



University of Kansas

36th Sorority & Fraternity Life Awards Packet

Sororities & Fraternities provide students with the opportunity to become part of a group that shares common values and promotes Academic Achievement, Civic & Community Engagement, Belonging, Personal & Professional Development, and Holistic Wellness. While each organization is unique, these Core Values provide a common purpose for sororities and fraternities at the University of Kansas. The goal of this awards program is to recognize individuals and chapters that personify and promote these values in their chapters, as well as their communities. Awards available to individuals and chapters within the Sorority and Fraternity Life community at the University of Kansas are listed in the next sections.

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SFL Awards Timeline

Online Applications Period Begins – Sunday, November 1, 2026 (9:00 a.m.)

Individual and Chapter awards applications will go live on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page located in KU Engage under the forms tab.

Awards Ceremony Invitations Sent out – Monday, February 1, 2027

Ceremony Invitations are sent out to Council Executive Board Members and Chapter Presidents with the number of people each organization can bring.

Awards Application Deadline – Monday, February 1, 2027 (11:59 p.m.)

Individual and Chapter awards applications must be submitted via the Sorority & Fraternity Life page located in KU Engage, including appropriate documentation, by 11:59 p.m.

Awards Ceremony RSVP's Due – Friday, April 2, 2027

Each Chapter MUST RSVP by this date, or they will not be able to attend the ceremony.

SFL Awards Recognition – Tuesday, April 20, 2027

Individual and Chapter Award applicants and winners will be announced and recognized.

Overview of Individual Awards

Established 1990; Amended 2026

Individual Awards

- **Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity New Member/Neophyte Award**
- **Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity Leader Award**
- **Amy M. Long Schell Living the Values Award**
- **David A. Ambler Outstanding Campus Leader Award**
- **Outstanding Chapter Officer Award**
- **Outstanding Member Award**
- **Outstanding Council Executive Officer Award**
- **Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity Volunteer Award**
- **Outstanding House Director Award**

The Individual awards selection committee will be assembled to determine the winners of each award. The committee will be overseen by the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life. The committee will be composed of a combination of individuals from the University of Kansas Staff and Volunteers.

Application Guidelines

- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page or by clicking the link [here](#). All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027**.
- For the judging committees to verify information in awards applications, individuals are asked to provide supporting documentation through KU Engage.
- Applications will be judged solely on their written responses and any supporting documentation submitted.

Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity New Member/Neophyte Awards

Purpose of Award:

The Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity New Member/Neophyte Awards recognize outstanding achievements by chapter new members in their first year of membership.

Application Guidelines:

- New members whose initial semester as a new member with their sorority or fraternity occurred in either the Spring or Fall Semester of 2026 are eligible to apply. New members must be in good standing with their chapters and have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- The award is designed for other members to recognize an outstanding member or for an outstanding new member to nominate themselves; we will accept both.
- One individual from each governing council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**

Application Prompts:

1. In what ways has this new member contributed to their chapter's success and culture since joining? Please provide examples of their involvement and any initiatives they've undertaken within the chapter.
2. How has this member participated in or enhanced the larger sorority and fraternity community at the University of Kansas? Describe any leadership roles, events, or initiatives they have been part of.
3. How has this member engaged with the broader campus and Lawrence communities? Include any student organizations, volunteer work, or other activities that demonstrate their commitment outside of the sorority and fraternity environment.
4. What key values, skills, and lessons has this new member embraced since joining? How have these experiences shaped their journey in the organization and contributed to their development?
5. How has this member inspired or supported other new members or peers in the chapter? Are there specific examples where they demonstrated mentorship or created a positive influence?

Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity Leader Awards

Purpose of Award:

The Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity Leader Awards recognize individuals who display outstanding leadership and service to their respective chapter and/or inter/national organization.

Application Guidelines:

- Any member who has completed at least 60 credit hours, holds at least a 3.0 grade point average, and is in good standing with their chapters is eligible to apply.
- The award is designed for other members to recognize an outstanding member or for an outstanding Sorority & Fraternity Life leader to nominate themselves; we will accept both.
- One individual from each governing council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027**.

