



Blazing  
Southwest  
Region

# AWARDS PACKET

*Call for Program Award Submissions*



*Beat the Clock:  
Submission Deadline*  
**April 15, 2024**

*Eligible programs must  
have occurred between*  
**July 1, 2022 - April 1, 2024**

*For more information*  
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# 2022-2024 SOUTHWEST REGION AWARD CATEGORIES

## CHAPTER PROGRAM AWARD CATEGORY (ALUMNAE AND COLLEGIATE):

- △ Arts & Letters Awards
- △ Emergency Response Team “ERT” Awards
- △ Heritage and Archives Awards
- △ Membership Services Awards
- △ Program Planning and Development Awards
- △ Social Action Awards
- △ Strategic Partnership Collaboration Awards

## CHAPTER AWARD CATEGORY:

- △ Chapter of the Year – Alumnae
- △ Chapter of the Year - Collegiate

## MEMBER AWARD CATEGORY:

- △ Delta Dear of the Year
- △ Outstanding Collegiate Member of the Year
- △ Outstanding Alumnae Member of the Year

## COLLEGIATE ONLY AWARD CATEGORY:

- △ Highest Collegiate GPA - Chapter
- △ Highest Collegiate GPA - Member
- △ Collegiate Advisor of the Year



CHAPTER SIZE/CATEGORY		
COLLEGIATE	ALUMNAE	
	SMALL	0-100
	MEDIUM	101-250
	LARGE	251-400
	X-LARGE	401+

Dear Chapter Presidents:

The Awards and Recognition Committee along with the Regional Arts and Letters Commission, Advisor Coordinators, Emergency Response Team, Heritage and Archives, Membership Services, Program Planning and Development Committees and Social Action Commission are pleased to announce the **“Call for Program Award Submissions.”** All chapters in the Blazing Southwest Region are encouraged to apply for each award. Awards will be given to Collegiate and Alumnae chapters. Awards will be given to collegiate, small, medium, large and x-large alumnae chapters in each category... We are delighted to present an online process for all award submissions. Through the online link, you or your designee will select each applicable category to submit the chapter’s award-winning program(s) and upload the supporting documents.

We strongly encourage all chapters to submit their programs that occurred during the 2022-2024 sorority year. Sorors, we want to see all your excellent programs that are **BLAZING** new paths in the Southwest Region!

The award submission link will officially open **January 8, 2024** on the Southwest Region Website.

- △ **Submission Deadline:** **April 15, 2024 – 11:59PM CST**
- △ **Programs/Events must be implemented between July 1, 2022 – April 1, 2024.**
- △ **Photo Guidelines** – May submit a maximum of three (3) pages (8.5” X 11”) with pictures, flyers, programs, news articles, etc. (collages are acceptable). Please label all documents with chapter name and description of the photo (i.e., Dallas Alumnae-Social Action). Photos must be submitted in JPG or PNG.
- △ **Only Electronic Submissions will be accepted.** A separate submission is required for each award nomination. *If multiple submissions are submitted, only the first submission will be considered per category.*
- △ **Narrative must not exceed 500 words with specific details regarding your event:** (i.e., creativity/innovation, community impact, attendance, partnership, etc.)
- △ **All criteria must be met to be considered for the award.**
- △ **Submission Guidelines:** Please see each award for additional requirements specific to the award category.
  - Please ensure you select the correct award submission and provide the supporting documentation needed to showcase your event.

**For questions, comments, or concerns please contact Awards & Recognition Committee at:**  
**[DST.SWR.AWARDS@gmail.com](mailto:DST.SWR.AWARDS@gmail.com)**

## Criteria for Southwest Region Awards

### **EXEMPLARY SOCIAL ACTION AWARD**

#### **Social Action Award**

This award will recognize four alumnae chapters (one extra-large, one large, one medium and one small) and one collegiate chapter that have developed and implemented exemplary programs in the area of Social Action.

The essay of nomination must include supporting documentation that clearly illustrates the chapter is qualified to receive special recognition, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers and programs, or awards.

Chapters must have National Social Action Commission approval using the Social Action Activity Request Form to be considered for a Social Action Award.

