



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Southwestern Region
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AWARDS GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

NATIONAL AWARDS

All National Awards have been formatted to fit the “One Sigma” motto in which all 5 regions have aligned their National Award qualifications to be identical so that winners selected at the regional level are judged on the same criteria when forwarded for National recognition at the Boule.

Alumnae Awards

Sigma of the Year -Alumnae

The Alumnae Soror of the Year is nominated by her chapter for demonstrating outstanding leadership. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule 2022.

Required Documentation:

Completed Application (electronic)
Professional Headshot
Letter of Recommendation from Chapter
Sigma Resume
Letters of recommendation from outside organization

****Incomplete submissions will not be considered***

Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- Letter of Recommendation- Provide a 250-word letter of introduction from the nominating chapter supporting the recommendation with highlights as to why the nominee should be considered.
- Sigma Resume- Provide a listing of all sorority activities highlighting participation in national projects, offices held, sorority representation and specific awards given.

Community Service and Leadership activities. Provide detailed documentation of involvement in your community, co-sponsored events, leadership conferences, etc.

- Community Service Hours- for current sorority year
- Letters of recommendation- Provide at least two (2) letters of recommendation from outside of the organization.

Outstanding Alumnae Chapter of the Year

Given to the Alumnae Chapter judged as making the most impact in the community with an emphasis on the five essential programs. Particular attention will be paid to the objectives of programs, collaborations with local/national chapters and partners, community service and programs held in the community and their overall success for the 2021-2022 sorority year. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule 2022.

Required Documentation:

Completed Application (electronic)
Chapter Branded Photo
Letter of Recommendation from Basileus
Proof of Programs and Community Services
Proof of Charitable Organization
Proof of service provided to the community (i.e., copies of awards, letters received, proclamations, pictures, newspaper articles/clippings, etc.)

****Incomplete submissions will not be considered***



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Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- Chapter Growth (evidence of Retention, Recruitment and Reclamation)
- Community Involvement
- Chapter Relationship
- Scholarship Endeavors (did chapter raise the money themselves or did chapter get donations from outside entities, scholarship amounts given)
- Involvement with Undergraduates and/or Affiliates (if applicable)
- Quality and/or Frequency of sorority programs
- Youth Symposium, Founders' Day/Week programs and Sigma Commitment
- Branding efforts (chapter logo, website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok: provide handles)
- Collaborations (Greek Organizations, and outside organizations)
- Charitable Organizations supported
- 501c3 (provide name)
- Sister Share
- Community service hours
- Participation in the 5 Essential Programs

Dr. Rejesta V. Perry Project Reassurance Award

Shall be given each year of the Boule to the Chapter Reporting the most successful Project Reassurance Program. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule 2022.

Required Documentation:

Completed Application (electronic)
Chapter Branded Photo
Letter of Introduction
Letters of recommendation

****Incomplete submissions will not be considered***

Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- Introduction: Describe the health education effort displayed by the chapter and explain how your chapter partnered with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.
 - Explain the steps used to successfully plan the Project Reassurance Program, e.g., objectives of the program, dates of the activities proposed, detailed description of program, goals of the chapter, etc.
 - Explain how the chapter implemented a successful Project Reassurance Program.
 - Provide material must be documented with the name of the chapter, dates, objectives, and activities.
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Undergraduate Awards

Sigma of the Year (Undergraduate)

Sigma of the Year (Undergraduate) is nominated by her undergraduate chapter and/or graduate chapter advisor, who holds a 3.0 cumulative GPA (3.75 on a 5.0 scale) and who is recognized for her demonstration of outstanding leadership. Has high standards of character and reputation. The soror chosen as Sigma of the Year will receive a paid registration and room accommodations to the ALFV Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values/Black Leadership Conference. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule 2022.

