

Merit Awards Information

The Fraternity salutes those individuals who exemplify excellence in their daily lives as expressed by our Creed, who demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ideals of the Legion of Honor, and whose pattern of performance on behalf of their Chapter and General Fraternity are a worthy example or model for others to follow. These individuals will have exhibited personal traits and demonstrated leadership, involvement, and overall achievement as contributions to the excellence of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliate Program

The major emphasis in the selection of a recipient for the Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliate Program will be evidence of performance in living an honorable life by upholding the ideals of Sigma Nu and influencing others to do the same. Additional evaluations will be based on demonstrated leadership in contributing to the progress and development of the applicant's chapter, fraternity, school, state, and nation.

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must be a Brother in good standing, graduating this academic year (either in the fall/winter – December/January – or during the traditional summer commencement period –May/June. Late summer graduates should apply at the end of the academic year following their graduation); whose active participation in the affairs of their chapter have been a noteworthy example; and whose personal traits, demonstrated leadership, involvement, and overall achievement, mark them as one who has contributed to the excellence of Sigma Nu at their college or university. The General Fraternity may consider all information available when reviewing applications for Fraternity awards. Such information may include financial and disciplinary records of the General Fraternity, if applicable.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Read all materials in the application packet, as well as these instructions, before completing the application.

Each applicant should submit a packet of materials containing:

1. **Application Form** – including a personal statement either submitted within the application form or as a separate attachment.
2. **Recommendation Letters** – (at least 3 are required) from individuals who can speak to their experience, accomplishments, and qualifications for this recognition (e.g., Chapter Advisor, College/University officials, Chapter officer). Letters may be submitted directly by recommenders.
3. **Chapter Endorsement** – form completed by the chapter's current Commander or Lt. Commander confirming the chapter's support of the applicant for the award sought and that the applicant is in good standing with the Chapter.
4. **High resolution photo of applicant** – digital headshot, at least 1MB in size.

Merit Awards

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- Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliates – current year graduates only
- Athlete of the Year
- Man of the Year
- Scholar of the Year
- Talent of the Year

Brothers may apply for multiple categories with a single application. If applying for multiple recognitions, at least one recommendation letter should address each select award category.

All materials must be received by April 30 (either in digital or hard copy).

Digital (Preferred)

headquarters@sigmanu.org

Hard Copy

Sigma Nu Awards Program

9 N. Lewis Street

P.O. Box 1869

Lexington, VA 24450

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to distribute the requested information to the appropriate parties.

The applicant should gather all requested documentation and forward all application information to

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- Athlete of the Year
- Man of the Year
- Scholar of the Year
- Talent of the Year

The major emphasis in the selection of a recipient for the Merit Awards is demonstrated excellence in one or more areas of leadership, scholarship, talent, and athletics. Additional evaluations will be based on extracurricular activities, dedication to Sigma Nu’s ideals, contribution to the progress and development of the chapter, school, Fraternity, state, and nation.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should be a collegiate Brother in good standing who has been active in his chapter and whose personal traits, demonstrated leadership, scholarship, talent, athletic achievement, and fraternity service mark him as one who has contributed to the excellence of Sigma Nu at his college or university. The General Fraternity may consider all information available when reviewing applications for Fraternity awards. *Such information may include financial and disciplinary records of the General Fraternity, if applicable.*

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5. **Official Transcript** – *Scholar of the Year applicants only.*

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Athlete and Talent of the Year Requirements

As athleticism and talent are subjective characteristics, the Fraternity will not be the first or sole determiner of ability.

Recommendation from an individual in the appropriate discipline and/or previous recognition from a related body – competition, conference, association, or publication – is necessary to certify qualification for the Athlete and Talent of the Year awards.