△ The following must be highlighted in the submission:

- Did your chapter integrate Social Action activities/presentation at every chapter meeting? What was your monthly Social Action activity? Did you provide handouts and a Power-Point Presentation, etc.
- Did your chapter cultivate activism in your chapter by attending, Delta Days at the Nation's Capital, Red and White Day at the State Capital, city council meetings, school board meetings, county commissioner court meetings, etc. What was your issue or purpose for attending the meetings? Did your chapter follow up after the meeting with your elected officials?
- Did your chapter continuously integrate Mobilization, Education, Voter Registration in the chapter's Social Action activities?
- How did your chapter's Social Action programming align with the current Social Action Issue Priorities of the Sorority?
- How did the Social Action Committee collaborate with other committees in your chapter to integrate Social Action through other chapter programs and projects?

△ The essay should detail the following:

- Program(s)/Projects
- Percentage of chapter members who participated in planning and/or conducting the program/project
- Goals, objectives, and other relevant information that accurately depicts the strength and success of the program/project
- Efforts made to involve or reach as many persons in the community as possible
- Collaboration with other chapters, community organizations and individuals

△ 2022-24 Social Action Issue Priorities of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority:

- Voting and Civic Engagement
- Health Equity
- Reproductive Justice
- Economic Justice
- Reimagining Public Safety
- Environmental Justice
- Education

## EXEMPLARY PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

### Economic Development

This award will recognize four alumnae chapters (one x-large one large, one medium, and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented an exemplary program in the area of Economic Development.

The essay of nomination must include supporting documentation that clearly illustrates the chapter is qualified to receive special recognition, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers and programs, or awards.

The essay should detail the following:

Describe the programs or projects your chapter has been involved in relative to Grand Chapter's **2022-2024** Economic Development initiatives.

- Participation in the "12 Months of Living Well: Financial Fortitude Across the Life Span"
- Shop the Delta Red Pages
- Providing programs/projects based on Dfree and Money Smart & Savvy
- Provide details on how these programs have affected your chapter, community/campus you serve including how many sorors supported the event.
- List and provide proof of any awards your chapter has received for your exemplary "Economic Development" chapter program or project.
- Note how many chapter sorors participated in the event
- Provide detailed evidence of feedback from the target audience and program/event analysis.
- Collaboration with Strategic Partners, across chapter committees, with other community organizations and Delta chapters to execute programming.

### SW Regional Economic Development Award: **Crimson & Cream Goes Black for Green**

The support of black-owned businesses and building wealth are essential to maximizing the buying power of African Americans in the United States. In the Blazing Southwest Region, we do not just ignite the flame of change, we lead the changes we want to see in ourselves, our families, and our communities. To tap into this buying power in 2024 and beyond we must be **D**iligent, **S**trategic and **T**tactical.

We encourage ALL chapters to participate in our second "**Crimson and Cream goes Black for Green**" challenge in February 2024. For the entire month of **February 2024**, we are asking you to spend your dollars with black-owned businesses. Dollars may be spent at storefronts, online (The Delta Red Pages, or other websites) just make sure to turn in your receipts to your chapters' Economic Development or PPD Chair. Chapter totals should be submitted to the Southwest Regional Economic Development sub-committee [dst.swr.economic@gmail.com](mailto:dst.swr.economic@gmail.com) and [swrppandd@gmail.com](mailto:swrppandd@gmail.com) by **March 12, 2024** using the 2024 Crimson Goes Green form. (Appendix A).

- ✓ Chapter should retain receipts to support amount submitted
- ✓ Completed submission form must be signed by the Chapter PPD Chair and Chapter President

Additional suggestions of how chapters may support black-owned businesses include but are not but not limited to:

- Highlight black-owned businesses in your chapter newsletter/website/social media
- Host a black business fair
- Conduct workshops on how to start a business (steps to registering a business, creating a business plan, elevator speeches, etc.)

### **Educational Development**

This award will recognize four alumnae chapters (one x-large, one large, one medium, and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented an exemplary program in Educational Development.

The essay of nomination must include supporting documentation that clearly illustrates that the chapter is qualified to receive special recognition, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers and programs, or awards.

