

Guidelines for the Harry B. O'Donnell III Performance Awards

Louisville Chapter of Triangle Fraternity

In order to recognize and to stimulate the characteristics essential in a Triangle Brother, three awards have been created in memory of Brother Harry B. O'Donnell III *lou49*. As a Brother in Triangle from the Louisville chapter, Harry represented and encouraged our members to exhibit leadership, scholarship and brotherhood while always helping to build and preserve the traditions of Triangle and particularly those of the Louisville Chapter. These awards not only honor the recipients but also pay tribute to Harry himself.

The three performance awards are:

- Award for Leadership
- Award for Brotherhood
- Award for Scholarship

Each award shall consist of a framed certificate and a small cash scholarship that will be awarded at the Louisville Chapter's celebration of Triangle's Founders' Day. Award winners shall be announced during the Founders' Day Banquet. Additionally, the name of each award winner shall be engraved on a plaque that will be displayed at the chapter house. Each award shall have its own perpetual plaque.

Who is eligible for an Award?

To be nominated, a potential nominee must have been an initiated Active Member of the Louisville Chapter of Triangle during the previous calendar year or earlier. Only Brothers who were Active Members at some point during the Award Period (the 2006 calendar year) or earlier may be nominated for an award.

What is the Award Period?

The award period is the immediate past calendar year. You will be making nominations based only upon what someone did during the **2006 calendar year**. Please avoid using accomplishments or examples from previous years or for things done so far in 2007.

How do I make a Nomination?

Nominations may be made by Actives, Pledges, Alumni, University faculty/staff, and members of the community. You may also nominate yourself if you meet the eligibility requirements described above. Brothers may be nominated for more than one award; however, a Brother may only win one award per year. The Awards are ranked as Leadership, Brotherhood, Scholarship.

Each nomination must be on the official Nomination Form and must be signed by the nominator (electronic signatures are permissible). Each Nomination Form must be complete and shall include as much detail as possible to define adequately why the Brother should receive the award. To present the best case for the nominee, you may wish to also submit a copy of the nominee's résumé that would show his participation in Triangle, campus, and/or civic activities.

The Judging Panel will publish the names of all nominees for the Leadership and Brotherhood Awards after the nomination deadline.

Who judges the Awards?

A panel consisting of a minimum of five Alumni will perform the judging for the awards. Two seats on the Judging Panel shall be reserved for Br. Harry B. O'Donnell IV *lou77* and Br. Eugene M. O'Donnell *lou79*. One seat shall be reserved for the chapter's faculty advisor if he is a member of Triangle. The President of the Alumni Organization Board of the Louisville Chapter of Triangle shall appoint the remaining members of the Judging Panel. No members of the active organization shall serve on the Judging Panel.

What criteria should you use when preparing a nomination?

Award for Leadership

The active member selected for this award shall be judged based upon his accomplishments in leadership positions, his leadership skills, and his overall involvement on campus and in the community.

The following factors shall be used to quantify the leadership characteristics of the nominee.

- Accomplishments in leadership positions
- Leadership ability, motivational skills, organizational skills, and teaching skills.
- Offices held in Triangle Fraternity
- Triangle National Conventions, Leadership Schools, Regional Workshops, or leadership conferences (such as UIFI - Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute, National Engineering Student Council Conference, etc.) attended
- Offices held in student organizations at the University of Louisville
- Offices held in civic or religious organizations
- Membership in student, civic, or religious organizations

Your nomination should thoroughly discuss the nominee's:

- Ability to Lead
- Organizational Skills
- Motivational Skills
- Teaching Skills
- Leadership experience and overall involvement on campus and in the community

The criteria above are highly subjective and thus will be judged on the merits of the information provided by the nominator on the Nomination Form. Please back up your statements and cite specific examples to defend your opinions. Please refrain from using nicknames or abbreviations unless you define them first.

Award for Scholarship

All Active members during the Award Period are automatically eligible for the Award for Scholarship. There is no nomination form for this award, but only those who provide the chapter access to their University grade reports will be eligible.

The Active member selected to receive this award shall have a high average GPA during the previous calendar year and shall have earned a high number of quality points during the previous calendar year (2006 calendar year).

Award for Brotherhood

The following list may be used as a guide for quantifying an individual's level of brotherhood. The nomination should not be limited to the characteristics listed. Feel free to use additional characteristics of what makes someone a good brother.

- Embodiment of F, S, and C
- Involvement in Intramural Sports
- Work Ethic
- Commitment
- Social Skills
- Involvement in Philanthropy
- Teamwork
- Dedication
- Positive Attitude
- Willingness to go above and beyond what is required

Since these criteria are highly subjective, you must cite specific examples that occurred during the Award Period (2006 calendar year) to support your opinions. Remember that the nomination will be judged on the merits of the information provided by the nominator on the Nomination Form. Keep in mind that short nominations do not make good nominations.