Application Prompt:

1. How has this leader positively impacted their chapter and/or inter/national organization? Describe specific initiatives, projects, or roles they have taken on that demonstrate their leadership.
2. In what ways has this individual gone above and beyond in their service to their chapter, community, or organization? Provide examples that showcase their commitment to helping others and supporting organizational goals.
3. How has this leader served as a mentor or role model within the chapter or the larger sorority and fraternity community? Include examples of how they've supported or inspired their peers.
4. What unique vision has this leader brought to their role, and how do you believe their contributions will shape the chapter or community in the future? What legacy are they leaving behind?

Amy M. Long Schell Living the Values Award

Purpose of Award:

This award was created to honor Amy Long Schell, who served as the Associate Director of the Student Involvement & Leadership Center from 2009-2020. During her time at KU, Amy was recognized by Zeta Beta Tau International Fraternity and Beta Theta Pi National Fraternity for her dedication to the sorority & fraternity community. Amy also served on many committees and leadership teams outside of Sorority & Fraternity Life to support the overall wellbeing of all students throughout her time at KU. This award recognizes members of the sorority and fraternity community who consistently positively display organizational and community values through daily actions and behavior. These members are respected for their integrity and ability to embody the best of Sorority & Fraternity Life. Through their actions, they inspire and motivate others to be more driven by their values.

Application Guidelines:

- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application.
- The award is designed for other members to recognize an outstanding member or for a member to nominate themselves; we will accept both.
- One individual from each governing council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**

Application Prompt:

1. Please describe how this member has exemplified the values of Academic Achievement, Civic & Community Engagement, Belonging, Personal & Professional Development, and Holistic Wellness not only in their chapter, but across the University of Kansas Campus as well?
2. How has this member encouraged others to embrace and live out these values? Describe instances where they've inspired peers, whether through mentorship, role modeling, or leading by example, to become more value-driven in their own actions.
3. What behaviors or daily actions make this member a respected figure within the sorority and fraternity community? How does their consistent integrity and commitment to organizational values impact those around them?

David A. Ambler Outstanding Campus Leader Award

Purpose of Award:

This award was named in honor of retired Vice Chancellor, Dr. David A. Ambler, in 2001, in recognition of his 25+ years of service as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and in gratitude for his continued support of Sorority & Fraternity Life. Dr. Ambler was a true supporter of student involvement, and it was very fitting that, upon his retirement, this award would be named in his honor. This award recognizes individuals who display outstanding leadership and service across campus at the University of Kansas.

Application Guidelines:

- Any member who has completed at least 60 credit hours, holds at least a 3.0 grade point average, and is in good standing with their chapters may apply.
- The award is designed for other members to recognize an outstanding member or for a member to nominate themselves; we will accept both.
- One individual from each governing council may receive this award annually. In the case that no individual from a governing council is deemed an eligible recipient, there will be no recipient of the award from the council.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**

Application Prompt:

1. In what ways has this member been actively involved within the University of Kansas campus and the Lawrence community? Please provide examples of organizations, initiatives, or volunteer work that reflect their commitment to both KU and the broader community.
2. What do you consider this member's greatest contribution to the KU community? Describe the impact of this contribution on students, faculty, or the larger university culture.
3. How does this member demonstrate and embody leadership? Provide examples of how they lead by example, inspire others, and contribute to positive change across campus.
4. In what ways does this member's work reflect Dr. Ambler's legacy of supporting student engagement and involvement? Describe how they contribute to a culture of inclusion, growth, and student support at KU.

Outstanding Chapter Officer Award

Purpose of Award:

The Outstanding Chapter Officer Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by chapter officers throughout their term on their Executive Board or Cabinet.