The essay should detail the following:

- Programs that promote educational interests within the chapter's community or campus through various programs.
- Must include exemplary program implementations inclusive of scholarship initiatives, mentoring programs, (i.e. Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, Delta GEMS, and/or EMBODI)
- Describe ways in which the chapter has implemented the exemplary program(s).
- Describe any additional educational development programs that have been implemented in your chapter and the impact these programs have had on your chapter, the participants, and the community/campus.
- List and provide proof of any awards or recognitions the chapter has received for their exemplary chapter program(s).
- Provide evidence of feedback from the target audience and program/event analysis.
- Collaboration with Strategic Partners, across chapter committees, with other community organizations and Delta chapters to execute programming.

### **International Awareness and Involvement**

The International Awareness and Involvement Exemplary Program Award will recognize four alumnae chapters (small, medium, large, and x-large) and one collegiate chapter that implemented projects or made contributions that had a measurable impact on our international programs. The awarded chapters must demonstrate meeting the following criteria.

△ One of the following International Awareness and Involvement initiatives must be highlighted:

- **Training Resources in Family Education (T.R.E.E.)** located in Durban
- **Adelaide Tambo School** for the Physically Challenged located in Johannesburg
- **Mary Help of the Sick Mission Hospital** located in Kenya

- **I Can Fly High School** located in Kenya
- **Muindi Mbinga School** located in Kenya
- **Delta House/Vashti Village** located in Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland)
- **Delta Sigma Theta Elementary School (Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre Campus)** located in Cherette, Haiti

△ The essay should detail the following:

- The programs or projects your chapter has been involved in relative to Grand Chapter's **2022-2024** International Awareness and Involvement initiatives.
- Program/Project aligns with IAI national initiatives (World AIDS Day and/or 7 approved international programs) and national strategic plan, especially the empowerment of Black women and girls
- Significant impact towards building awareness of international issues, particularly those impacting women and children
- Ways in which the program(s) encouraged cross-cultural understanding and appreciation
- Collaboration with strategic partners, across chapter committees, with other Delta chapters and/or other community organizations
- Specific outcome or impact of program (e.g., funds raised, women and/or children impacted, amount of financial contribution).

### **Physical and Mental Health**

The Exemplary Physical and Mental Health Award will recognize four (4) alumnae and one (1) collegiate chapter for their exemplary programming in Physical and Mental Health that made a measurable impact on their respective communities.

Programming must be **innovative, comprehensive, and community focused**. The essay of nomination must include supporting documentation that clearly illustrates that the chapter is qualified to receive special recognition, including but not limited to: photos, newspaper articles, news media, event flyers, and programs, awards.

The essay must detail the following:

- At least one (1) of the following National Physical and Mental Health Initiatives must be highlighted:
  - LIVE WELL
  - Good Health Wins
  - Human Trafficking
  - Domestic Violence
- Collaboration with **at least two (2)** Charitable Partners
  - American Cancer Society
  - American Diabetes Association
  - American Heart Association
  - American Red Cross
  - Delta Research and Education Foundation (DREF)

- March of Dimes
- National Council of Negro Women
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- UNICEF
- Ways in which the program has encouraged collaboration with other community organizations.
- Ways in which the program empowered women and girls through the promotion of physical and mental health.
- Evidence of feedback from the target audience and collaborators.
- Ways in which the program touched on multiple aspects of health and wellness.
- Ways in which the program can be replicated and sustainable in various communities.

“Mind, Body and Soul” Recognitions (SWR Physical and Mental Health)

The Empowerment of Women and Girls through physical and mental health is a major priority of our International President and Chair of the National Board of Directors. The Sorority’s 2021-2026 Strategic Plan serves as a guiding light to fulfill that priority, further emphasizing that we are “one sisterhood on one accord.” Chapters are encouraged to support the physical and mental wellbeing of all women and girls, Deltas and non-Deltas alike, through the promotion of healthy behaviors for physical and mental wellness and safety.

The “Mind, Body and Soul” Recognitions seek to acknowledge all chapters that implemented programs and activities internally and externally that sought to empower women and girls in their community through physical activity, mental wellness, and overall wellbeing.

