

# THE ALPHA DELTA PHI

## *THE ORDER TO THE SWORD AND SPEAR*

Inaugurated in the 150th year of the Fraternity, the Order of the Sword and Spear is an annual award designating the most outstanding undergraduate brother for the academic year. The recipient is nominated by the chapter and is selected solely on the basis of his personal contribution to his Fraternity, his school, and his community. It is the highest honor the Fraternity can bestow on an undergraduate.

Your chapter is invited to nominate a candidate for this important award. It is recommended that the members of the chapter vote on their choice for nominee, considering fully each man's service to the chapter and campus, his abilities as a leader and his qualities as a brother. The award committee will seek out well-rounded men, those who best exemplify Samuel Eells' goal of developing "the entire man--moral, social, and intellectual".

The official rules for nomination are as follows:

- I Each chapter may annually nominate only one brother to be a Bearer of the Sword and Spear.
- II Any brother of junior or senior ranking may be nominated. Brothers of unchartered affiliates are eligible, but pledges are not.
- III To be considered for the Order, the following materials must be received on each candidate:
  - A. A complete description of activities listing Fraternity, college, community (including employment where relevant) and other miscellaneous activities, officers, and honors, with brief explanatory matters where necessary. Biographical data including age, address, and phone numbers must be provided.
  - B. A certified transcript of grades earned by the nominee at the school where the nominating chapter is located. While scholarship is not the chief qualification for this award, academic worthiness is required. Academic major, graduation, and post-graduate plans should be identified.
  - C. A professional quality (35mm) photograph of the nominee, preferably black-and-white and as large as is reasonable.
  - D. Letters of recommendation from the following individuals:

1. College Dean or University President, or campus Greek advisor or equivalent.
2. A member of the chapter's alumni corporation, or the chapter's faculty advisor. If neither of these is available, a letter will be accepted from an alumnus who is personally acquainted with the nominee.
3. Two or three other letters, at least two of whom must be undergraduates, preferably one from the nominee's graduating class and one from a younger class. Each of these letters must not exceed two pages in length.

**NOTE:** *All recommendations written by members of Alpha Delta Phi should indicate the writer's chapter and graduating year.*

- IV Items A, B and C (above) plus the undergraduate letters of recommendation must arrive together in the same envelope. Other letters may be sent with this packet or be sent separately. These persons should be provided with self-addressed, stamped envelopes for this purpose. Use of the attached Recommendation Form is encouraged.
- V All nominating materials must be postmarked no later than June 18, 2014. Materials should be sent to:
- The Alpha Delta Phi  
Awards Committee  
Order of the Sword and Spear  
6126 Lincoln Avenue  
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053
- VI The nominees will be reviewed by a committee of the Board of Governors. The recipient will be announced at the Annual Convention on Saturday, August 2nd, 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland.

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## Recommendation Form

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You are asked to recommend this man, characterizing him in terms of his forthright contributions, his qualities as a leader and Brother and his development into a well-rounded individual.

Individuals may return this letter to the applicant or forward it by June 18, 2014 to The Alpha Delta Phi, 6126 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

College or University \_\_\_\_\_