



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:

<https://www.methodist.edu/life-at-mu/get-involved/fraternity-sorority-life/standards-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 fifty (150)**. **\*\*This does not include any bonus points\*\*** **each chapter must achieve at least sixty (75) points** to meet the standard of excellence overall. The breakdown is as follows:

## Standards of Excellence Level Recognition

135.00- 150.00 points	Gold Level Standard of Excellence
115 - 135 points	Silver Level Standard of Excellence
95 - 115 points	Bronze Level Standard of Excellence
75 - 95 points	Chapter meets Standard of Excellence
Less than 75 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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 of Campus Engagement, 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 Campus Engagement

# 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.**

Verified Fall and Spring Semesters (2 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director of Campus Engagement*

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

Verified Fall and Spring Semesters (3 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director of Campus Engagement*

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter has maintained or increased its semester GPA from the previous semester.**

Verified Fall and Spring Semesters (2 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director of Campus Engagement*

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter conducted one program per semester for its members that supports the value of Scholarship.**

Submit Fall and Spring Semesters (5 points per semester)

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 or holds a leadership role outside of fraternity and sorority life.**

Submit Spring Semester (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.**

Submit Spring Semester (3 points per semester)

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.**

Submit Fall and Spring Semesters (3 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director of Campus Engagement*

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter met the attendance requirements for all Greek Council meetings.**

Verified Fall and Spring Semesters (4 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director of Campus Engagement*

## Section 3- Service & Philanthropy

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ Highlight 2 separate events per semester in which the chapter engaged to obtain community service hours.**

Submit Fall and Spring Semesters (4 points per semester, 2 points per event)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Community Service form online

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter co-sponsored one service or philanthropy event per year with another fraternity or sorority.**

Submit Spring Semester (3 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Philanthropy form online

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter hosted one community service/philanthropic project per year for the entire campus.**

Submit Spring Semester (5 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Philanthropy form online

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter has performed 5 community service hours per member per year.**

Submit Spring Semester (10 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Spreadsheet that includes members names, community service event, and the amount of hours at each event.

## Section 4- Brotherhood/Sisterhood

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter held an annual retreat with 80% of members in attendance.**

Submit Spring Semester (4 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: A copy of the agenda

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter initiated at least 80% of the individuals who accepted offers of membership.**

Verified Spring Semester (5 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director Campus Engagement*

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter sets annual goals.**

Submit Fall Semester (2 points)

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

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter participates in a transitional meeting.**

Submit Spring Semester (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 per semester.**

Submit Fall and Spring Semesters (1 point 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)**

Submit Spring Semester (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 1 educational program per semester for the entire campus. (This can include alcohol education, hazing prevention education, mental health awareness, etc.)**

Submit Fall and Spring Semesters (3 points per semester)

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

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter attends at least 2 athletic events per semester with at least 50% of the chapter in attendance.**

Submit Fall and Spring Semesters (4 points per game/8 points per semester, Max 20 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Date and description of athletic event attended

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter co-sponsored two socials per semester with another fraternity or sorority.**

Submit Fall and Spring Semesters (4 points per semester)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Socials form online

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

Submit Spring Semester (5 points)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Socials form online

**F. \_\_\_\_\_ At least 50% of the chapter attends monthly Greek Speaks**

90%-100% (10 points)

80%-89% (9 points)

70%-79% (8 points)

60%-69% (7 points)

50%-59% (6 points)

Verified Spring Semester

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director of Campus Engagement*

## Section 6- Bonus Section

**Bonus \_\_\_\_\_ The chapter hosted an annual Parents/Family Day or Alumni Event.**

Submit Spring Semester (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 (Occurs in the Spring).**

Verified Spring Semester (1 point per person)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: *Verified by the Assistant Director of Campus Engagement*

**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, Peer Advisors).**

Submit Spring Semester

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%	(9 points)
80%-89%	(8 points)
70%-79%	(7 points)
60%-69%	(6 points)
50%-59%	(5 points)
40%-49%	(4 points)
30%-39%	(3 points)
20%-29%	(2 points)
10%-19%	(1 point)

**Bonus: \_\_\_\_\_ Hosting additional educational programs for the entire campus.**

Submit Spring Semester (2 points per event, Max 10 points)

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