**Endurance:** Recognizes chapters that held programs for their members **and** the community that promoted **both** physical and mental health through physical fitness, mental wellness, **and** education. (Level 3-Gold)

**Strength:** Recognizes chapters that held programs for their members **and** the community that promoted health through physical fitness **and** education. (Level 2-Silver)

**Balance:** Recognizes chapters that held programs and/or activities **internally** for their members that promoted health through physical fitness, mental wellness, or education. (Level 1-Bronze)

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AWARDS

### RECLAMATION AWARD

This award will recognize four alumnae chapters (one ex-large, one large, one medium, and one small) that have reclaimed members back in the fold of Delta and in their chapters.

- Send a list of reclaimed sorors during July 1, 2022 – April 1, 2024
- Write an essay describing the reclamation events in 500 words or less that led to the reclamation of members.

### REGIONAL DELTA WEEK RECOGNITION

This award will recognize four alumnae chapters (one extra-large, one large, one medium, and one small) and one collegiate chapter that showcased activities that align with but not limited to those programs listed in the SWR 2024 Membership Services Delta Week calendar. Delta Week programs/activities should creatively support the sorority's 5 Point Thrust.

Recognize the chapter that made that impacted the community with their events measured by overall attendance, individual impact, and the highest percentage of soror participation.

Special recognition will be awarded to chapters who highlight their activities with creative flyers, photos, short media clips, etc. on the chapter's social media platforms including, but not limited to Instagram, Facebook, and/or Twitter using the hashtag: **#SWRDeltaWeek24**.

### “SUSTAINING OUR SISTERHOOD” AWARD

This award will recognize four alumnae chapters (one ex-large, one large, one medium, and one small) and one collegiate chapter that have demonstrated creativity, uniqueness, and stimulating activities and events to promote a culture of fellowship through sisterhood. Activities and events must have been held between **September 1, 2022 – April 1, 2024**. This year we would like your submission in a video format along with a 300-word description of the activities and events held to sustain your membership. Below are the rules for submission.

#### Video Format

1. **Chapter Introduction:** A short opening that introduces the chapter by name and gives an overview of the activities and events
2. **Demonstration:** A video no longer than 3 minutes, including chapter introduction and demonstrating the activities and events held to sustain your membership

#### How to Create the Video

- **Presentation:** Position the video camera for opening such that it records the Soror(s) speaking at approximately waist level; Record activities with close-up and panning motion shots to give accurate look at the success of the event; Photo montages set to music are acceptable videos as well.
- **Delivery:** Speak clearly at adequate volume, make good eye contact with the camera, show excitement for reclamation.
- **Filming:** For chapter introduction, make sure the background isn't distracting. Shoot against a single- color background if possible. If the camera is not stationary (tripod; recommended), the

camera operator must maintain a still position. Ensure all clips in video have adequate lighting.

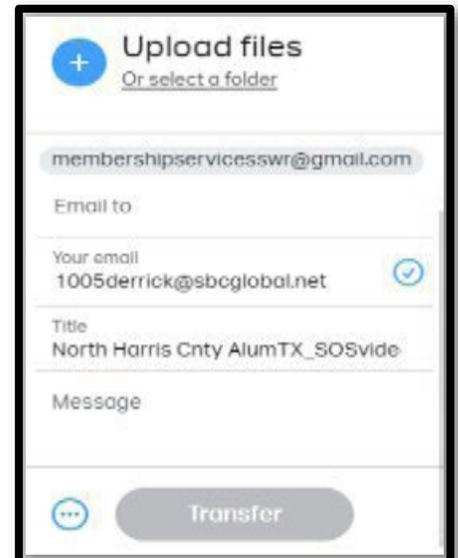
- **Adding Background Music:** Make sure the music is not too loud/overpowering over the moderating Soror. All songs must be free of profanity and must adhere to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Chapter Music Licensing Guide.
- **General Video Specs:** Make sure to record in high-definition video via professional camera or mobile device.

