



2025 CFSD Arête Awards

Recognizing fraternity and sorority excellence for the 2024 calendar year.

Nomination Applications will open on November 11, 2024.

Deadline to submit a nomination is December 30th, 2024.

<http://greeklife.uconn.edu/award-nominations/>

Chapter Award Descriptions

All nominations must be submitted via the Award Nomination form. EOE status does not determine eligibility to be nominated for an award, although your EOE status may be considered.

When writing your nominations, include tangibles or examples of how your chapter has exemplified that award. The same goes for the individual nominations. Thinking about the specific examples that could help with better understanding why you are making that nomination. The reviewers are not affiliated with the University of Connecticut and need concrete examples to adequately score nominations.

Chapter of the Year

This award is designed to recognize the chapters that have demonstrated excellence in all endeavors and represent the highest qualities of fraternity and sorority life as related to the shared pillars of citizenship, leadership, and scholarship. This chapter has gone above and beyond to exemplify the values that we encourage as a community and does so with sincere compassion for the greater good. For this award there will be one winner from each council and one overall CFSD Chapter of Year winner.

Nominations for **Chapter of the Year** should be 500-750 words long.

Excellence in Academic Achievement

We support the academic vision and mission of the University and fully engage in the relationship between academic and co-curricular activities. It is the chapter's goal to encourage scholastic standards and policies to support their members in their academic success so that they can lead successful lives in which they contribute to both their fields of interest and broader society in a positive way. This award is designed to recognize chapters with a high GPA and chapters that have held programming specifically for academics within their general members and/or new members.

Nominations for **Excellence in Academic Achievement** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Member Development

We are committed to the growth and development of fraternity and sorority members by ensuring that the programming efforts reflect individual needs throughout their entire membership in the chapter and aim to foster new members that will have a positive impact on the community. Your new member education program should not only prepare individuals for active membership in the chapter, but also in the fraternity/sorority community and beyond. This award is designed to recognize a chapter who has focused on programming or efforts to further the development of their members by educating them on an array of subjects that also have importance outside of the fraternity & sorority community.

Nominations for **Excellence in Member Development** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Recruitment & Retention

Community members should recruit with the intention of building a sustainable chapter of members who share similar principles and reflect the values of their fraternity/sorority. To ensure the future success of their organization, the organization ensures that members are prepared to take on the responsibilities that come with upholding their membership and values. Chapters are conscious of their size and their intake frequency to meet the requirements set by inter/national organization, local governing council, and the University. This award is designed to recognize chapters that have put intentional and conscious effort into their recruitment while focusing on the overall growth of their organization, regardless of new member count.

Nominations for **Excellence in Recruitment & Retention** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Chapter Operations

Chapters effectively and productively run all chapter meetings, programs, and events. They maintain productive relationships with their on-campus advisor, CFSD coach, and alumni advisor that help chapter operations run smoothly. They have policies and/or practices in place to ensure a thorough transition of officers and maintain an updated constitution and/or bylaws. Chapter creates a budget and calendar that align with their organization's values. They improve chapter operations to provide a positive experience for their members. This award recognizes a chapter that has implemented specific practices that allow them to better operate as an organization whether that be for meetings, programs, or events.

Nominations for **Chapter Operations** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Community Impact

Chapters support and provide opportunities for their members to be global citizens who excel in addressing the challenges of the local, national, and international communities through philanthropic and service initiatives. Not only does the organization encourage members' involvement in university-sponsored outreach programs, but the organization also strives to support the organization's national philanthropies. From the UConn Academic Vision: "Through outreach and partnerships, we promote sustainable development and a happy, healthy, and inclusive society. This engagement is local and global, based on intercultural understanding and recognition of the transnational nature of the challenges and opportunities we face." This award recognizes a chapter that embodies the quote above through innovative and unique philanthropic and service initiatives.

Nominations for the **Community Impact** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion

The chapter shows a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout all chapter operations. They create a space where their members can feel comfortable expressing their own identity while exploring others. Their members encourage a culture of civility and respect and continuously try to raise awareness on critical issues and movements that impact people of color and marginalized peoples. This award recognizes a chapter that makes it a goal not only to educate themselves and others through their programming and events, but to also act and aid the community in becoming more inclusive and culturally aware.