Application Guidelines:

- Members eligible to apply for this award must have served as their chapter's Executive Board or Cabinet during the past calendar year (Spring 2026 - Fall 2026). Members must be in good standing with their chapter and have, at the minimum, a 3.0 grade point average.
- The award is designed for other members to recognize an outstanding member or for an outstanding chapter officer to nominate themselves; we will accept both.
- One individual from each governing council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application, as well as the provided membership statistics.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**

Application Prompt:

1. What specific goals were set by your chapter for the Spring and Fall 2026 semesters (e.g., recruitment, wellness, academic performance)? How did this officer contribute to driving progress toward these goals?
2. In what ways has this officer been instrumental in advancing the chapter's and national organization's objectives? Please provide examples of initiatives or actions they've taken to ensure these goals were met or exceeded.
3. What significant challenges did this officer encounter during their term, and how did they effectively address or work through them? Describe any creative problem-solving, resilience, or leadership skills they demonstrated.
4. Beyond supporting their chapter, how has this officer contributed to the Sorority & Fraternity Life community as a whole? Share specific examples of how they foster positive relationships, support community initiatives, or advocate for Sorority & Fraternity Life values across campus.

Outstanding Member Award

Purpose of Award:

The Outstanding Member Award honors individuals in the KU Sorority & Fraternity Life community who have demonstrated exceptional contributions without serving in a formal leadership role on a chapter or council executive board or cabinet.

Application Guidelines:

- Any member of the University of Kansas Sorority & Fraternity Life community who was active in their chapter during the past calendar year (Spring 2026 - Fall 2026) and has not held a formal leadership position is eligible for this award
- The individual must exemplify the values of Sorority & Fraternity Life and showcase the solid relationships that they have made in the community through their leadership experiences.
- The award is designed for other members to recognize an outstanding member or for an outstanding member to nominate themselves; we will accept both.
- One individual from each governing council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**

Application Prompts:

1. Describe what makes this member stand out in the KU Sorority & Fraternity Life community. What first comes to mind when you think of their impact or character?
2. Explain how this individual consistently demonstrates the core values of Sorority & Fraternity Life (e.g., academic achievement, civic and community engagement, belonging, personal and professional development, and holistic wellness). Provide specific examples of their actions or behaviors.
3. Share an example of how this member builds strong, positive relationships within the community. How do they collaborate across chapters, councils, or campus partners to strengthen Sorority & Fraternity Life as a whole?
4. Describe the qualities that best define this nominee (e.g., dependable, driven, compassionate, innovative). How do these qualities show up in the way they engage with others?

Outstanding Council Executive Officer Award

Purpose of Award:

The Outstanding Council Executive Officer Award recognizes the dedication of a council officer to their council and the entire Sorority & Fraternity Life community.

Application Guidelines:

- Any member of the Sorority & Fraternity Life community who served on one of the four council executive boards or Order of Omega executive board during the past calendar year (Spring 2026 - Fall 2026) is eligible for this award.
- The individual must exemplify the values of Sorority & Fraternity Life and showcase the solid relationships that they have made in the community through their leadership experiences.
- The award is designed for other members to recognize a council officer or a council officer to nominate themselves; we will accept both.
- One individual from each governing council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application, as well as the provided membership statistics.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**

Application Prompts:

1. Share examples of the contributions this council officer made for their council, and/or for the overall Sorority & Fraternity Life community. How did these contributions strengthen the community?
2. Describe how this council officer demonstrated exceptional leadership. What was the impact?
3. What challenges did this council officer encounter during their term, and how did they effectively address or work through them? Describe any creative problem-solving, resilience, or leadership skills they demonstrated.
4. Explain how this council officer has demonstrated collaboration in their role—such as working effectively with other council officers, chapters, or councils.

Outstanding Sorority & Fraternity Volunteer Award

Purpose of Award:

This award recognizes outstanding chapter volunteers that provide support in a variety of ways. Award winners demonstrate their commitment to the chapter by upholding the values of the organization and holding members accountable to organizational expectations. While volunteers are sometimes members of sororities/fraternities themselves, outstanding volunteers can also be faculty and staff members who dedicate time to supporting chapters and bettering the Sorority & Fraternity Life community.

Application Guidelines

- Eligible recipients of this award include advisors, house corporation representatives or alumni/alumnae that have supported your chapter.
- The award is designed for undergraduate members to recognize outstanding volunteers; no volunteers may nominate themselves.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**
- Chapters may nominate two individuals for consideration. From all applications received, a maximum of five recipients will be selected for the award.