### How to Send the Video to Us

- **Saving Your Video:** To extract the video, connect the professional camera, iPhone or Android device to your computer and save the file as an .MP4, .MPEG, .AVI or .MOV file (dependent on your computer)
- **Naming the File:** Follow this format: chapter name\_state\_sosvideo
  - Alumnae Example: northharriscountyalumnae\_tx\_sosvideo
- Collegiate Example: mutau\_la\_sosvideo
- **Sending the Video to Us:** Go to [wetransfer.com](http://wetransfer.com), if asked to set up an account, **SELECT** 'I just want to send files.' In the white box (see example image below), add video file, in the 'email to' field put [DST.SWR.AWARDS@gmail.com](mailto:DST.SWR.AWARDS@gmail.com), enter your email in the 'your email' field, and enter the file name in the 'title' field. No 'message' is required. Click 'transfer' to submit.

### How to Send the video description to us

- **Sending the 300-Word Description to Us:**
  - Use the award submission link to upload you 500-word description of the video*
  - Choose Membership Services "Sustaining Our Sisterhood from the drop-down menu*



## **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AWARDS**

This award will recognize four alumnae chapters (one x-large, one large, one medium, and one small) and one collegiate chapter that has developed and implemented exemplary programs in the area of Strategic Partnership with one of our charitable partners.

The essay of nomination must include supporting documentation that clearly illustrates that the chapter is qualified to receive special recognition, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers and programs, or awards.

△ The essay should detail the following:

- Describe the Strategic Partnership Program, activity or event that was implemented with one of the nine charitable partners.
  - American Cancer Society
  - American Diabetes Association
  - American Heart Association
  - DREF
  - March of Dimes
  - NCNW (National Council of Negro Women)
  - St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
  - UNICEF
- Ways in which the chapter exemplifies the mission, ideals, and goals of the Sorority.
- A description of how the chapter and its members serve as examples for other Alumnae and Collegiate chapters.

## ARTS & LETTERS AWARDS

The Regional Arts and Letters Awards aim to recognize and honor chapters within the region that have demonstrated excellence in promoting and supporting the arts, literature, and entertainment, celebrating the African-American experience and showcasing the talents of the community.

### Visual Arts Award:

- Demonstrated commitment to promoting and supporting visual arts within the community.
- Successfully organized art showcases, exhibitions, or painting events.
- Encouraged and showcased the works of local African-American visual artists.
- Efforts to elevate the visibility of African-American artists and their contributions.

### Literary and Film Award:

- Promotion of literature and films that feature positive stories about the African-American experience.
- Support for Delta Authors on Tour (DAOT) or similar initiatives.
- Efforts to encourage reading clubs, book discussions, or literary events.
- Support for films produced and performed by African-Americans.

### Entertainment and Artistic Performance Award:

- Organization of concerts, plays, and performances that celebrate African-American culture and history.
- Promotion of local musicians and performers through events and showcases.
- Contribution to Delta Red Carpet/theatre outings or similar initiatives.
- Support for African-American network and cable television shows and movies.

#### Selection Criteria:

Each award category should have specific criteria that chapters must meet to be considered for the award.

- Chapters may self-nominate or be nominated by other chapters within the region.

### Arts & Letters Program of the Year Award

The Arts & Letters Program of the Year Award is presented to one extra-large, one large, one medium, and one small alumnae chapter, as well as one collegiate chapter, that have outstandingly promoted the creative works and advanced a positive image of African Americans in the community through music, dance, drama, and poetry.

#### Selection Criteria:

Each award category should have specific criteria that chapters must meet to be considered for the award. For the Arts & Letters Program of the Year Award, the following criteria should be included:

- The program should have made a significant impact on the community by promoting a positive image of African Americans through music, dance, drama, poetry, or other cultural enrichment activities.
- The chapter's involvement with Delta GEMS, Delta Academy, EMBODI, or other youth groups in the program should be highlighted.
- The program should demonstrate creative partnerships with other Delta chapters, Greek organizations, or community organizations to increase Arts & Letters awareness and create a stronger impact.
- Chapters may self-nominate or be nominated by other chapters within the region.