Required Documentation:

Completed Application (electronic)
Professional Headshot
Letter of Introduction
Sigma Resume
Letters of recommendation

****Incomplete submissions will not be considered***

Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- Letter of Introduction- Provide letter of introduction to the nominated member from the nominating chapter supporting the recommendation with highlights as to why the nominee should be considered. A recent professional electronic photograph of the nominee is required.
 - Letters of recommendation- Provide (2) letters of recommendations: (1) from outside of the organization on the recommender's professional letterhead and (1) from either the Undergraduate Advisor or an Alumnae Soror in the advising chapter.
 - Sigma Resume- Provide a listing of all sorority activities highlighting participation in national projects, offices held, sorority representation at campus events and collaboration with other campus organizations/agencies/ clubs, local programming, membership initiatives that address R3 and participation/ support of region wide initiatives and any specific awards earned in the 2021-2022 sorority year.
 - School/Community Activities- Provide detailed documentation of your involvement on your campus, any specific awards earned, extracurricular activities co-sponsored events, leadership conferences, community service, local programming, membership initiatives that address R3 and participation/support of region wide initiative.
 - Transcript of GPA Documentation- Provide a copy of an unofficial transcript demonstrating scholastic achievement.
 - Proof of Additional organizational participation
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Undergraduate Chapter of the Year

Given to the Undergraduate Chapter judged as making the most impact in the community with an emphasis on the five essential programs. Particular attention will be paid to the objectives of programs, collaborations with local/national chapters and partners, community service and programs held in the community and their overall success for the 2021-2022 sorority year. The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule 2022.

Required Documentation:

Completed Application (electronic)
Chapter Branded Photo
Letter of Recommendation from Basileus
Proof of Programs and Community Services
Proof of Charitable Organization
Proof of service provided to the community (i.e.,
copies of awards, letters received, proclamations,
pictures, newspaper articles/clippings, etc.)
Chapter GPA documentation

****Incomplete submissions will not be considered***

Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- Chapter Growth (evidence of Retention, Recruitment and Reclamation)
- Community Involvement
- Chapter Relationship
- Quality and/or Frequency of sorority programs
- Youth Symposium, Founders' Day/Week programs and Sigma Commitment
- Branding efforts (chapter logo, website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok: provide handles)
- Collaborations (Greek Organizations, and outside organizations)
- Charitable Organizations supported
- Community service hours
- Participation in the 5 Essential Programs

Undergraduate Advisor of the Year

The graduate chapter advisor nominated by her undergraduate chapter (s) as a result of consummate leadership, patience, a positive attitude, willingness to listen, and outstanding service as a role model and mentor to her undergraduates. The soror chosen as Undergraduate Advisor of the year will receive paid registration and room accommodations to the AFLV Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values/ Black Leadership conference. (To be determined based on in person meetings and approval from Syntaktes). The Regional winner is eligible to compete in the National Competition for Boule 2022.

Required Documentation:

Completed Application (electronic)
Professional Headshot
Letter of Introduction (by UG Chapter)
Sigma Resume
Advisor Statement

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Applications will also be judged using the following criteria:

Has the nominee displayed the following qualities?

- Consistent attendance at chapter meetings and events
- Regional Conference attendance
- Boule attendance
- Area Meeting attendance
- Display development and leadership skills
- Honest and impartial in chapter dealings
- Able and willing to inspire others
- Effective communication
- Provide training and assistance (TORCH, Workshops etc.)
- Mentorship
- Evidence of a supportive and amicable relationship between advisor and undergraduate advise
- Activities supervised as an advisor

Sigma Torch Award

Award acknowledges the undergraduate chapters with 11+ member -based inductions completed through March 27, 2022. Rosters will be verified by the Region UCC prior to the conference. Considerations will be given to undergraduate chapters who participate in the mass induction at the regional conference. The last 3 official reporting forms must accompany the application. The Regional winner with the highest chapter inductions is eligible to compete in the National Competition.

Required Documentation:

Completed Application (electronic)
Chapter Branded Photo
Proof of increased membership

****Incomplete submissions will not be considered***

Applications will also be judged using the following criteria:

- Total number of Active/Financial Members for 2020-2021
- Total number of Active/Financial Members for 2021-2022
- Total number of returning members for 2021-2022
- Total number of Initiated members for 2020-2022 (see below)
- Number of TORCH Process
- Number of transferred members
- Total number in Chapter as of March 27, 2022



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Annie Neville Talent Competition

Are you gifted in the arts? Think you should rep our region at the Centennial Boule?

Well... we are looking to showcase talented sorors throughout our region.