Application Prompt

1. What specific qualities or actions make this volunteer most deserving of the Outstanding Volunteer Award? Describe how they exemplify commitment, integrity, or other values that set them apart.
2. In what ways has this volunteer gone above and beyond to support your chapter and enhance the experience of its members? Share specific examples of initiatives, guidance, or support that have had a lasting impact on the chapter.
3. Please list any awards, recognitions, or other accolades this volunteer has received in connection with their contributions to your chapter or the broader organization.

Outstanding House Director Award

Purpose of Award:

The Outstanding House Director Award recognizes house directors who have gone above and beyond in their service to their respective sorority or fraternity and have subsequently enhanced the quality of the University of Kansas' Sorority & Fraternity Life community.

Application Guidelines:

- Any chapter may nominate an individual for consideration. No house director may nominate themselves.
- From all applications received, two recipients will be selected, one from an Interfraternity Council fraternity and one from a Panhellenic Association sorority.
- Applications will be judged based on responses to the prompted questions in the application.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page. All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027.**
- If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.

Application Prompt:

1. What qualities or actions make your house director most deserving of the Outstanding House Director Award? Describe specific ways they exemplify commitment, professionalism, or compassion in their role.
2. How has your house director gone above and beyond in supporting the chapter and enhancing the member experience? Share examples of their contributions, such as mentorship, fostering a supportive environment, or championing initiatives that have positively impacted members.

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Chapter Awards Program for Sororities and Fraternities

Established 1990; Amended 2026

Sororities and fraternities provide students with the opportunity to become part of a group that shares common values and promotes Academic Achievement, Civic & Community Engagement, Belonging, Personal & Professional Development, and Holistic Wellness. While each organization is unique, these Core Values provide a common purpose for sororities and fraternities at the University of Kansas. The goal of this awards program is to recognize organizations that live these values. Submissions are evaluated annually in five areas. Sororities and fraternities will be recognized for excellence in each of these categories:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Civic & Community Engagement**
- **Belonging**
- **Personal & Professional Development**
- **Holistic Wellness**

The Awards Program recognizes chapter excellence across five core areas—Academic Achievement, Civic & Community Engagement, Belonging, Personal & Professional Development, and Holistic Wellness—with three performance levels: Merit, Distinction, and Excellence. These tiers provide a clear pathway for chapters to demonstrate growth and alignment with their organizational values.

Additional awards honor notable contributions to the KU and Lawrence communities, including the M. Angela Carr Unity Award, Outstanding Brotherhood/Sisterhood Event Award, Outstanding Holistic Wellness Initiative Award, SAPEC Partners in Prevention Award, The Big Event Volunteer Chapter Award, IRISE Virtue Awards, as well as annual recognitions for Highest Semester GPA, Most Improved Chapter GPA, Most Community Service Hours, and Most Philanthropy Dollars Raised.

Each council may have one Chapter of the Year awarded to the organization that best exemplifies its values and applies for at least four of the five core categories. A full list of available awards is provided in the next section.

Overview of Chapter Awards

Chapter Awards

- Academic Achievement (Merit, Distinction, Excellence)
- Civic & Community Engagement (Merit, Distinction, Excellence)
- Belonging (Merit, Distinction, Excellence)
- Personal & Professional Development (Merit, Distinction, Excellence)
- Holistic Wellness (Merit, Distinction, Excellence)
- M. Angela Carr Unity Award
- Outstanding Brotherhood/Sisterhood Event
- **Outstanding Holistic Wellness Initiative Award**
- SAPEC Partners in Prevention Award
- The Big Event Volunteer Chapter Award
- IRISE Virtue Awards
- Highest Semester GPA Award
- Most Improved Chapter GPA
- Most Community Service Hours
- Most Philanthropy Dollars Raised

The Chapter award selection committee will be assembled to determine the winners of each award. The committee will be overseen by the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life and made up of a combination of individuals from the University of Kansas staff, faculty, and volunteers.

