

Alumnae Crown Chapter Criteria

This award is given for attainment of the minimum standard of chapter excellence for each year of the biennium. The National Vice Presidents Alumnae recommend chapters to National Council, which selects the winners. A Chapter may receive a Crown Chapter Award by meeting all but two of the criteria listed below, providing the two missed are not in the same category. The following criteria have been adopted by National Council for the Alumnae Crown Chapter Award:

PROGRAMMING:

1. Sponsor a minimum of one activity per year to increase the public's awareness of our goals and purposes and to build a favorable attitude toward Zeta Tau Alpha. These activities could be in one or more of the following areas: leadership, service, community project, etc.
2. Maintain active membership and representation in the local alumnae Panhellenic.
3. Offer relevant and coordinated chapter programming.

FRATERNITY OPERATIONS:

1. Meet all requirements of a club, chapter, association or federation as listed in the *Guide for Alumnae*.
2. Maintain cooperative and regular contact with the District President.
3. Exhibit a positive attitude of cooperation with the Fraternity.
4. Submit complete, accurate and timely reports.
5. Abide by all policies of the Fraternity as stated in the *General Manual, Constitution & Bylaws of Zeta Tau Alpha, Guide for Alumnae* and updates as distributed by International Office.
6. Assist with Zeta Day when hosted in the area, and provide support with attendance and publicity.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. In addition to meeting the membership requirements, the group should attain a 10 percent annual increase in membership. If this is not possible because all alumnae in the community are members, the group will still qualify.

FINANCES:

1. Meet all financial responsibilities to the Fraternity in a timely manner.
2. Contribute to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation with a significant gift at or above Major Donor status during at least one year of the biennium.

COLLEGIATE SUPPORT:

1. When there is a local collegiate chapter:
 - a) Provide a functioning and cooperative Advisory Board, House Association or House Corporation.
 - b) Provide assistance with membership recruitment and other collegiate activities.
 - c) Hold a minimum of three alumnae-collegiate activities per year.
 - d) Have a functioning Reference Board or Key Woman who sends voluntary references and processes requests for Membership Information Sheets.
2. When there is not a local collegiate chapter:
 - a) Have a functioning Reference Board or Key Woman who sends voluntary references and processes requests for Membership Information Sheets from a collegiate chapter.
 - b) Provide a minimum of one alumnae-collegiate activity with local collegiate members and/or their mothers or parents.
 - c) Adopt a collegiate chapter through gifts, notes and visits.

THE CROWN CHAPTER AWARDS

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Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity proudly presents the Crown Chapter Awards each year to recognize collegiate and alumnae chapters that have attained the standard of excellence set by National Council. The awards can be earned year after year so long as a chapter qualifies.



Collegiate Crown Chapter Criteria

The Vice Presidents Collegiate recommend eligible chapters to National Council, which selects the winners. A chapter may receive a Crown Chapter Award by meeting all but two of the criteria listed below, provided the two missed are not in the same category. The following criteria have been adopted by National Council for the Collegiate Crown Chapter Award:

PROGRAMMING:

1. Maintain a scholastic achievement level of Commendable status or higher.
2. Offer relevant and coordinated chapter programming, including the following required programs: Responsible use of Alcohol; *A Promise to our New Members – No Hazing*, (required annually for Initiated members and at the beginning of each new member program); and Risk Management education (required each semester). In addition, four other Standards and Enrichment programs of the chapter's choosing must be offered. For Fraternity Education, two Rededication Services and the Founders' Day Service are to be conducted. In addition, at least one other Fraternity Education program of the chapter's choosing must be offered.
3. Complete all aspects of *LINKS (Guide for New Member Education)*, including Post-Initiate Education.
4. Establish, evaluate and make strides toward the achievement of chapter goals.
5. Contribute to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation with a significant gift at or above Major Donor status.

FRATERNITY OPERATIONS:

1. Maintain cooperative and regular contact with alumnae, Advisors and Province President.
2. Exhibit a positive attitude of cooperation with the National Fraternity.
3. Submit complete, accurate and timely reports as of June 1.
4. Abide by all policies of the Fraternity as stated in the *General Manual, Constitution & Bylaws of Zeta Tau Alpha* and updates distributed by International Office.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Attain maximum chapter size each quarter or semester.
2. Fill Quota during the Formal Recruitment period.
3. Initiate a minimum of 90 percent of those pledged.

FINANCES:

1. Meet all financial responsibilities to the Fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity Housing Corporation or Local House Corporation and the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation in a timely manner.
2. Submit complete, accurate and timely monthly financial reports.
3. Operate within the budget adopted by the chapter, maintaining fiscal strength.
4. Clear accounts receivable as of April 30.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Participate as a chapter in a well-rounded schedule of activities on campus and in the community.
2. Achieve a minimum of 90 percent participation by individual members in other organizations, with 20 percent of the chapter serving in leadership capacities.
3. Take part in a local or national service project with 100 percent participation.