If that's you, submit a video to enter the **Annie W. Neville Talent Competition**.

The winner of this year's Talent Competition will join Sorors representing from each region at the **Centennial Boule** and compete for **CASH PRIZES!**

But that's not it!

If you are selected to represent the Southwestern Region at the Centennial Annie Neville Talent Competition, we're covering the **cost of transportation** to get you there.

Here's how to enter...

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performances will be evaluated based on cumulative average points based on the execution of skill and the quality of the performance in one of following performing or visual arts categories:

Performing Arts:

1. Dance
2. Dramatics
3. Musical [Instrumental Classical, Instrumental Contemporary, Vocal Classical, Vocal Contemporary, or Oratory]

Visual Arts:

1. Drawing
2. Filming and Video
3. Painting
4. Photography
5. Sculpture

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Only one participant may be submitted per chapter.
2. Participating members must:
 - be an undergraduate member of the chapter she is performing with and in good standing (academically and financially) on all levels for 2021-2022 Sorority Year
 - be free from any disciplinary action. Suspended or expelled members are not allowed to
3. Each participant will be allotted a total of **3 minutes** for the competition. The time begins when audio or video begins. Any performance lasting over the allotted time will result in a five-point reduction from each of the judges' score sheet.
4. The show must adhere to the **Sorority's Performance Policy**.
5. Once all participants have been confirmed, the order of appearance will be determined randomly by drawing numbers on the day of the competition. Slots cannot be swapped after the drawing.
6. Failure to adhere to any of these rules will result in automatic disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes.

PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded as followed:
 - 1st Place – Trophy, \$100 Performance Stipend & cost of transportation to attend the Centennial Boule
 - 2nd Place – Plaque
 - Each participant shall receive a certificate of participation.

Submission Deadline: 11:59 PM CST Sunday, March 6, 2022



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Undergraduate Step Show

Undergraduate sorors who are interested in competing in the Step show during the Southeastern Region Conference must submit a request via the link below. The winner shall represent the region in the national competition with financial support from the region.

Please upload your video of your talent to:

Label: Chapter, University/College, Step show

Can your chapter step? Think you should rep our region at the Centennial Boule?

Well... we are looking for the **best step team in the** region.

If you think that's your chapter, submit a video to enter the **Rhoyal Fantastic Voyage Step Show Competition**.

The winning team will join teams from each region at the **Centennial Boule** and compete for CASH PRIZES! That's right, we're doing it BIG for Centennial, awarding **\$11,000 to the top 3 step teams** in the Sisterhood at the Centennial Step Show.

But that's not it!

If your chapter is selected to representing the Southwestern Region, we're covering the **cost of transportation** to get you there AND awarding you a **\$500** grant to help pay for your costumes.

Here's how to enter...

THEME

The theme of the **2021-2022 Southwestern Region Step Show** is **Rhoyal Fantastic Voyage** which represents a musical journey. Team may choose any era from the 1920's to the 2020's and integrate the dress and music of the chosen decade.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performances will be evaluated based on cumulative average points in the following categories (100 pts):

- Appearance – 15 Points
- Originality – 20 Points
- Complexity – 20 Points
- Showmanship – 20 Points
- Execution – 15 Points
- Theme – 10 Points

PARTICIPATION & STEP TEAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Step teams shall consist of a minimum of five (5) people and a maximum of 15 people. Members of a team can be from one chapter or multiple chapters provided the chapters are a part of the Southwestern Region.
2. Participating members must:
 - be an undergraduate member of the chapter she is performing with and in good standing (academically and financially) on all levels for 2021-2022 Sorority Year
 - be free from any disciplinary action. Suspended or expelled members are not allowed to
3. Each step team will be allotted a total of **10 minutes** for the competition. Videos must be a minimum of 7 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes. The time begins when the first person enters the stage or when audio or video intros. The time ends when the last person exits the stage. Any performance lasting over the allotted time will result in a five-point reduction from each of the judges' score sheet.
4. The show must adhere to the **Sorority's Performance Policy**
5. Performance attire must be in sorority colors and is the responsibility of the undergraduate chapter unless assisted by the sponsoring graduate chapter. Attire for participating teams must be uniform, but do not have to be extravagant or expensive.
6. Once all performing groups have been confirmed, the order of appearance will be determined randomly by drawing numbers on the day of the Performance slots cannot be swapped after the drawing.
7. Participants shall be financially responsible for any property damages resulting from acts of violence and automatically disqualified and may be subject to criminal
8. Failure to adhere to any of these rules will result in automatic disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes.