SFL Chapter Awards Guidelines

Application Guidelines:

- Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via an online form on KU Engage. These forms can be found under the Forms tab on the Sorority & Fraternity Life page or by clicking the link [here](#). All submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027**.
- Each council will be able to award one chapter the Chapter of the Year Award. To be eligible for Chapter of the Year, chapters must apply for at least four of the five categories listed below:
 - Academic Achievement
 - Civic & Community Engagement
 - Belonging
 - Personal & Professional Development
 - Holistic Wellness
- If a chapter is not in good standing with their council, their national organization or the University of Kansas, that chapter will not be eligible to participate in the chapter awards.
- **Chapters must complete at least 90% of all Fall Community Standards requirements to be eligible for recognition in chapter award categories. To be eligible for Chapter of the Year, chapters must complete 100% of all Fall Community Standards requirements.**
- For the judging committees to verify information in awards applications, chapters are encouraged to include any relevant supporting documentation via KU Engage. No alternative form of verification will be accepted.

The following awards do not have an application process. They will be determined by chapter data collected in Community Standards reports or by Sorority & Fraternity Life. One award will be awarded per council:

- **M. Angela Carr Unity Award**
- **Outstanding Brotherhood/Sisterhood Event Award**
- **Outstanding Holistic Wellness Initiative Award**
- **Highest Semester GPA Award (Fall 2026)**
- **Most Improved Semester GPA Spring 2026 to Fall 2026**
- **Most Community Service Hours by Percentage**
- **Most Philanthropy Dollars Raised**

SFL Awards Chapter Recognition

Chapter of the Year:

- Each council will have the possibility of one organization being recognized as Chapter of the Year. This award will recognize the organization within their respective council that most closely represents and exemplifies both their chapter and council values.
- To be eligible to receive Chapter of the Year, the chapter must apply for at least four of the five categories and **must complete 100% of all Fall Community Standards requirements.**
- Chapter of the Year winners will be recognized at the Sorority & Fraternity Life Awards Ceremony and will receive a trophy for their achievements.

Awards Levels:

- **Inadequate:** does not meet level of recognition
- **Merit:** meets baseline expectations for recognition
- **Distinction:** strong performance above expectations
- **Excellence:** demonstrates outstanding achievement

Scoring Structure:

Each of the five award categories is worth 5 points, for a total possible score of 25 points

- 5 Points = Excellence
- 4 Points = Distinction
- 3 Points = Merit
- 0-2 Points = Inadequate

SFL Chapter Awards Questions

Academic Achievement:

1. What events, programming, educational opportunities, policies, or initiatives does the chapter offer to support members' academic success? Please provide specific examples.
2. How does the chapter leverage organizational, university, or other external resources to assist members who are below academic requirements? Describe any partnerships, tools, or support systems in place.
3. What aspect of the chapter's academic support efforts do members respond to most positively, and why is it seen as effective?
4. How does the chapter provide support for members needing academic assistance? Include examples of mentorship, resources, or interventions used.
5. What is one area in the chapter's academic support approach that could be improved, and what challenges does it currently face?

Civic and Community Engagement:

1. In what ways does your chapter engage with inter/national and local philanthropic causes beyond simply organizing fundraising events? Please provide examples of collaborative efforts or initiatives that demonstrate a deeper commitment.
2. How does your chapter involve non-sorority/fraternity members and potential new members in community service or philanthropic events? Describe any strategies or partnerships that facilitate this involvement.
3. How does the chapter actively promote and discuss service opportunities with its members? Share specific approaches used to encourage participation in community service.
4. How does the chapter educate its members about the philanthropic initiatives for which they raise funds or collect goods? Provide examples of activities or discussions that enhance awareness and understanding.
5. How does your chapter exemplify pride and civility when representing the University and your organization at national conferences? Include examples of behaviors, initiatives, or presentations that reflect positively on both the chapter and the broader community.

Belonging:

1. What educational initiatives does your chapter offer to challenge and inform members of all councils about belonging? Please provide details about these opportunities and discuss their impact on your organization.

2. How does your chapter create an environment that respects and encourages differing opinions and beliefs among its members? Share specific practices or policies that support this.
3. In what ways do your chapter's recruitment efforts and new member processes promote belonging? Describe any strategies or initiatives designed to create a welcoming atmosphere for all potential members.
4. How does your chapter define belonging, and why is it important to your organization? Discuss how this understanding shapes member interactions, decision-making, and overall chapter culture.
5. What specific areas do you believe your chapter could enhance to further promote belonging? Share any ideas or strategies that could strengthen these efforts.

