implementation, and evaluation of a program or activity.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the collaboration
- ☐ Benefit of collaboration to the Florida Greek community or chapters

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of the event or program.
2. A list of all chapters/organizations involved in the event or program.
3. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (500 words or less):
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to: target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe purpose of the collaboration and goals of the program.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact on the community.

Excellence in Cross-Council Collaboration

To recognize chapter(s) who have made conscious efforts in collaborating with another Greek organization outside of their council in the brainstorming, pre-planning, implementation, and evaluation of a program/activity/stated goal.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the collaboration



- ☐ Benefit of collaboration to the Florida Greek community or chapters

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of the event or program.
2. A list of all chapters involved in the event or program.
3. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (500 words or less):
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe purpose of the collaboration and goals of the program.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact to the community.

Excellence in Scholarship Programming

An effective scholarship program is essential to maintaining the high academic values we hold in sororities and fraternities. The recipient of this award has established a practice or written program that successfully supports this value and helps the chapter to maintain high academic performance and standards.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapter must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the collaboration
- ☐ Ability of program to support academic achievement within the organization

Applications should include:

1. Name of the program or academic initiative.
2. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (500 words or less):
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe purpose and goals of the program and how it relates to your organization's mission, vision, and/or values.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact to chapter's academic achievement record.



Excellence in Educational Programming

To recognize a chapter that shows an outstanding commitment to the continuous life-long learning process of its members and/or community through educational programming. The chapter has taken a proactive approach to education by establishing a program that effectively engages its members through a membership development plan.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the collaboration
- ☐ Benefit of the program to the Florida Greek community and/or chapter members

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of the event or program.
2. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (500 words or less):
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to: target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe purpose and goals of the program and how it relates to your organization's mission, vision, and/or values.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact to the Florida Greek community and/or chapter members.



Excellence in Civic Engagement

Service is one of the four core values within the Florida Greek community. The chapter receiving this award has developed an innovative program that provides a service to the community while educating its members throughout the process. Effective programs like this are necessary to promote healthy relationships between the Florida Greek community and the surrounding Gainesville area.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the collaboration
- ☐ Benefit of collaboration to the Florida Greek community or chapters
- ☐ Education on social issue and/or reflection at the project/program

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of event/program.
2. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (500 words or less):
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe the purpose and goals of the program and how it relates to your organization's mission, vision, and/or values.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact to the community. Describe how the chapter provided opportunities for the community/attendees to learn about or reflect on the impact of the project or program.



Excellence in Philanthropic Initiatives

To recognize chapters who display the utmost altruistic behavior with raising funds or products to benefit philanthropy/non-profit. The program or activity has significantly contributed to those in attendance through engagement and education. It is open to the Florida Greek community as well as the surrounding community.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.
- ☐ Chapter must abide by the ARB constitution (this applies to IFC and PC chapters only).

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the collaboration
- ☐ Benefit of program to the community
- ☐ Education on social issue and/or reflection at the project/program

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of the event or program.
2. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (500 words or less):
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to: target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe the purpose and goals of the program and how it relates to your organization's mission, vision, and/or values.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact to a community.
 - d. Describe how the chapter provided opportunities for the community/attendees to learn about or reflect on the impact of the project or program.



Excellence in Membership Development

To recognize chapters that continue the education of their members beyond the new member education process. This award targets the chapters that are providing opportunities for their members to work on their development both professionally and personally; while also reflecting on how this relates to their mission, vision, and/or core values. This also includes providing resources for members to accurately advertise their fraternal experience.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the program
- ☐ Personal and professional development opportunities
- ☐ Benefit of the program to the Florida Greek community or chapters

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of the event or program.
2. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (750 words or less):
 - a. Describe 1-2 programs/initiatives your chapter provides members to continue their personal and professional development past their new member education.
 - b. Describe the purpose and goals of the program(s) and how it relates to your organization's mission, vision, and/or values.
 - c. Describe how your chapter holistically develops all levels of membership for the duration of their collegiate experience and beyond.
 - d. Describe how the opportunities provided to your members prepare them to be excellent contributing members to the UF and Florida Greek communities.

Excellence in Leadership Programming

To recognize chapters that provide leadership programming for their members whether this be internally or externally that benefit both the individual and the chapter.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.



Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the program
- ☐ Leadership development opportunities
- ☐ Benefit of the program to the Florida Greek community or chapters

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of the event or program (500 words or less).
2. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions:
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe the purpose and goals of the program and how it relates to your organization's mission, vision, and/or values.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact on chapter members' leadership development and the chapter's leadership record.

Excellence in Health and Wellness Programming

To recognize and celebrate chapters that have demonstrated exceptional effort in promoting holistic health and wellness of their members. It aims to encourage a positive and healthy lifestyle within the Sorority and Fraternity community at UF.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapters involved in the collaboration must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization.
- ☐ Event/program must have taken place between January 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Award Criteria:

Programs will be judged on the following criteria:

- ☐ Creativity of the project/program/event
- ☐ Demonstration of intentionality and purpose of the program
- ☐ Benefit of the program to the Florida Greek community or chapters

Applications should include:

1. Name, location, and date of the event or program.
2. Provides thoughtful responses to the following questions (500 words or less)
 - a. Describe the program/event including but not limited to target audience, activities, location, collaborators, etc.
 - b. Describe purpose and goals of the program and how it relates to your organization's mission, vision, and/or values.
 - c. Describe how the program/event made a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community.



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Chapter of the Year

Chapter of the Year is the highest distinction that a chapter can receive from the Sorority and Fraternity Community at UF. The chapters receiving this award exemplify the Florida Greek community's four core values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Community. They have gone above and beyond the minimum standards set for them and have excelled in an array of areas throughout our community. It can be awarded to one chapter from each of the 4 governing councils.

Award Eligibility:

- ☐ Chapter must apply to at least 7 of 9 categories of excellence.
- ☐ Chapter must be a registered and active student organization at the University of Florida.
- ☐ Chapter must be in good standing with the University, respective Greek Council, and (inter)national organization. This includes compliance with Florida Greek Standards. Chapters who did not meet accreditation for the 2024-2025 FGS cycle (e.g. Provisional Chapter) will not be eligible to apply for Chapter of the Year.

Application will include:

1. Chapter Name
2. Verification that your chapter applied for all nine of the categories
3. Provides thoughtfully-written responses to the following questions:
 - a. In the past year, how has your chapter gone above and beyond to innovatively exemplify the UF Greek Community's pillars of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Community? (500 words or less)
 - b. What significant and innovative contributions has your chapter made to the community? (500 words or less)
 - c. Describe 1-2 major goals the chapter set out to accomplish. How did your chapter work to meet and/or exceed these goals? (500 words or less)
 - d. Describe a significant challenge that your chapter faced this year. How did your chapter overcome this to improve your chapter operations, culture, etc.? (500 words or less)