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PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded as followed:
 - 1st Place – Trophy, \$500 Performance Stipend & cost of transportation to attend the Centennial Boule
 - 2nd Place – Trophy, \$250
 - 3rd Place – Plaque, \$100

Submission Deadline: 11:59 PM CST Sunday, March 6, 2022



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Alumnae and Undergraduate

Hattie Redford Award (Scrapbook/Display) Boule 2022

Scrapbooks and/or displays are to highlight the chapter's activities during the current chapter year. During a Boule year, the material must cover the time period from the previous Boule to the upcoming Boule. The Region Scrapbook winner will be judged on their scrapbook during the Regional conference. The Region winner will be judged on their scrapbook & display at the Boule. The Region Scrapbook winner will receive an email and application to submit to the Regional awards chairperson by the deadline established by the region. Your application will serve as your reservation for display space.

PROTOCOL FOR ALUMNAE AND UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER SCRAPBOOKS

The scrapbook **must:**

- Be in Sorority/Affiliate Colors
- Contain chapter name and location either on cover or on inside of cover
- Be neat in appearance and clean
- Include a Table of Contents
- Contain a description of activities
- Contain chapter activities and events organized chronologically or by type, i.e., National Programs, Founders Day, etc., ranging from the regional conference of the last sorority year to activities ending for the chapter in March of the current sorority year
- Essential National Programs and Local Chapter Programs will be judged on its presentation, execution, and involvement of community partners and in the community.
- Scrapbooks and exhibits must incorporate the current national theme:
"Inspired by Sisterhood, Ignited by Service."

CHAPTER REPORT

A chapter report **MUST** be submitted with the scrapbook and/or display. The chapter report must reflect the scrapbook content and **MUST** be displayed with the exhibit and scrapbook at the time of judging. Failure to include a copy of the chapter report will result in elimination of award consideration.

PROTOCOL FOR CHAPTER DISPLAYS (Regional winner only @ Boule)

- The exhibit must utilize the sorority colors.
- Pictures of chapter activities should be easily identifiable by names and dates.
- Printed programs of chapter activities/events should contain the date.
- Documentation from organizations outside of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority should appear on that organization's letterhead.
- Use of sorority and chapter specific items are allowed.

CHAPTER EXHIBITS WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM AWARD CONSIDERATION IF THEY INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Any official sorority book in its entirety
- Materials classified for official business
- Photos of events classified for official business



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ALUMNAE, UNDERGRADUATE, PHILO AND RHOER

Award of Achievement

Shall be given to

- a. Any undergraduate soror who has received honors from her college/university, or who has given outstanding services to the institution and the Sorority.
 - b. Any soror (undergraduate or alumna) who has given meritorious service to the Sorority or who has been publicly recognized for outstanding achievement in other areas of service.
 - c. Any member of Sigma Gamma Rho affiliates who has been publicly recognized for outstanding achievement in academic or community service.
- Letter of recommendation from Chapter Basileus, Affiliate President or Rhoer Advisor
 - Proof of recognition- Documentation may include but not limited to articles, letter from organization, pictures, certificate



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SOUTHWESTERN REGION AWARDS

Alumnae Chapter of the Year

Criteria: Selected by the Southwestern Region Syntaktes. Elements considered are as follows:

- Chapter displays evidence of community service involvement
- Chapter displays evidence of membership increase from previous sorority year by minimum of 4 or more sorors
- Chapter displays evidence of outstanding programming
- Chapter with active Philo Affiliate
- Chapter with active Rhoer Club
- Chapter responds to regional and national requests in a timely manner
- Chapter Report

Award: Plaque

Undergraduate Chapter of the Year

Criteria: Selected by the Southwestern Region Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator. Elements considered are as follows:

- Chapter responds to regional and national requests in a timely manner
- Chapter displays evidence of community service involvement
- Chapter displays evidence of membership increase from previous sorority year
- Chapter displays evidence of outstanding programming
- Chapter displays evidence of campus involvement
- Overall Chapter G.P.A. (Grade Report, **electronic unofficial transcripts uploaded to the application**)
- Recommendation from Chapter Advisor
- Chapter Report

Award: Plaque

Undergraduate Advisor of the Year

Criteria: The Alumnae Chapter should submit a letter of recommendation with the application by the deadline. A letter from the undergraduate chapter is also required. Selection will be based on both letters and review from the Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator.