Nominations for **Diversity & Inclusion** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Leadership Development

Chapter shows a strong commitment to leadership development through all chapter operations. This chapter will be recognized for their positive and impactful work related to development and leadership. Those recognized have demonstrated the importance of a shared vision and a community which fosters everyone to obtain their highest leadership potential. Demonstration of programming, continuing education, and participation in leadership initiatives across campus will be considered.

Nominations for the **Excellence in Leadership Development** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Public Relations and Marketing

The chapter shows a strong commitment to public relations and marketing to promote the organization and community in a positive light. The chapter should address the public image of fraternity and sorority membership and continue to foster positive relationships between the fraternity/sorority community, the campus, and the town communities.

Nominations for the **Excellence in Public Relations and Marketing** should be 300-500 words long.

Excellence in Risk Mitigation

The chapter shows a strong commitment to risk reduction. This chapter is focused on responsible decision making and holding one another accountable. The chapter should address the need and actions they have taken to make their organization a safe environment for their members.

Nominations for the **Excellence in Risk Mitigation** should be 300-500 words long.

Individual Award Descriptions

All nominations must be submitted via the Award Nomination form. Once all the nominations are in, nominees may be contacted and asked to participate in an interview or submit a brief self-nomination that will help judges get a full picture of who the nominees are.

Living the Ritual Award

This award is designed to recognize an individual member who exemplifies their chapter's values and principles as described in their chapter's ritual. They serve as a role model that other chapter members look up to and leave a lasting positive impact on your organization. This individual should also exemplify the values of the community and challenge chapter and community members to do the same. The individual does not have to have held any office but should be someone that other members are guided and inspired by.

Nominations for the **Living the Ritual Award** should be 300-500 words long.

Outstanding Advisor

To acknowledge the outstanding work of advisors, the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Development wishes to recognize those individuals who have been exemplary Advisors over the past calendar year. The *Outstanding Advisor* will be chosen based on their involvement and influence in the organization and the fraternity and sorority community. This advisor is crucial to the success of the chapter and acts as a concrete support system that members could not only rely on, but also learn from.

Nominations for **Outstanding Advisor** should be 300-500 words long.

Outstanding Chapter President

The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions, dedication and hard work of fraternity and sorority chapter presidents who served the community during the last calendar year. This individual should have demonstrated exceptional leadership, character, ability to overcome adversity, and the highest values of their fraternity/sorority. They upheld all their responsibilities as chapter president and went above and beyond to not only ensure the success of their chapter, but also to leave a positive impact on the community. For this award there will be one winner from each council.

Nominations for **Outstanding Chapter President** should be 300-500 words long.

Outstanding Council Officer

The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions, dedication, and hard work of members of the community who served on a council in the last calendar year. This officer made great contributions to the council not only through their ability to delegate and make crucial decisions, but also by acting as the glue that keeps the council together.

Nominations for **Outstanding Council Officer** should be 300-500 words long.

Outstanding Scholar

Nominees for *Outstanding Scholar* must have the highest GPAs within their chapter. The nominee's GPA should be provided in this nomination and will be verified by CFSD. The nominees will be acknowledged and recognized for their outstanding academic performance. One student from a fraternity and sorority will be selected based on their exemplary performance in academics as well as their strong and positive influence and activity in the fraternity and sorority community.

Nominations for **Outstanding Scholar** should be 300-500 words long.

Outstanding Senior

The purpose of this award is to recognize those individuals from the fraternity and sorority community who are in their senior year. The nominees for this award should be an integral and significant part of the campus and fraternity and sorority community at UConn.

Nominations for **Outstanding Senior** should be 300-500 words long.

Greek Emerging Leader of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding newer members of the fraternity and sorority community who are viewed as emerging leaders. This member has taken the initiative to take on leadership roles and responsibilities to better the organization and leave a positive impact on the Greek community. **Only members initiated in 2023 calendar year are eligible for this award.**

Nominations for **Greek Emerging Leader** should be 300-500 words long.

Fraternity and Sorority Member of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding member of the fraternity and sorority life community who are viewed as involved, outstanding leaders for both their council and chapter. This member has made an impact of UConn Community along with the Fraternity and Sorority community throughout their membership in their organization. **Only Junior or Senior members are eligible for this award.**

Nominations for **Fraternity and Sorority Member of the Year** should be 300-500 words long.

Campus Partner of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize the work of a campus partner that helps elevate the UConn Fraternity and Sorority Life Community. This partner goes above and beyond to connect with students, advocates to enhance the mission of the community.

Nominations for **Campus Partner of the Year** be 300-500 words long.