**Essay of Nomination:**

The essay of nomination for the Arts & Letters Program of the Year Award should include the following elements:

1. **Description of Impact:** Detail how the chapter's Arts & Letters program impacted the community and cultivated a positive image of African Americans through music, dance, drama, poetry, or other cultural enrichment activities. Provide evidence of the program's success through testimonials, attendance records, or media coverage.
2. **Inclusion of Youth Groups/Collegiate students:** Explain how the chapter involved Delta GEMS, Delta Academy, EMBODI, or other youth groups or collegiate student activities in the Arts & Letters program. Showcase how the program has positively influenced the youth or collegiate students and contributed to their personal and artistic development.
3. **Creative Partnerships:** Describe the chapter's partnerships with other Delta chapters, Greek organizations, or community organizations to increase Arts & Letters awareness and create a stronger impact. Provide details about collaborative events, joint initiatives, or shared resources that have enhanced the program's reach and effectiveness.
4. **Representation of Diverse Genres:** Demonstrate how the Arts & Letters program represents a variety of diverse genres, including print, visual arts, music, dance, and theatre.
5. **Exposure to Cultural Venues:** Explain how the program provides exposure to a variety of cultural venues within the community, fostering a deeper appreciation for African American arts and heritage.
6. **Community and Chapter Involvement:** Emphasize the level of community and chapter involvement in the program's planning, execution, and success.

## CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to four alumnae (one x-large, one large, one medium, and one small) and one collegiate chapter that have demonstrated exemplary programming encompassing a minimum of three or more of the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust and exhibited innovation and quality execution in the areas of internal development, programmatic delivery, community involvement, chapter management, and member involvement.

The essay of nomination must include supporting documentation that clearly illustrates the chapter is qualified to receive such an honor, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers and programs, or awards.

### △ The essay should detail the following:

- Chapter must be in compliance for the **-2022 - 2024** sorority years.
- Execute quality programs in a minimum of 3 areas of the Five Point Programmatic Thrust.
- Show support of State, Regional, and National activities/initiatives through chapter programming.
- Describe how the chapter made an impact on the community/college campus through the programs/activities presented.
- Shows creativity in how programs were implemented.
- Include details of collaboration with other Delta Chapters, Greek organizations, or other community organizations for a stronger impact.
- Describe how the chapter has embraced the sorority mission, ideals, and goals, thus upholding the legacy of our Founders.
- Describe how the chapter has promoted sisterhood and service in the community.
- Submission may include a maximum of 6 photos, as well as other documents such as newspaper articles, programs, and event flyers.

## **HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE AWARD - CHAPTER**

- This award will be given to the Collegiate Chapter with the highest Chapter Grade Point Average.

*Chapter Grade Point Averages will be verified via Red Zone reporting by the Regional Representative and/or Regional Director.*

## **HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE AWARD – MEMBER**

- This award will be given to the Collegiate Member with the highest-Grade Point Average in the Region.

*Grade Point Averages will be verified via Red Zone reporting by the Regional Representative and/or Regional Director.*

## **OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

This award is presented to the collegiate member who has significant service and contributions to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated as a member of her chapter.

### **Requirements for Nomination:**

- The nominee must have been financial for the current sorority year.
- Must be a member of a chapter.
- Must be submitted by the chapter president or her designee.

The essay of nomination must include supporting documentation that clearly illustrates that the chapter is qualified to receive such an honor, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers, and programs, or awards.

### **The Collegiate nominee should:**

- Maintain a minimum 2.75 on a 4.0 scale OR 1.75 on a 3.0 scale
- Attend and participate in chapter and committee meetings.
- Attend, participate, and support chapter programs and activities.
- Model outstanding leadership, character traits, and elements of the nine cardinal virtues.
- Demonstrate commitment to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- Contribute to leading the chapter in superior community service and impact.

## **DELTA DEAR OF THE YEAR AWARD\***

This award is presented to a Delta Dear who has been an outstanding member of a chapter. This member is caring, nurturing, and has served as a role model throughout her Delta career. She has also been a pioneer in her profession.

