



Methodist University
Standards of Excellence Program
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Program Introduction

This program was developed based on the mission and values of fraternal organizations at Methodist University and was created to establish a self-governing guide and an assessment instrument for each chapter. This will allow the University to recognize those organizations that are achieving excellence while identifying those which may need additional support. The standards program will be reviewed annually and will be used in the decision of Organization of the Year.

The Standards of Excellence Program focuses on the four pillars of fraternity and sorority life which are scholarship, leadership development, brotherhood/sisterhood, and community service.

There are three main objectives that we hope to accomplish through the standards program:

1. To provide an opportunity for each chapter to self-evaluate its operations
2. To provide a common level of excellence for all fraternities and sororities at Methodist University
3. To instill the importance of scholarship, community engagement, leadership, and strong chapter management through value-based decision making and member education

All forms to be submitted can be found in the following location:

www.methodist.edu/greek-life/standrds-program

Clicking on each form will open the submission to be completed



Standards of Excellence Sections

The Standards of Excellence will be used to determine the recipient of the Organization of the Year Award. Should there be a tie, all bonus points will be redacted and the group with the highest score will receive the award.

The Standards of Excellence process has an overall point total of **one hundred and fifteen (115)**. ****This does not include any bonus points**** **each chapter must achieve at least sixty (60) points** to meet the standard of excellence overall. The breakdown is as follows:

Standards of Excellence Level Recognition

93.00- 115.00 points	Gold Level Standard of Excellence
84- 92.00 points	Silver Level Standard of Excellence
75- 83.00 points	Bronze Level Standard of Excellence
60.0-74.00 points	Chapter meets Standard of Excellence
Less than 60 points	Chapter does not meet Standard of Excellence

Should a chapter not meet the Standards of Excellence the following accountability measures will be implemented:

1st year:

- Notification to National Organization
- Chapter will be invited to create an action plan with the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center
- Chapter president will be invited to meet the Associate Dean and Director of Student Involvement and Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center to discuss chapter operations.
- At the request of the chapter, the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center will continue to provide assistive resources to help the chapter improve
- Chapter will not be eligible for fraternity/sorority awards of excellence recognition

2nd Subsequent Year

- The chapter will lose recognition from Methodist University

Submission for Standards of Excellence

****5 points will be deducted from your chapter's total score for each day it is late****

Read each item carefully, answering each item fully and attaching any necessary documents. When attaching documents, include them in the section they support. If you are unsure about an item and how it relates to your organization, please ask for clarification.

Things to keep in mind as you organize your binder:

- Please do not include pages 1-5 of this packet in your binder
- The cover page should be the chapter profile. Fill it out completely
- Each section should be in order and sectioned off by dividers
- Leave the blank scoring rubric at the end of each section
- All supporting documents should be labeled with the number they are supporting. (i.e. 1A should be written in the top RIGHT corner)
- All documentation for bonus points should say BONUS
- **If an item indicates it will be verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center, no documentation is necessary.**

The information should be neat, organized, and easy to view. The scoring will be used to determine the organization of the year during the spring semester.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center

Chapter Profile

Fraternity/ Sorority Name: _____

Chapter Officers

President Fall: _____

President Spring: _____

Chapter Faculty/Staff Advisor: _____

Retention

Active Members Fall (include abroad and new members):

Non-Active Members Fall (include suspended, inactive/alum status, etc.):

Active Members Spring (include abroad and new members):

Non-Active Members Spring (include suspended, inactive/alum status, etc.):

Scholarship & Community Engagement

Chapter GPA Fall: _____

New Member GPA: _____

Total Community Service Hours: _____

Total Money Donated to Charity: _____

Section 1- Scholarship

A. _____ The chapter meets the minimum academic standard of a 2.5 Cumulative GPA.

(Maximum 4 points- 2 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

B. _____ The chapter's cumulative GPA is above the All-Men's/All-Women's Average.

(Maximum of 6 points- 3 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: See A. *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

C. _____ The chapter has maintained or increased its semester GPA from the previous semester.

(Maximum 2 points- 1 point per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: See A. *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

E. _____ The chapter conducted one program per year for its members that supports the value of Scholarship.

(2 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Hosting/Co-Hosting Educational Program form online

Section 2- Leadership

A. _____ 100% of chapter membership is involved in a club/organization/sports team outside of fraternity and sorority life.

