

THE PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY

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SCHOLARS. LEADERS. ATHLETES. GENTLEMEN.

**PI KAPPA ALPHA  
INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY**

**INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**

*OVERVIEW, ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS*

## OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of Pi Kappa Alpha's International Awards program. The complete awards application will be sent to all chapters by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The awards program enhancements are:

- **The awards program reflects the Fraternity's values.** Successful applicant chapters will demonstrate their incorporation of Pi Kappa Alpha's Vision, Mission and Creed and consideration of the True Pike membership standard.
- **The awards program includes consideration of a chapter's year-end awards score.** This score measures a chapter's proficiency and is the basis for Pi Kappa Alpha's chapter programming.
- **The Robert Adger Smythe Awards are presented in three levels – *Champion, Legacy* and *Dynasty*** – in order to recognize and encourage perennial excellence.
- **The Harvey T. Newell Awards may now be awarded to multiple chapters.** Winning chapters will demonstrate significant overall improvement or perseverance through adversity.

## ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for all awards, *except recognition honors*, are as follows:

1. **The chapter has paid all Fraternity dues, fees and assessments.**
2. **The chapter's charter is in good standing.**
3. **The chapter has a signed copy of the *Standards* on file each academic term.**
4. **The chapter's awards application has been reviewed and approved by an accredited chapter advisor.**

## QUALIFICATIONS

An applying chapter that meets an award's qualifications will not necessarily receive the award. Instead, meeting the qualifications ensures that a chapter will be considered for an award amongst other qualifiers.

Many awards include an awards score as a qualifier. Awards qualifier scores will be calculated by the Fraternity's awards committee via the awards application – not from chapter consultant visits. The Chapter Visitation Analysis score provided to a chapter during its annual chapter consultant visit does not “qualify” or “disqualify” a chapter, it merely provides a snapshot of that chapter's performance during the time of the visit.

*For more information about the Fraternity's International Awards program, please contact the Directors of Chapter Services at the Memorial Headquarters or visit [www.pikes.org](http://www.pikes.org).*

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## Additional Qualifiers for Smythe and Orians Awards

The Awards Committee may also review, but is not limited to the follow:

1. Is the chapter GPA above the all-fraternity GPA average?
2. Where the chapter ranks on campus in size and initiations?
3. What is the chapter's new member retention rate?
4. Does the chapter actively engage alumni?
5. What is the chapter collections rate?
6. Has the chapter experienced any major *Standards* violations?
7. Does the chapter have written goals?
8. Where does the chapter rank on campus in athletics?
9. What percentage of the chapter's membership is involved in other campus organizations?
10. How many hours and dollars are logged per man?

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# THE ROBERT ADGER SMYTHE AWARDS

The Robert Adger Smythe Awards recognize overall chapter superiority and prominence. The chapters that win this award are tops on their campus and the “best of the best” amongst all of Pi Kappa Alpha. The qualifications for this award are as follows:

1. A year-end overall awards score of at least a 3.75 (out of 4.0)
2. An active membership level of at least 65 initiates
3. An alumni advisory board as deemed by regional president
4. Chapter representation at all Pike University events (including at least one Leadership Summit)

Chapters are recognized at three different Smythe levels:

- Champion** For chapters winning their first Smythe (non-consecutive)
- Legacy** For chapters winning their third consecutive Smythe Award
- Dynasty** For chapters winning their fifth or more consecutive Smythe Award

# THE RAYMOND L. ORIAN'S CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Awards recognize overall chapter excellence. The chapters that win this award are amongst the best on their campus and Pi Kappa Alpha's most competitive chapters. The qualifications for this award are as follows:

1. A year-end overall awards score of at least a 3.25 (out of 4.0)
2. An active membership of at least 50 initiates
3. An alumni advisory board as deemed by regional president
4. Chapter representation at all Pike University events (including at least one Leadership Summit)

# THE HARVEY T. NEWELL AWARDS

The Harvey T. Newell Awards recognize those chapters that have most significantly improved or persevered through adversity. The qualifications for this award are as follows:

1. A year-end overall awards score of at least a 2.75 (out of 4.0)
2. An accredited chapter advisor
3. A separate written description – not to exceed 500 words – of the chapter's improvement and/or perseverance during the past academic year.

# THE CHAPTER PROGRAMMING AWARDS

The Chapter Programming Awards recognize chapters for excellence in specific areas of chapter programming, sixteen areas in total. To qualify, chapters must score a year-end awards score of at least a 3.75 (out of 4.0) in the award category. Multiple winners may be awarded in each category.

The questions that follow are taken from the Chapter Consultant Visitation document (available at [www.PIKES.org](http://www.PIKES.org)). The awards application will focus on these same questions. In order to be considered for an award, applicant chapters should demonstrate how they have successfully addressed each component.