### **Requirements for Nomination:**

- The nominee must have been financial for the current sorority year.
- Must be age 62 or over.
- Must be nominated by a chapter President or her designee.
- Must have attended the last two of the last three Regional Conferences held before her nomination
- **Be present at the Regional Conference which award is presented**

*\*Verification of attendance at National Conventions/Conference and financial status with the sorority will be verified by the Regional Director designee.*

The essay of nomination must include a photo of the nominee and supporting documentation that clearly illustrates that the candidate is qualified to receive such an honor, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers, and programs, or awards

### The essay should detail the following:

- Current chapter in which the member is financial.
- Ways in which the Member exemplifies the Sorority's Nine Cardinal Virtues in her daily interaction with others.
- Examples of how the Member shares her knowledge and expertise with others.
- Ways in which the Member has exhibited involvement in her chapter and her community.
- Any outstanding achievements or awards for leadership and/or professional and volunteer activities.
- Any local, state, regional or national leadership roles the Member has been involved in during the 2022-2024 sorority year.

## **OUTSTANDING ALUMNAE MEMBER OF THE YEAR\***

This award is presented to the member who has significant service and contributions to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated as a member of a chapter.

### **Requirements for Nomination:**

- The nominee must have been financial for the current sorority year.
- Must be a member of a chapter.
- Must be submitted by the chapter president or her designee.
- Must have attended the last two of the last three Regional Conferences held before her nomination
- **Must be present at the Regional Conference at which award is presented**

*\*Verification of attendance at National Conventions/Conference and financial status with the sorority will be verified by the Regional Director designee.*

The essay of nomination must include a photo of the nominee and supporting documentation that clearly illustrates that the candidate is qualified to receive such an honor, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers, and programs, or awards.

### **The Alumnae nominee should:**

- Attend and participate in chapter and committee meetings.
- Attend, participate, and support chapter programs and activities.
- Model outstanding leadership, character traits, and elements of the nine cardinal virtues.
- Demonstrate commitment to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated
- Contribute to leading the chapter in superior community service and impact.

## COLLEGIATE ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Advisors play an important role in the life of collegiate chapters. Therefore, advisors should be recognized for their untiring commitment to the chapters they serve. This award is presented to the advisor who has been supportive of a collegiate chapter through her guidance and knowledge of Delta. Advisor of the Year Awards will be presented per state (AK, LA, TX/NM).

To be considered for the Collegiate Advisor Awards, an advisor should meet the requirements of nomination and observed epitomizing many positive attributes including those listed while working with collegiate members.

### POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES OF AN OUTSTANDING ADVISOR

<b>Mentor</b>	Has a direct positive relationship with the collegiate(s) and demonstrated service in mentor in for growth in Delta, in other organizations, or in their professional/academic career
<b>Mediator</b>	Has a direct positive relationship in intervening in a interpersonal relationship conflict with either chapter members, with Delta chapters in conflict with other organization, or university relationships
<b>Manager</b>	Has a direct positive relationship in assisting chapters to carry out their program, financial, or compliance objectives with Delta and/or with the university

#### Requirements for Nomination:

- The nominee must have been financial for the 2023-24 sorority year.
- An essay of nomination submitted by the chapter president or her designee
- **Be present at the Regional Conference at which the award is presented**
- Must have attended the last two of the last three Regional Conferences held before her nomination
- Nominating Deltar may be collegiate member, another advisor, alumnae chapter president or a member (i.e. mother/grandmother) that has interacted with the advisor due to the Membership Intake Process)

*\*Verification of attendance at National Conventions/Conference and financial status with the sorority will be verified by the Regional Director designee.*

The essay of nomination must include a photo of the nominee and supporting documentation that clearly illustrates that the candidate is qualified to receive such an honor, including, but not limited to photos, newspaper articles, event flyers, and programs, or awards.

#### The Advisor of the Year nominee should:

- Provide guidance that contributes to effective chapter management.
- Exhibit exemplary chapter and university relations.
- Facilitate chapter growth through effective internal development programs.
- Attend state, regional, and national activities.
- Exhibit outstanding leadership abilities.
- Facilitate the transition of collegiate members into the alumnae chapter.
- Contribute to the ongoing personal and professional development of collegiate members.
- Exemplify commitment and dedication through her work as an advisor and a member of her community/alumnae chapter.
- Be actively involved in an alumnae chapter.

## EXEMPLARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) AWARDS

The Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team will recognize Collegiate and Alumnae Chapters that are Delta Ready during the 2023-2024 sorority year, based on their readiness status.