(Maximum 10 points if 100% of members, 5 points if at least 80%)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A full list of members and their affiliated clubs/organizations

B. _____ The chapter president/members has attended their own organization's National/Regional Leadership Conferences during the year.

(3 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Please submit a confirmation of attendance for the conference as well as names of those who attended. (Examples include registration materials/confirmation emails, name badges, email verification from conference staff, etc.)

C. _____ President or presidential delegate attended all presidents' meetings, presidents' retreats, and one-on-ones with the Office of Student Involvement.

(3 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

D. _____ The chapter met the attendance requirements for all Greek Council meetings.

(Maximum 4 points-2 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center.*

Section 3- Service & Philanthropy

A. _____ Highlight 3 separate events in which the chapter engaged to obtain community service hours.
(3 points, 1 point per event)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Community Service form online

B. _____ The chapter co-sponsored a service or philanthropy event with another fraternity or sorority.
(3 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Philanthropy form online

C. _____ The chapter conducted one large-scale community service/philanthropic project per year.
(5 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Philanthropy form online

E. _____ The chapter has performed, at least, an average of 5 community service hours per member.
(10 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Community Service form online

Section 4- Brotherhood/Sisterhood

A. _____ The chapter held an annual retreat with 80% of members in attendance.
(4 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A copy of the agenda

B. _____ The chapter initiated at least 80% of the individuals who accepted offers of membership.
(5 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

C. _____ The chapter sets annual goals.
(2 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A copy of the annual goals set by the organization

D. _____ The chapter participates in a transitional meeting.
(5 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A copy of the agenda for the meeting and list of those in attendance and who is transitioning into what position

E. _____ The chapter submits a roster.
(Maximum 2 points- 1 per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A copy of fall and spring rosters that outline any members that hold positions

Section 5- Programming

A. _____ The chapter attends an educational program per year for the entire campus with at least 50% in attendance. (This can include campus speakers, bystander training, Multicultural presentations, etc. Greek speaks will NOT be counted in this category)

(3 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Educational Program Attendance form online Fall and Spring convocation will not count towards this category.

B. _____ The chapter hosts at least 2 educational programs per year for the entire campus. (This can include alcohol education, hazing prevention education, mental health awareness, etc.)

(Maximum 6 points, 3 points per program)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Hosting/Co-Hosting Educational Program form online and flyer/picture from the event.

C. _____ The chapter attends 2 athletic event per semester (Fall/Spring) with at least 50% of the chapter in attendance.

(Maximum 20 points, 5 points per game/10 per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Date and description of athletic event attended

D. _____ The chapter co-sponsored two socials per year with another fraternity or sorority.

(Maximum 4 points, 2 points per social)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Socials form online

E. _____ The chapter sponsored one social per year with an organization outside of fraternity and sorority life

(3 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Socials form online

F. _____ At least 50% of the chapter attends monthly Greek Speaks

(6 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

Section 6- Bonus Section

Bonus _____ The chapter hosted an annual Parents/Family Day or Alumni Event.

(2 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A narrative description of the program, what was included in the program, who was in attendance, a picture from the event, and an invitation to the event.

Bonus: _____ The chapter had member(s) initiated into Order of Omega during the school year.

(1 point per person)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

Bonus: _____ The chapter had member(s) serving in leadership positions outside of fraternity and sorority life (This includes Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, Student Government Executive Board, Admission Ambassadors, Club/Organization Presidents, Athletic team captains).

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A full list of members and their positions held outside of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Points will be awarded based on percentage of chapter member's involvement

90%-100% (5 points)

80%-89% (4 points)

70%-79% (3 points)

60%-69% (2 points)

50%-59% (1 point)

Bonus: _____ All active and new members have completed the Prevent Zone online Hazing Module.

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center*

Points will be awarded based on percentage of completion

90%-100% (5 points)

80%-89% (4 points)

70%-79% (3 points)

60%-69% (2 points)

50%-59% (1 point)

Bonus: _____ Hosting additional educational programs for the entire campus.

(2 points per event)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Hosting/Co-Hosting Educational Program form online and flyer/picture from the event.