Personal and Professional Development:

1. What educational programs has your chapter implemented that positively impacted members? Please describe these programs and explain how you measured their effectiveness or success.
2. How does your chapter actively promote and encourage participation in student organizations, honor societies, or professional groups on campus? Share specific strategies or initiatives that facilitate this involvement.
3. In what ways is your chapter connected to and engaged with international or regional programs of your national organization? Do you have partnerships with other student groups, community organizations, or KU departments that enhance your chapter's initiatives?
4. How does the chapter foster self-governance among members and ensure compliance with university, council, and organization policies? Discuss any processes or training implemented to support this.
5. What initiatives does your chapter have in place to promote leadership development for all members, not just those in executive board positions? Describe programs or activities designed to cultivate leadership skills throughout the organization.

Holistic Wellness:

1. What proactive measures does your chapter take to promote overall health and wellness among its members? Please provide specific examples of initiatives, programs, or resources that support physical and emotional well-being.
2. What proactive steps does your chapter implement to ensure the safety of its members? Describe any policies, training, or resources in place to enhance safety within the chapter.
3. What has been the most effective initiative your chapter has undertaken to increase safety for members, particularly within chapter properties (if applicable)? How do you measure the success of this initiative?

4. How has your chapter increased awareness of resources available for physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being? Do you believe these efforts are effective in reaching and supporting members?
5. In what ways does your chapter promote mental health and a positive balance between student life and chapter involvement? Provide examples of practices or initiatives that reflect this support.

SFL Chapter Awards Questions End.

M. Angela Carr Unity Award

Purpose of the Award:

This award was created to honor M. Angela (Angie) Carr and her commitment to all the sorority and fraternity governing councils at the University of Kansas. In 2004, after years of service to the community, Angie resigned from her position as Coordinator of Sorority & Fraternity Life Programs of the Student Involvement and Leadership Center. One of her major accomplishments was bringing the National Pan-Hellenic Council into the Student Involvement and Leadership Center alongside the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association.

This award honors a chapter that exemplifies sorority and fraternity unity, specifically regarding their efforts to make meaningful connections between councils and chapters on campus. This award serves as an opportunity for the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life to recognize a chapter's contribution toward sorority and fraternity unity.

Application Guidelines:

- Sorority & Fraternity Life Staff will pull submissions from the Community Standard 4.4 Cross-Council Collaboration. All submissions turned in after **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027**, will not be considered for this award.
- Chapters may submit multiple events for consideration.
- One chapter may receive this award annually. If no chapter from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- The panel of judges made up of KU staff, faculty, and volunteers will decide the winner of this award.

Outstanding Brotherhood/Sisterhood Event Award

Purpose of Award:

This award recognizes chapters that intentionally cultivate a strong sense of sisterhood or brotherhood among their members. Throughout the year, chapters have hosted retreats, team-building activities, and other meaningful events designed to strengthen connection and belonging. These efforts are documented in KU Engage as part of the Community Standards process.

Application Guidelines:

- Sorority & Fraternity Life Staff will pull submissions from the Community Standard 4.3 Fostering Sisterhood/Brotherhood. All submissions turned in after **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027**, will not be considered for this award.
- Chapters may submit multiple events for consideration.
- One chapter may receive this award annually. If no chapter from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- The panel of judges made up of KU staff, faculty, and volunteers will decide the winner of this award.

Outstanding Holistic Wellness Initiative Award

Purpose of the Award: This award recognizes a chapter that demonstrates an outstanding commitment to holistic wellness through a meaningful program, initiative, or educational effort that promotes the health, safety, and well-being of its members and/or the broader sorority and fraternity community.

Eligible initiatives may address areas such as risk management, hazing prevention, alcohol and substance misuse prevention, mental health, sexual health and violence prevention, member well-being, bystander intervention, or other areas of holistic wellness.

