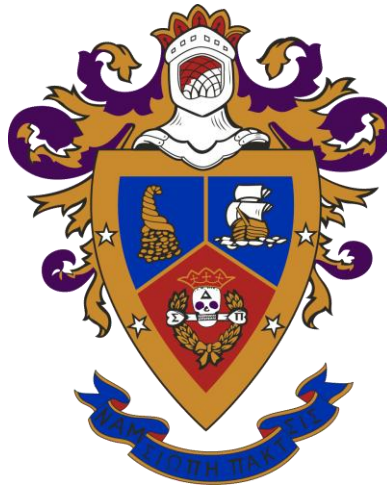


Vice President-Scholarship & Awards Officer Packet



Duties of the Vice President-Scholarship & Awards (VPSA)

(from Policy and Procedures Manual section B, policy 17)

- To ensure the chapter is informed about all opportunities for individual and chapter fraternal recognition.
- To coordinate and oversee the chapter's award application process, including nomination of a Collegian of the Year candidate.
- To serve as the contact person for the provincial and national Scholastic Development and Awards Committees.
- To develop programs to foster and recognize members' academic achievement.
- To educate members about university and Fraternity scholarship and academic development opportunities.
- To oversee the administration of any chapter scholarships.
- To promote to the university and local community any recognition received by members and/or the chapter.

Opportunities for Member and Chapter Recognition

Delta Sigma Pi offers over 20 opportunities for member and chapter recognition. Additionally, there are multiple opportunities for chapters to recognize non-members for their service to the Fraternity. Information regarding all of these opportunities may be found in the [Awards and Recognition Manual](#).

The VPSA should ensure the chapter is informed about all recognition opportunities and promote participation in this Fraternity program.

Chapters are also able to provide local awards such as Brother of the week, Brother of the Year, Highest Attendance, etc.

Chapter Awards

Every year each chapter in the Fraternity has the opportunity to be recognized for the accomplishments they have completed throughout the previous school year. Regional, Provincial, and National Fraternity awards are given to chapters for Outstanding Service, Outstanding Professional Activities, the Most Improved Chapter, Outstanding Financial Operations, Outstanding Alumni Relations, Outstanding Scholastic Development, and the Most Outstanding Chapter.

The Boyd Professional Development Fund will provide a cash grant to the national and provincial winners of the Outstanding Professional Activities Award for a Collegiate Chapter.

The Bill Tatum Leadership Fund will provide a cash grant to an outstanding recruitment program from amongst the five provincial winners of the Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award, as selected by the National Awards Committee

In order to be eligible for an award a chapter must apply following the requirements found in the [Awards & Recognition Manual](#). The VPSA and/or any awards committee should inform chapter members and individual officers of the criteria and requirements of each award at the beginning of the school year. This will allow the chapter to plan ahead and submit the best possible applications.

Awards Application Process

The VPSA should help the chapter set goals for participation in Delta Sigma Pi's awards program. The goals should be set at the beginning of the academic year in order to ensure all award eligibility requirements are met throughout the year.

The VPSA is not expected to complete applications for all chapter awards. He/she should become familiar with the application process and chair a committee that is in charge of compiling the applications. In many cases, the VPSA will complete most but not necessarily all of the award applications.

The Awards & Recognition Manual provides the criteria and guidelines for applying for all Fraternity honors. If you have questions about the Fraternity's awards program or the application process, do not hesitate to contact your Provincial Scholastic Development & Awards Committee Chair, a member of the national committee, or Central Office staff.

Collegian of the Year

Each fall, the VPSA should promote and ensure that the chapter elects one of its members to be the chapter Collegian of the Year. Nominations need to be submitted online through the Hub form by October 15. The chapter candidate's application needs to be submitted online by November 15.

The Purpose of The National Collegian of the Year Award is presented annually to the one outstanding collegiate member of Delta Sigma Pi who has exemplified the values inherent in the Ritual and perpetuated the ideals as set forth in the Purpose of the Fraternity. The award recognizes an individual for his or her contributions, achievements, participation, and personal character. The National Collegian of the Year Award is the highest honor the Fraternity can bestow on one of its collegiate members.

Criteria Chapters, regional committees, provincial committees, and national committees shall consider the following in order of importance (from greatest to least) when selecting the Collegian of the Year:

- Fraternity Involvement
- Attendance at inter-chapter Fraternity events including but not limited to Grand Chapter Congress, LEAD Schools, Provincial LEAD, regional initiations, chapter activations, etc.
- Essay outlining goals if selected as National Collegian of the Year
- Degree of leadership exhibited in Delta Sigma Pi
- University/community involvement and leadership
- Scholastic aptitude/GPA
- Additional essays required by the application

Programs for Academic Achievement

The goal of these programs should be to emphasize individual and chapter academic achievement. Steps toward this goal may include:

- Setting short- and long-term goals for the chapter's academic performance
- Promoting and recognizing individual and chapter achievement
- Facilitating positive interactions with faculty
- Stimulating career development programming for members

[Refer to the Academic Excellence Guide for more details.](#)

University and Fraternity Scholarships and Academic Development Opportunities

The objective of this duty is to ensure chapter members are aware of the variety of scholarship and academic development opportunities offered by Delta Sigma Pi and your university. These opportunities include, but may not be limited to:

- Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation scholarships (A listing of these scholarships and guidelines for applying may be found [here](#).)
- University financial aid
- Non-Fraternity sponsored scholarships
- Tutoring programs offered through the university/resources
- Chapter study hours
- University specific scholarships/award applications

Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key

Since 1912, at each school where we maintain a chapter, the Fraternity has awarded a [Scholarship Key](#). As of 2025, Delta Sigma Pi chapters can award scholarship keys to their current collegiate members at any time based on the criteria determined by the chapter.

The chapter may choose how and when best to present their scholarship key(s). The presentation may include a description of the award and its significance along with a certificate, which can be downloaded and printed. Digital recognition, including a certificate and badge, are available and should be shared with the awardee to post in/on electronic platforms (such as LinkedIn).

Scholarship Key recipients are listed on the individual chapter's Scholarship Key Scroll and in a displayed book at [the Fraternity's Central Office](#).