Award: Plaque

Undergraduate Outstanding Activities Award

Criteria: Given to a graduating Soror who has made the most outstanding record in school and sorority activities during her undergraduate career. **Applicant must submit a digital scrapbook or written report outlining activities since last regional conference.**

Award: Plaque



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Undergraduate Outstanding Scholarship Award

Criteria: Given to a soror completing her freshman, sophomore, or junior year and has the highest scholastic record of other competing sorors throughout the region. An official transcript is necessary.

Award: Plaque

Undergraduate Outstanding Graduating Senior

Criteria: A graduating Soror who has the most outstanding academic record and highest GPA of those competing; must be a 3.5 or above.

Award: Plaque

Undergraduate Community Service Award

Criteria: Chapter or individual award. Applicant(s) must submit written report describing the year's community service events.

Award: Plaque

Lecia Swain Ross Undergraduate Leadership Award

Criteria: Chapter must submit a letter of recommendation describing the soror's leadership abilities and service to Sigma.

Award: Plaque

Lecia & Alice Swain Undergraduate Membership Award

Criteria: Awarded to the chapter that shows the largest increase in membership from the Regional Conference of the last sorority year to the current Regional Conference. Chapter must submit a letter and documentation (may be a copy of the financial report).

Award: Plaque

Alumnae Membership Development Award

Criteria: Awarded to the chapter that shows the largest increase in membership from the Regional Conference of the last sorority year to the current Regional Conference. Chapter must submit a letter and documentation (may be a copy of the financial report).

Award: Plaque

Payne/Parker Family Award

Criteria: An award will be given annually to the alumnae chapter with the most **REGISTERED** representation at the regional conference, including sorors and affiliates.

Award: Plaque



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Ollie V. Green Humanitarian Award

Criteria: This award will be given to the soror, Sigma affiliate, or community person who best epitomizes the life of George Washington Carver, the great scientist and humanitarian. A report with documentation will need to be submitted.

Award: Plaque

Dr. Faith E. Foreman Sisterhood and Service Award

Presented by Past Syntaktes, Dr. Faith E. Foreman for a project dedicated to mentoring, nurturing, and cultivating adolescent girls. All projects will be reviewed and scored by Dr. Foreman.

Criteria: Alumnae or undergraduate chapter should show documentation of mentorship of at least 10 clocked hours of direct service to an adolescent group of girls.

Award: Plaque/Trophy for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and publication in the Southwestern Region newsletter of all winners.

Rhoer Jade Clark Memorial Scholarship

Presented by Past Syntaktes, Henry Etta O'Neal to a Rhoer that is energetic, a leader, participates in local and regional activities supporting Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. in the Southwestern Region Rhoers Club.

Criteria: Is a graduating Senior, been active no less than one (1) year with her Rhoer club and has as a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 GPA scale

Award: \$100 and plaque provided by Past Syntaktes Henry Etta O'Neal a donation from the Epsilon Phi Sigma Chapter of New Orleans, LA

I. Best National Program Display (Undergraduate and Alumnae Chapter)

This category invites you to showcase your chapter's prize-winning national program. You may only apply for one (1) entry in this category.

- WEE SAVERS
- OPERATION BIG BOOK BAG
- YOUTH SYMPOSIUM
- ST. JUDE RESEARCH AWARENESS
- HATTIE MCDANIEL CANCER AWARENESS
- HIV/AIDS AWARENESS
- BUCKLE UP AMERICA
- PROJECT CRADLE CARE
- AND MANY OTHER PROGRAMS

Recipient must be registered and in attendance at Regional Conference.



