



# **Phi Kappa Psi Grand Chapter Award Application**

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Brothers,

It is once again time for our best and brightest chapter to shine. The 2023 Grand Chapter Award recognizes the chapter that best illustrates the ideals, values and mission of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. In your application, you will have the opportunity to illustrate why your chapter should be the Grand Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi which will be awarded at the 2023 District Council Meetings. In addition to the Grand Chapter Award, there will be 5 runners-up who will receive a Chapter Excellence Award.

### **All chapters are encouraged to apply.**

The chapter should make sure they are currently submitting all current minimum standards documents throughout the year. Review of your application will also take into consideration your chapter's performance with the minimum standards requirements.

We are excited to see each of your submissions and to hear of the success your chapter has earned over the past year!

### **Past Grand Chapter Award winners:**

- 2000** – Ohio Theta (Ashland University)
- 2001** – California Beta (Stanford University)
- 2002** – Iowa Alpha (University of Iowa)
- 2003** – Indiana Epsilon (Valparaiso University)
- 2004** – Kansas Alpha (University of Kansas)
- 2005** – California Beta (Stanford University)
- 2006** – New York Theta (Rochester Institute of Technology)
- 2007** – California Beta (Stanford University)
- 2008** – Iowa Alpha (University of Iowa)
- 2009** – Ohio Mu (University of Dayton)
- 2010** – California Beta (Stanford University)
- 2011** – Ohio Mu (University of Dayton)
- 2012** – New Jersey Epsilon (Rowan University)
- 2013** – New York Theta (Rochester Institute of Technology)
- 2014** – Indiana Delta (Purdue University)
- 2015** – Oregon Beta (Oregon State University)
- 2016** – Iowa Alpha (University of Iowa)
- 2017** – Pennsylvania Theta (Lafayette College)
- 2018** – New York Theta (Rochester Institute of Technology)
- 2019** – Iowa Beta (Iowa State University)
- 2020** – New York Theta (Rochester Institute of Technology)
- 2021** – Minnesota Beta (University of Minnesota)

2022 – Iowa Beta (Iowa State University)

## History of The Grand Chapter

The Grand Chapter Award is presented to the best overall chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. While many chapters excel in one area or another, the recipient of the Grand Chapter Award has successfully balanced its programming and produced outstanding results for its members in every facet of fraternity life.

The Grand Chapter Award honors the first form of national Phi Kappa Psi governance, whereby one chapter was selected on its superior merits to then govern all Phi Psi chapters during the period between national conventions (GAC). This chapter was considered the Grand Chapter of the Fraternity.

From 1852 until 1886, nine chapters served in this prestigious capacity and contributed greatly to the Fraternity's growth and development.

The adoption of a new constitution and government at a special 1886 Grand Arch Council in Indianapolis was a tribute to each Grand Chapter's strength as executive head in bringing Phi Kappa Psi to the magnitude and quality that demanded a more representative, democratic form of government.

Today, the chapter deserving the Grand Chapter Award shares the character of Phi Psi's first leading chapters and sets the pace for others across the country.

Phi Psi chapters that build and teach leadership skills in their members are often models for the campus fraternity system. Unlocking the potential to provide this guiding influence to the chapter or any group enhances the reputation of Phi Kappa Psi. It enables brothers and pledges to seek positions of authority outside the chapter. And, from these experiences, they expand their creativity, broaden their perspective and let their improved abilities flow back to the chapter.

No single deed makes a man a leader. No single brother makes a chapter a leader. Still, each deed, each man, each idea and each accomplishment add up to the sum we call leadership.

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## Application Requirements

- The chapter must submit a letter of recommendation from the university (Greek Advisor, Dean of Students, etc.).
- The chapter must submit a letter of recommendation from an alumnus who regularly supports the chapter (Chapter Advisor, Housing Corporation, etc.).

The remainder of the application is up to you. This is your chance to shine in whatever way the chapter sees fit. It is also an opportunity to be creative and utilize the unique talents that lie within your membership. There is no expected format (.pdf, .ppt, .mp4, etc.) or content requirement for your submission. Simply keep in mind that quality information is what the committee will be looking for.

We recommend providing evidence and information that best illustrates why you should be considered the best chapter in Phi Kappa Psi, whether it be service, philanthropy, membership development, academic performance or other areas of success. Please be mindful not to provide unnecessary information that will distract from the overall application.

The chapter must submit this material on the [Chapter Awards Page of the Phi Kappa Psi Website](#) by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to be considered for the award at the 2023 District Council Meetings. If you have any questions, please email us at [ChapterOperationsTeam@pkpfoundation.org](mailto:ChapterOperationsTeam@pkpfoundation.org).