

Myths and Facts of the Collegian of the Year Program

The Collegian of the Year award recognizes a collegiate member for their contributions, achievements, participation, and personal character. Each nominee who completes an application is then considered at the regional, provincial and national levels. The National Collegian of the Year Award is presented to the one brother who has exemplified the values inherent in the Ritual and perpetuated the ideals as set forth in the Purpose of the Fraternity.

MYTH: The chapter's nominee has to be a senior.

We are all brothers of equal standing so the brother that best embodies the spirit of a COY should be nominated, whether they are a senior or a freshman. Although it is good for the chapter's nominee to hold Delta Sigma Pi close to their heart, the nominee should also be involved in their university and/or community, do well academically and have proven leadership abilities outside of the Fraternity.

FACT: The National COY serves as a voting member of Delta Sigma Pi's Board of Directors.

The National COY serves a two-year term as a voting member of Delta Sigma Pi's Board of Directors, representing collegiate members of Delta Sigma Pi. Your chapter should nominate someone who you would trust to make strategic decisions about the Fraternity, can bring new ideas to the table and who will consider a collegiate member's view when voting on Fraternity business. The National COY will actively participate in national events and board meetings and will support Fraternity programs.

MYTH: The nominee needs to have attended Grand Chapter Congress.

Attendance at national events is important, but it is not necessary that the chapter's nominee has attended Grand Chapter Congress. Other events, such as LEAD Schools, LEAD Provincial Conferences, regional conferences and inter-chapter events are also just as important and can show the same level of commitment.

FACT: A chapter can nominate the same person multiple times.

It is okay for a chapter to nominate someone a second time if the chapter feels he/she is the best candidate. Many brothers have been recognized as regional and even provincial COY more than once.

MYTH: Filling out the COY application is a waste of time.

Although the application can be lengthy, regional winners receive a pearl and ruby badge, a cash scholarship award and certificate of recognition! (If your region only has 6-7 chapters in it, your odds are pretty good!) In addition to Deltasig/campus involvement, employment information and academic details, the nominee will write two essays ("My Plans as National Collegian of the Year" and "What Makes You a Leader"). He/she also need two letters of recommendations, one from a university or college official or faculty member.

FACT: Being National COY is one of the best things in the world.

Your current National COYs are happy to serve you. Feel free to reach out to either Cody (2020COY@dsp.org) or Brennen (2021COY@dsp.org) if you have any questions or concerns!