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Recognitions – Graduates, 35 Years or More, Newly Inducted Sorors, Military Sorors

Graduates

Criteria: Chapters must submit list of graduates (Alumnae, Undergraduate and Philos) since the last regional conference.

Award: Recognition during conference

35 Years or more

Criteria: Chapters must submit list of Sorors in good financial standing at the time of completing the application process that have been members for 35 years or more. Sorors/Honorees must not have received this award previously.

Award: Recognition during the conference and special presentation

Newly Inducted Sorors

Criteria: Chapter must submit list of newly inducted since the last regional conference.

Award: Recognition during the conference

New Legacies

Criteria: Chapter must submit list of new legacies since the last regional conference.

Award: Recognition during the conference

Military Soros

Criteria: Chapter must submit the names of chapter members that have served or are currently active duty. Th following information is required: Name, Branch, years of service.

Award: Recognition during the conference



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I. Community Service Display (PHILO and RHOER Affiliates ONLY)

This award invites the affiliates (Philo and Rhoer Clubs) to showcase the community service program they are most proud of. It must be a community service project or program.

Display Criteria:

The following Criteria will be used for judging displays:

1. **Will be limited to one (MS PowerPoint, Google Slides, MS Publisher, etc.), saved as a .pdf and, uploaded to the online form for submission.**
2. Must use sorority colors but not limited in use of additional accent colors.
3. Display board must include chapter's name and location.
4. The Title Page must include: Chapter name, region, location, and basileus' name. Narrative must be limited to a one (1) page Word document.
5. Name of national program must be visible.
6. Display materials and information should be current. Digital/Upload copy of program, announcement and/or newspaper article should be included.

Award(s):

1 st Place:	Trophy
2 nd Place:	Ribbon
3 rd Place:	Ribbon

*Awards will include both Philo and Rhoer Affiliate winners.



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Format and Judging Criteria for Rhoer Club Scrapbooks

Scrapbook Specifications

All scrapbooks and displays must be compiled in a digital format (MS PowerPoint, Google Slides, MS Publisher, etc.), saved as a .pdf and, uploaded to the online form for submission. No paper or email submissions will be accepted.

PROTOCOL FOR Rhoer CLUB SCRAPBOOK

- **Cover Page**
 - Royal Blue and Gold
 - Rhoer Symbol
 - Additional details as desired
- **Inside Cover**
 - Introductory Page
 - Name of Sponsoring Chapter – Region (city/state)
- **Page One**
 - Picture of each Rhoer Advisor
 - Short bio of each
 - Dedication or Thank You (Optional)
- **Page Two**
 - Collage or Zoom snapshot of entire Rhoer Club
- **Page Three (additional pages accordingly)**
 - Pictures of Rhoer Club Officers
 - Include name and office held
- **Page Four**
 - Picture and information about Club's selected outstanding Rhoer of the Year Candidate
- **Multiple Pages as Needed**
 - Picture and Information about each Rhoer
 - a. Allow each Rhoer to design her own ½ or whole page
 - b. Each Rhoer page could include:
 - Rhoer name, Rhoer parents' name(s), School Name, Grade, Activities, Hobbies, Talents, Awards, Future Plans/Aspirations
 - c. Spotlight on Rhoer Activities:
 - Local newspaper and AURORA articles
 - Any appropriate poems or songs written by Rhoers

Breakdown of Criteria

Rhoer Sponsored Activities	25 points
Community Activities	25 points
School Activities	25 points
Creativity	25 points

Each Rhoer Club that prepares a scrapbook will receive recognition and commendations at the Boule.



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RHOER AWARDS SPECIFICATIONS

Rhoer Clubs and individual Rhoers are eligible to receive various awards both annually at the Regional level and biennially at the International level (Boule). The information outlined below.

gives the rules and guidelines for applying to compete for the following awards: Rhoer of the Year (ROY), Rhoer Club of the Year (RCY), Rhoer Club Advisor of the Year (RCAY) and Miss Rhoer/Miss International. **IN ORDER TO COMPETE FOR ANY OF THESE AWARDS, THESE GUIDELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

A. RHOER OF THE YEAR (ROY)

This award is presented to the Rhoer who has actively participated in the activities of her club, distinguished herself academically, and exemplified leadership abilities both within her club and community. (See *Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*)

Regional Level Competition

1. The Regional ROY application packet **MUST** be submitted to the Regional Rhoer Coordinator prior to the regional conference. (See *Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*).
2. The packet should contain application and documentation (See *Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*).
3. Each Rhoer club is entitled to have one contestant compete at the Regional conference to represent her club.
4. The winner of the ROY competition may only win the award **ONCE** at regional level.
5. The same process should be followed in a Boule' year.
6. The award will be a trophy or plaque and can be accepted by another chapter member in her absence.