Application Guidelines:

- Sorority & Fraternity Life Staff will pull submissions from the Community Standard 6.1 and 6.2 - Holistic Wellness. All submissions turned in after **11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2027**, will not be considered for this award.
- Chapters may submit multiple events for consideration.
- One chapter per council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- The panel of judges made up of KU staff, faculty, and volunteers will decide the winner of this award.

SAPEC Partners in Prevention Award

Purpose of Award:

This award was developed by the Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Center (SAPEC) to recognize chapters and individual members that sponsor educational programming and actively participates in university-wide and/or community-wide activities related to the reduction and prevention of sexual violence.

Application Guidelines:

- Sorority & Fraternity Life will work with SAPEC to determine winners based on their involvement in being a partner in prevention. This could be an entire chapter and/or an individual member of an organization.
- The chapter should have facilitated a program or event with SAPEC in Spring 2026 or Fall 2026 to be eligible for this award. Verification will come from SAPEC.

The Big Event Volunteer Chapter Award

Purpose of Award:

This award was developed by The Big Event at KU to recognize one chapter from each Sorority & Fraternity Life governing council that is committed to helping the Lawrence Community through service during The Big Event at KU.

Application Guidelines:

- This award would be considered on a calendar basis and then be awarded the following year. For example, Spring 2026 and Fall 2026 Big Events will be considered together and awarded during the Spring 2027 SFL Awards ceremony.
- Only one chapter from each governing council may receive this award annually. If no candidate from a council meets the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented to that council.
- The Big Event Committee and Sorority & Fraternity Life staff will determine the percentage of volunteers based on the chapter's membership and volunteers who check-in at The Big Event.
- Volunteer registration count is NOT the same as the volunteer check-in count. Volunteers from chapters must show up and check in for The Big Event to be considered for this award.
- Sorority & Fraternity Life staff will work with the Big Event to collect data and determine chapter winners based on percentage of chapter participation utilizing current chapter roster on file with the office and attendance at the Big Event.

IRISE Virtue Awards

Purpose of the Awards: As part of KU's institutional impact grant from the Educating Character Initiative at Wake Forest University, "Character Development at the University of Kansas: The IRISE Virtues Initiative," these awards will be given to the chapters that best understand and exemplify two IRISE virtues and seek to make those virtues integral to their identity as Jayhawks.

Application Guidelines: The IRISE Project Team will determine two winners of these awards. Each winner will be awarded \$1000. After reviewing applications, the team will interview eight finalists for the awards. In addition, successful applicants will send a representative to attend four workshops. The workshops will be in Conference Room 455 at Watson Library from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on the following dates: 10/16, 11/13, 2/12, 3/5. In addition, we would like a representative to attend an IRISE awards ceremony on April 23. The SFL awards will be given at the event when those awards are customarily made.

Application Prompts:

1. Please explain why you chose your chapter's two IRISE virtues. How does your chapter actively promote and encourage the two IRISE virtues you chose on campus and/or in the Lawrence community? For example, how does your chapter respect and care for Lawrence's unhoused population in its service work? How does your chapter use creativity to alleviate food insecurity in Lawrence and KU? Share specific strategies or initiatives that facilitate this work. Explain how you measured the effectiveness or success of the programs that promote these virtues.
2. How does your chapter foster learning about the IRISE virtues that you've selected? What kinds of reflection activities are coupled with your practical implementation of these virtues? For example, have you encouraged your chapter members to keep journals documenting how they incorporate IRISE virtues into their lives or how their service work has exhibited these virtues?
3. What programs has your chapter implemented that exhibit depth of understanding of two of the IRISE virtues? For example, has your chapter held reading groups or featured guest speakers? How have you measured the effectiveness of your chapter in deepening its understanding of the two IRISE virtues you chose?
4. How does your chapter involve non-sorority/fraternity members and potential new members in IRISE virtues-related service work, activities, and reflections? Describe any strategies or partnerships that facilitate this involvement.

5. How has your chapter integrated the two IRISE virtues you chose into its “DNA;” that is, how has it ensured that these two virtues become part of your chapter’s identity as Jayhawks and its ongoing traditions?