Chapters should submit a Delta Ready Report Form (Application) for each project/program conducted (up to 3 activities can be submitted).

ERT Awards Submission Criteria (applicants will be judged on the following criteria):

- Appointment of a Chapter ERT Coordinator.
- Completion of the Chapter Emergency Response Plan (ERP)
  - The new DST ERP template current as of the 56<sup>th</sup> National Convention (2023-24)
- Emergency Response Plan addresses Pandemic preparation
- Emergency Response Plan shared with Chapter
- Completion of ERT Training for the Chapter
- Completion of ERT Activities within the Community
- Collaborations with local agencies (not limited to Emergency Management, Fire Department, Police Department, Health Department, FEMA)
- Completion of COVID-19 Awareness Training in the Community
- Collaborations with other programs and/or chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- Implementation of the Emergency Red Envelope Campaign

Documents to include for each activity/event/program:

- SWR DST ERT Awards Form (2023-24):
  - [Adjustable according to awards submission type/requirements set by the committee](#)
- Up to five (5) pieces of supporting documents (one video) per activity may be submitted
  - Pictures (No more than 3):
    - *see picture standards via the Southwest Region Awards Packet (pg. 3)*
  - Newspaper articles, Programs, etc.
  - Video highlights/collage of ERT event/program (one video per activity).
    - See video format on pg. 9

## EXEMPLARY HERITAGE AND ARCHIVES AWARDS

### A Legacy of Love Heritage & Archives Award

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is the successor of a vibrant and powerful legacy. Rooted in scholarship, service, sisterhood and achievement. For more than 100 years of service, our members have rendered countless hours to uphold Delta's mission of advancing humanity through service in our communities; thus, creating and achieving major accomplishments, significant milestones, historic occasions and a passion to serve and preserve our legacy.

The goal of the Regional Heritage and Archives Committee is to provide guidance to chapters as they prepare, maintain, and restore historical artifacts that showcase chapter history.

**A Legacy of Love Heritage & Archives Award** will recognize one Collegiate and one Alumnae Chapter in the Blazing Southwest that demonstrates how they preserve, document and share chapter history.

#### AWARD CRITERIA:

- Chapters should submit a creative two (2) minute video highlighting where their chapter's history was showcased or displayed at an event/celebration.
- Send video to the committee using wetransfer.com. *(Please refer to the video format and how to submit instructions found on page 9)*
- An essay of no more than 250 words detailing the steps the chapter is taking to maintain those archival properties.
  - Are you following the recommended guidelines found in the National Heritage and Archives Manual?
  - What format is being used to preserve documents: e-file, storage facility, flash drives, DropBox or Google drives with limited access, etc.

**See page 9 for video format and upload instructions.**

## Appendix A

Southwest Region Program Planning & Development Committee:  
Economic Development

### 2024 Crimson and Cream Goes Black For Green Submission Form

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Collegiate \_\_\_\_\_ Small (0-100) \_\_\_\_\_ Medium (101-250)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Large (251-400) \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large (401+)

Total # of Chapter Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Chapter Members Who Participated: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation Dollars Spent:

AMOUNT SPENT	
February 1-3	
Week of February 4-10, 2024	
Week of February 11-17, 2024	
Week of February 18-24, 2024	
Week of February 25-29, 2024	
<b>TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT</b>	<b>\$</b>

Number of Black-owned businesses supported: \_\_\_\_\_

I have verified the receipts submitted to the chapter were for purchases made by chapter members during the weekend noted above in April 2023. The total submitted to the Southwest Regional Economic Development Subcommittee can be substantiated by receipts we have maintained, if requested.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter PPD Chair or Economic Development Chair

Please email this form to the Southwest Region Economic Development Subcommittee at [dst.swr.economic@gmail.com](mailto:dst.swr.economic@gmail.com). All Forms are due by 7:00PM on March 12, 2024.

**NOTE:** Original or photocopies of receipts are acceptable submissions to the Chapter PPD Chair or Economic Development Chair. Please do not send any receipts to the SW Regional PPD email. Only this signed form by the designated individuals should be scanned and emailed.