Distinguished Program Award

Alpha Delta Kappa Distinguished Program Award (DPA) is designed to recognize chapters with outstanding programs that promote involvement & attendance of members, plus attract the attention of prospective members through creativity and uniqueness.

Eligibility:

Chapters may submit one program per year. Only programs presented during the most recently completed year are eligible.

Deadline:

Chapter entries are to be submitted online between August 1 – August 31.

Rules:

- Entries must be 250 words or less to be considered (this is indicated by the word count provided by Microsoft Word.)
- Photographs may be requested, if available.
- All entries become the property of Alpha Delta Kappa and may appear on the website and/or in the *KAPPAN*. The entries will not be returned.

Award:

Each region's **Distinguished Program Award** winning entry will be featured in the *KAPPAN*. If a chapter's entry is selected to be published, pictures will be requested. The top five entries from each region will also be posted on the International Website.

Process for Submission:

- Each chapter may submit ONE program per year.
- The online submission can be found on the International Website under Membership TAB, Membership Awards.
- Headquarters will forward each entry to the IVP for that region.
- Headquarters will notify by email the winning chapters, the S/P/N president, the IVPM and the IVPs in December.

Process for Adjudication:

- After receiving the Distinguished Program Award submissions from her region at the beginning of September each year of the biennium, the IVP shall share the submitted DPA applications with the RMC of the region.
- If there is a conflict of interest with a submission (a submission is from the IVP or RMC's home chapter), the submission shall be forwarded immediately to the International Vice President for Membership for adjudication using the rubric.
- Using the rubric, each IVP and the RMC shall adjudicate the submissions separately to determine her top five submissions and report on the DPA Scores Template.
- They shall meet to select the top five regional submissions based upon the scores after adjudication.
- The winning submission and the other four submissions shall be forwarded to the Data Management Coordinator at Headquarters by October 1.
- Headquarters shall notify by email the winning chapters, the S/P/N president, the IVPM and the IVPs by November 1.
- The award-winning chapter shall submit an article and photograph for the *KAPPAN* by December 30.

Rubric attached.

Distinguished Program Award Adjudication Rubric

S/P/N _____ Chapter _____ Submitted By _____ Email _____

Primary Focus Area for the Program (*Circle One):*   Excellence in Education   World Understanding   Altruistic   Personal Enrichment
Word Count _____

CRITERIA	0-3 Points	4-7 Points	8-10 Points	Points
Program is unique and creative	Program is a lecture or guest speaker	Program involves a few activities which promotes interaction among members	Program utilizes creative presentation strategies and results in a product or activity	
Promotes member and prospective member attendance	Attendance was fewer than 25% of the chapter members and no prospective member	Attendance was 25-50% of chapter members plus at least one prospective member	Attendance was more than 50% of chapter members plus 2-3 prospective members	
Promotes active engagement of members	Program involves fewer than 25% of the chapter's members	Program involves 25-50% of the chapter's members	Program involves more than 50% of the chapter's members	
Provides a positive impact on members, chapter, and/or the community	Program has no impact or follow through	Program has short-term impact (less than a month)	Program has a long-term impact (greater than a month)	
May easily be replicated by other chapters	Program cannot be replicated by other chapters	Chapter offers assistance to other chapters to replicate the program	Program can be replicated with little or no assistance from the chapter.	

TOTAL:_____

85% Minimum = 43 pts

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