International Level Competition

1. The ROY score sheets, and any pertinent documents should be submitted to the International Rhoer Coordinator at least **6 WEEKS** prior to the Boule' (See *Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*)
2. During a Boule year, the winner from the previous year and the winner from the current year **MAY BOTH** compete for the International Rhoer of the Year title.
3. The award will be a trophy and a certificate and can be accepted by a chapter member in her absence.

NOTE: Specific requirements/criteria for the Rhoer of the Year competition are in Applications and Score sheet.



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B. RHOER CLUB OF THE YEAR (RCOY)

This award is presented to the club that has participated actively within the community, worked with their local chapter and developed or sponsored outstanding programs.

Regional Level Competition

1. The RCOY application packet and any pertinent information must be submitted to the Regional Rhoer Coordinator at least **6 WEEKS** prior to the regional conference. (*See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*) The packet should include application and documentation and pictures to confirm all activities.
2. All physical materials such as the scrapbook, poster board displays, etc. are **DUE** at the Regional conference.
3. The display **MUST** contain at least one scrapbook or photo album of the club's activities. Videotaped recording, poster board display, or any other multi-media presentation may be included in the club's display.
4. The content of the club's display must show evidence of community service work that has been done, programs developed/sponsored by the club, educational outings or workshops/trainings in which the Rhoers have participated. The clubs will be judged by the criteria listed in the appendix. (*See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*)
5. Regional winners from the previous off-Boule year and current Boule year are the **ONLY** two clubs allowed to compete for the International Rhoer Club of the Year title at the Boule.
6. The award will be a trophy or plaque.

International Level Competition

1. The **ONLY** clubs eligible to compete for this award at the International level are the Regional winners from the off-Boule and current Boule years at the regional level. (*See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*).
2. The RCOY application packet for consideration at the International level **MUST** be submitted to the International Rhoer Coordinator at least **6 WEEKS Prior** to the Boule (*See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*).
3. All physical materials like scrapbooks, etc. are **DUE** at the Boule.
4. The display **MUST** contain at least one scrapbook or photo album of the club's activities videotaped recording, poster board display or any other multi-media presentation may be included in the club submission.
5. The content of the club's electronic display must show evidence of community service work that has been done, programs developed or sponsored by the club, educational outings, and trainings or workshops the Rhoers have participated in.
6. The award will be a trophy or plaque and can be accepted by the sponsoring chapter in the event that the Rhoer Club is not at Boule'.

NOTE: Specific requirements/criteria for the Rhoer Club of the Year competition are in the Applications and Score Sheet.



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C. RHOER SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION

Regional Level Competition

1. Scrapbook for each Rhoer Club to be displayed at Regional Conference
2. The content of the club's electronic display must show evidence of community service that has been done, programs developed or sponsored by the club, educational outings, and trainings or workshops the Rhoers have participated in. (*See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*).
3. Award will be a trophy or plaque.

International Level Competition

1. Each Regional Conference winner may display a scrapbook for International Competition at Boule.
2. The content of the club's electronic display must show evidence of community service that has been completed, programs developed or sponsored by the club, educational outings, and trainings or Workshops the Rhoers have participated in. (*See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*).
3. The award will be a trophy or plaque.

