



2023 CFSD Arête Awards

Recognizing fraternity and sorority excellence for the 2022 calendar year.
Nomination Applications will open up on December 10, 2022.

Deadline to submit a nomination is February 10, 2023.

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

Chapter Award Descriptions

All nominations must be submitted via the Award Nomination form. Navy and Gray EoE status is not required in order to be nominated for an award, although your grade will be considered.

When writing your nominations, include tangibles or examples of how your chapter has personified that particular award. The same goes for the individual nominations. Thinking about the specific examples could help with better understanding what is written in your nomination.

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.

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 our goal to encourage scholastic standards and policies to support our 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 high GPA achieving chapters and chapters that have help programming specific for academics within their general members and/or new member education process.

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 our members by ensuring that our 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 our community. Your new member education program should not only prepares individuals for active membership in the chapter, but also in the fraternity/sorority community and beyond. This award is designed to recognize chapters who have focused on programming or efforts to further the development of their members by educating 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 intentions of building a sustainable chapter of members who share similar principles and reflect the values of their fraternity/sorority. In order to ensure the future success of their organization, we ensure that members are prepared to take on the responsibilities that come with upholding our membership and values. Chapters are conscious of their size and their intake frequency in order to meet the requirements set by our inter/national organization, our local 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 our on-campus advisor, CFSD coach, and alumni advisor that help chapter operations run more 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 is aligned with their values. They improve chapter operations to provide a positive experience for our members. The strength of their operations were shown as we shifted from in-person to a virtual experience and now to a new hybrid model that brings the two together. This award recognizes chapters that have implemented specific practices that allow them to better operate as organization whether that be for meetings, programs, and 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 do we encourage our members' involvement in university-sponsored outreach programs, but we also strive to support our own beneficiaries and 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 awards recognizes chapters that embody 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

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 make an effort to raise awareness on important issues and movements that impact people of color and marginalized groups. This awards recognizes chapters that make it a goal not only to educate themselves and others through their programming and events, but to also take action and aid the community in becoming more inclusive and culturally aware.

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

Individual Award Descriptions

All nominations must be submitted via the Award Nomination form. Once all of 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 our 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

In an effort 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 of 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 our community.

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 among 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 or 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 our 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 in order to better the organization and leave a positive impact on the Greek community. **Only members initiated in 2022 calendar year are eligible for this award.**

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