Background on IRISE

The IRISE *values*, Integrity, Respect, Innovation, Stewardship, and Excellence, are explained in the IRISE culture charter (<https://provost.ku.edu/irise-culture-charter>). A rough definition of values is the principles and standards that one considers important and that guide one’s behavior (see <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/values>). *Virtues*, by contrast, are dispositions of persons. Below we list the IRISE values and include their glosses from the IRISE culture charter, along with explanations of the virtues we think are aligned with these values and why we consider these alignments important. We believe that the IRISE virtues are an important part of our identity as Jayhawks.

Integrity:

- We are clear about our roles and proactive in carrying out our responsibilities.
- Because knowledge is empowering, we share knowledge and learn from each other.
- We make decisions together – through collaborative, inclusive, transparent processes.

At KU, we understand the *value* of integrity as our institutional and personal commitment to carrying out our role-dependent responsibilities, sharing knowledge and learning from each other, and making decisions as described in point three of the IRISE culture charter as listed here. The *virtue* of integrity is the personal disposition that enables us to make good on our commitment. The virtue of integrity consists not only in standing by something, but also in standing up for something – in holding a set of commitments and beliefs (standing by them) and defending them in collaborative and respectful discussions with others who could disagree (standing up for them). Integrity as a value and as a virtue is the moral foundation of KU and of our identity as Jayhawks.

Respect:

- We embody diversity of cultures, identities, abilities and experiences - and work collectively to advance the success of each Jayhawk.
- We ensure equity for and among all students, staff, faculty, and members of our community.
- Because we each bring our whole and unique selves to KU, we provide flexibility to meet classroom and work needs.

We at KU adopt the *value* of respect understood as a form of regard. The *virtue* of respect is the personal disposition to treat all others with dignity, care, and concern.

Innovation:

- We value and exercise our rights to freedom of expression and academic freedom through discovery, education, advocacy, and leadership.
- Our research and creative work inform learning and has a broad impact on the common good.
- We make education and learning widely accessible - locally, nationally, and globally.

We believe that the following *virtues* are needed to put the *value* of innovation into practice: Intellectual autonomy, creativity, solidarity, generosity, open-mindedness. Intellectual autonomy is the ability to think for oneself in the pursuit of truth. Creativity, which works hand in hand with intellectual autonomy, is the disposition to “think outside the box” and to chart new courses to pursue activities and solve problems. Solidarity is the disposition to stand by each other to advance the profile of KU as an institution that is committed to innovation in research, teaching, and service to the university and to the wider community. Doing this requires generosity – the willingness to give of one’s time and effort – and open-mindedness – being open to new ideas and viewpoints. At KU, we innovate together, as Jayhawks.

Stewardship:

- We are collaborative and creative in service to our community and in stewardship at KU.
- We engage regularly and respectfully with the communities and constituents we serve.
- We embrace an institutional growth mindset and engage in continuous improvement.

In addition to the virtues of creativity and open-mindedness, we believe that care, cooperation, and intellectual humility are needed for stewardship. To be good stewards of KU and at KU, we need to care about what we do as Jayhawks. The disposition to cooperate is the disposition to share ideas, time, and expertise in the process of stewardship of KU, and being of service to the communities that KU serves. Intellectual humility is the disposition to be aware of one’s fallibility, coupled with the willingness to learn. We need to be every mindful of new ways in which we can care for KU and the communities we serve without being arrogant or overbearing.

Excellence:

- We are driven by curiosity and seek growth through learning and development.
- We celebrate the significant impact of our discoveries, contributions, and achievements.

- We are all leaders who engage in, advocate for, and support learning and the advancement of knowledge, skills, and society.

We believe that the *virtues* of curiosity, generosity, open-mindedness, care, and the Aristotelian virtues in general promote excellence at KU. Curiosity as a form of motivation in the pursuit of knowledge, truth, and understanding, is key to KU's excellence as a higher educational institution. The Greek word for 'virtue' is *ἀρετή* (*aretê*), which means 'excellence.' Many of the Aristotelian virtues, such as generosity and courage, are apt for our day and age, and for advancing the excellence of KU. These and other virtues are excellences of human beings and enable us to achieve our full potential and to live flourishing lives. The excellence of KU depends on the excellence of its people.