D. RHOER CLUB ADVISOR OF THE YEAR (RCAY)

This award is presented to the Club Advisor who has provided exemplary leadership and mentorship to her Rhoer Club. She is also an advisor who has worked cooperatively and diligently with her fellow advisors and local chapter to plan, organize, and execute effective programming for the Rhoers. **IN ORDER TO COMPETE FOR THIS AWARD, THESE GUIDELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

Regional Level Competition

1. The RCAY application packet must be submitted to the Regional Rhoer Coordinator prior to the Regional conference. (*See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets*). A current roster of *Rhoer Club members including name, phone number and address (state/zip)* must also be submitted with packet.
2. A *typed report* including completed projects as well as programs, which have been extensions of the Sorority's International programs should be specified by name. The report should include:
 - Completed projects since last regional conference or Boule.
 - Descriptive paragraph for each project.
3. A letter of recommendation from the local chapter Basileus, member, or club co-advisors.
4. The award will be a certificate or a plaque and can be accepted by a chapter member if the advisor is not present.



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International Level Competition

1. The RCAY application packet for consideration at the International Level **MUST** be submitted to the International Rhoer Coordinator at least **6 WEEKS** prior to the Boule. **(See Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets).**
2. The **ONLY** Sorors eligible to compete for this award at the International level are those who have won during the off-Boule and current Boule years at the Regional level.
3. An Advisor may **NOT** receive the RCAY award two years in a row.

RHOER AWARDS

Rhoer of the Year

Award: Plaque

Rhoer Club of the Year

Award: Plaque

Rhoer Advisor of the Year

Award: Plaque

****New Award/Recognition Opportunities****
Rhoer Club Excellence Community Service

Criteria: Club submits documentation completing all 5 essential community service programs. Must submit digital photos of service with at least 1 sentence detailing submission.

Award: Plaque

Rhoer (Individual) Years of Service Award

Criteria: Rhoer advisor must submit list of Rhoers and years of service to Regional Rhoer Coordinator

Award:

- 1-3 years in club receive certificate
- 4-6 years will receive trophy

Graduating Rhoer

Criteria: Rhoer Advisors must submit list of graduating seniors to Regional Rhoer Coordinator

Award: recognition during conference and special presentation



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All Rhoer awards listed above also have an application that needs to be completed according to the specifications and submitted along with the awards application. Please refer to the Applications, Judging Criteria and Score Sheets section at the back of the Handbook.



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PHILO AWARDS

All Philo Awards Applications must be submitted to the Philo Awards Chair. No Exceptions.

ARTICLE XII AWARDS

PHILO OF THE YEAR - Awarded to an outstanding Philo selected by vote of your affiliate chapter. NOTE: Each Philo of the Year will be recognized at our Regional Conference in 2021

- A. Criteria for the award are:
- She exhibits outstanding leadership in her Affiliate.
 - She fosters and encourages outstanding service to the community.
 - She maintains high standards of character and reputation acceptable by her Affiliate and Sorority.
 - She projects to the public the best Sigma Philo image possible.
 - She fosters service to the Sigma Sorority.
- B. A profile of each applicant, accompanied by a letter from her local affiliate and advisor approving her as candidate for the Philo of the Year, should be sent to the Regional Achievement and Awards Committee prior to the Philo's Region meeting.
- C. Must submit a headshot in Philo colors.
- D. This award may be a trophy, certificate or a plaque.

Section 3. **OUTSTANDING PHILO AFFILIATE** - Awarded to an Affiliate for outstanding service since the last National meeting. This award may be a trophy, plaque, or certificate. Criteria for the award are:

- A. Services rendered to local Sigma Chapter.
- B. Services rendered to local Philo Affiliate.
- C. Services rendered to the community/civic organizations.
- D. Services rendered to Rhoers (If a group is organized on the local level).

Section 4. **COMMUNITY SERVICE** - Awarded to an affiliate for outstanding service to the

community, civic projects, and charitable contributions. This award may be a trophy, plaque or certificate.

- A. Pictures of your community service.
- B. Pictures of groups doing community service will be disqualified if taken during the pandemic. **
According to International Grand Basileus' directive.
- C. Zoom pictures, individual pics and collages are in welcome.



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- Section 6. **CHAPTER ATTENDANCE** - Awarded to an Affiliate with the largest number of members attending the regional meeting. This award is a plaque.
- Section 7. **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**- Awarded to an Affiliate with the highest increase of new members inducted into the local Affiliate. This award is a plaque.
- Section 8. The Philo affiliate will give other awards that are deemed necessary.
- Section 5. Arts & Craft was omitted from the handbook.