## AREA ONE: MEMBERSHIP

### Recruitment

- Rank in top three in recruitment on campus
- Year-round recruitment tactics
- Recruitment officer appointed
- Functioning recruitment committee
- Electronic recruitment database (“green book”)

### New Member Education

- Written new member education program
- 80% retention
- New member classes run own meetings
- New member education program eight weeks or less
- Ingress program for each new member class

### Continuing Education

- Host speakers addressing variety of issues
- Membership / brother’s handbook
- Education in personal development of members
- Education surrounding social awareness
- Education valuable to senior membership

### Alumni Relations

- Written alumni relations program
- Accredited chapter advisor
- Alumni database maintained
- Host regular alumni events (at least one/semester)
- Quality newsletter distributed to alumni

## AREA TWO: OPERATIONS

### Finances

- Utilize *Standard Budget(s)* (or equivalent)
- Promptly pay all fees and assessments to the International Fraternity
- Collect 90% of accounts receivable
- Monthly financial reports to membership
- Finance committee

### Housing (submitted to Real Estate Department under separate cover)

- House management committee
- Representative at house corporation meetings
- Participate in International Work Day
- Complete all of the *Operation Standards*
- Complete all of the *Condition Standards*

### Risk awareness

- Written risk awareness program
- Risk awareness committee
- Event checklist
- Written crisis management plan
- Complete the *Standards for Retention of Membership*

### Management

- Maintain calendar of events
- Weekly executive council meetings
- Regular retreats
- Goals documented and posted in a common area
- Functioning committee system

## AREA THREE: BROTHERHOOD

### Athletics

- Win overall intramural competition
- Win interfraternal athletic competitions
- Varsity and / or club athletes
- Recognize outstanding athletic achievement
- Support host institution's athletic program

### International Fraternity

- Attend Pike University events
- Complete *Chapter Year End Summary*
- Report pledgings, initiations, resignations, expulsions, and graduations
- Report officer and advisor elections
- Regular submissions to *Shield & Diamond*

### Ritual

- Ritual & regalia regularly maintained and in good condition
- Ritual used to open / close each meeting
- Ritual team
- Ritual memorized
- Ongoing Ritual education

### Accountability

- *True Pike Standard, Vision, Mission, and Creed* distributed to all members
- Members held accountable to chapter bylaws
- Chapter bylaws regularly revisited / updated
- Functioning judicial board
- Written judicial policy

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## **AREA FOUR: LEADERSHIP**

### **Scholarship**

- Chapter GPA above all-fraternity GPA
- Scholastic programming offered to members
- Enforce minimum GPA requirement
- Academic requirements prior to initiation
- Incentives for achievement in academics

### **Campus involvement**

- 80% of members in other campus organizations
- Minimum level of involvement expected of each member
- Weekly opportunities to become involved on campus presented
- Funds available for membership fees of prestigious campus organizations
- Sponsor and participate in events open to all students

### **Service / Philanthropy**

- Written community service / philanthropy program
- Minimum number of community service hours expected from each member / semester
- Host at least one community service project each semester
- Host at least one philanthropy project each semester
- Participate in other fraternity / sorority service projects

### **Public Relations**

- Written public relations program
- Functioning public relations committee
- Socially preferred by sororities
- Regular press releases to campus and community newspapers
- Up-to-date and professional website maintained

# RECOGNITION HONORS

*Chapters DO NOT have to meet the eligibility criteria for all awards in order to receive recognition honors.*

Chapters are also recognized for the following accomplishments; separate applications need not be made. At each International Convention and Academy, the Fraternity will present the following:

## **RECRUITMENT AWARDS**

100 Man Chapter Awards  
Level I, II, III Recruitment Awards

## **REAL ESTATE AWARDS**

International Work Day Awards (multiple categories awarded)  
House of the Year (quarterly winners announced during the academic year)  
Improvement Project of the Year

## **PIKE UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

Overall Chapter Participation  
Pike University Certification (individual recognition)

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Highest Chapter Grade Point Average  
Chapter 3.0 Grade Point Average

## **ALUMNI AWARDS** *(submit under separate cover)*

Alumni are recognized via the International Awards program in a number of ways.

*Separate applications will be available for these awards.*

At each International Convention and Academy, the Fraternity will present the following:

### **THE JUDGE ELBERT P. TUTTLE DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

### **THE LOYALTY AWARD**

At each International Convention and Academy, the Fraternity will present the following:

### **CHAPTER ADVISING AWARDS**

Chapter Advisor of Year  
Alumni Advisory Board of the Year

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

William R. Nester Awards for Outstanding Alumni Association  
Outstanding New Alumni Association Awards