



Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc.

Introduction of White Rose Awards

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Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc. is proud to announce the White Rose Awards, to be presented at our annual White Rose Banquet at National Convention on Saturday, October 02, 2010 in Portland, Oregon.

This annual event is an opportunity for our Sorority to recognize individuals and chapters who have successfully exemplified our Pillars of Honesty, Integrity, Leadership, Scholarship and Unity. In 2010, GAO will recognize outstanding achievement in the following categories:

Individual Awards

Undergraduate Excellence - Undergraduate
Campus Leadership Excellence - Undergraduate
Undergraduate Philanthropist of the Year - Undergraduate
Organizational Leadership - Alumni
Rising Professional - Alumni
Professional of the Year - Alumni

Organizational Awards

Academic Excellence- Undergraduate Chapter
Philanthropic Excellence - Undergraduate Chapter
Undergraduate Chapter of the Year

In this packet, you will find award criteria, award applications and guidelines for submission. Award recipients will be announced at the White Rose Banquet.

Please note that all individual and Chapter of the Year award recipients will be considered for nomination for the NALFO Awards Gala in 2011.

Eligibility

Any active member of Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority in good standing is eligible to be nominated for an award in the Individual category. Any active Chapter of Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority in good standing is eligible to be nominated for Chapter of the Year award in the Organizational category. Individuals may self-nominate for awards.

Your electronic submission package is due September 1st, 2009

The Awards Selection Committee will consider only those nominations that follow the specific guidelines and are submitted by appropriate deadlines. All nominees may be subject to eligibility verification by the Awards Selection Committee.

Period of Eligibility

Nominations should be based on achievements between **July 2009** and **June 2010**.

Guidelines for Submissions

- Each chapter and/or individual is requested to consolidate all nominee applications in one electronic submission package that includes one copy of the *2010 Awards Cover Sheet*.
- Each chapter and/or individual should submit the submission package electronically to convention@gammaalphaomega.com.
- Each nomination should be uploaded and attached as one (1) PDF file. You may convert your files to PDF form for free with one of many online converters, such as www.pdfonline.com.
- There is no limit as to the number of nominations per award. However, one (1) nomination form must be submitted per nominee. The same nomination cannot be submitted for multiple awards. **Duplicate and incomplete nominations will not be considered.**
- Photos are not necessary for individual awards but resumes are highly encouraged.
- Award application(s) must be submitted in single-spaced size 12 Times New Roman font and have 1-inch margins. Please see each award application for specific page length.
- Email submission packages should include only the *Awards Cover Sheet* and the completed applications for those awards that you are submitting nominations.
- Please note that the Awards Selection Committee is not responsible for any files lost in transit and/or any files that are unreadable by the recipient. Therefore, it is in your best interest to send your application before the final deadline to ensure receipt and readability.
- **Final deadline is September 1st, 2010**

Award Descriptions

Individual Awards

Undergraduate Excellence

In recognition of an undergraduate member who has demonstrated excellence in the following categories:

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership Excellence
- Community Service
- Commitment to the Greek Community

Campus Leadership Excellence

In recognition of an undergraduate who has demonstrated her commitment to her organization, University Campus and the Greek Community through her service in leadership positions in her organization, campus and/or the Greek Community as a whole.

Undergraduate Philanthropic Excellence

In recognition of an Undergraduate who has successfully integrated philanthropy as part of their every day life through continual contribution and participation to philanthropic events.

Organizational Leadership Excellence

In recognition of an alumna who has demonstrated her commitment to her organization and the Greek Community through her service in leadership positions in her organization or the Greek Community as a whole.

Rising Professional

In recognition of aspiring professionals or entrepreneurs who embody the standards of the Greek Community through their professional accomplishments and community involvement. Applicants should have graduated no more than five years ago. (2005 - 2010)

Professional of the Year

In recognition of established professionals or entrepreneurs who embody the standards of the Greek Community through their professional accomplishments and community involvement. Applicants should have graduated a minimum of five years ago. (xx - 2004)

Organizational Awards

Academic Excellence Undergraduate Chapter

In recognition of an undergraduate chapter who has achieved the highest grade point average, while meeting or exceeding a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. The GPA will be cumulative to include each active member's GPA during the 2009 - 2010 academic year.

Philanthropic Excellence Undergraduate Chapter

In recognition of an Undergraduate Chapter who has successfully integrated philanthropy as part of their annual programming and events.

Undergraduate Chapter of the Year

In recognition of an undergraduate chapter who has demonstrated excellence in the following categories (all must be covered in application):

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership Excellence
- Community Service
- Chapter Integrity
- Commitment to the Greek Community

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

1. Complete the below information.
2. Copy only this page, and Save the file as "Cover Sheet."
3. Upload it as an individual attachment.
4. Send with your Email Submission Package.

Your Name: _____

Your Title: _____

Your Chapter/Association: _____

Your Phone: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Enclosed are nominations for the following Award categories:

Please check all that apply. For each award that you are submitting a nomination, Copy the corresponding application. Save the file as the name of award, followed by the nominee's last name, or Chapter name. Then Upload it as an individual attachment, and Send with your Email Submission Package.

Individual Awards

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Leadership Excellence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Leadership Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Philanthropic Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional of the Year |

Organizational Awards

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropic Excellence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter of the Year | |

Is this an individual nomination, or are you nominating on behalf of your entire Chapter/Association? Individual Group

If you are nominating on behalf of your entire group, please ensure that no other members of your group also submit a group nomination. Each member of your group may submit individual nominations separately.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE

In recognition of an undergraduate member who has demonstrated excellence in the following categories:

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership Excellence
- Community Service
- Commitment to the Greek Community

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

Photos	Photos may accompany all award nominations per the award guidelines.
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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location <i>(University, City, State):</i>	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Attach to this Nomination Form a description of the candidate’s accomplishments in the areas listed below. You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics. Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this candidate. The application (excluding this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership Excellence
- Community Service
- Commitment to the Greek Community

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

In recognition of an undergraduate who has demonstrated her commitment to her organization, University Campus and the Greek Community through her service in leadership positions in her organization, campus and/or the Greek Community as a whole.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All undergraduates who have served or currently serve in a leadership position in her respective organization, campus or the Greek Community at large.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

Photos	Photos may accompany all award nominations per the award guidelines.
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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location (University, City, State):	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Attach to this Nomination Form a description of the candidate's accomplishments in the areas listed above. You must include a letter of recommendation from a chapter advisor or campus official describing nominee's activities and impact to her campus. You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics. Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this candidate. The application (excluding this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE PHILANTHROPIC EXCELLENCE

In recognition of an Undergraduate who has successfully integrated philanthropy as part of their every day life through continual contribution and participation to philanthropic events.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All undergraduates from chapters currently recognized by a Latino or Multicultural fraternity or sorority.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

Photos	Photos may accompany all award nominations per the award guidelines.
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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location <i>(University, City, State):</i>	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Attach to this Nomination Form a description of the candidate’s accomplishments in the areas listed above. You must include a letter of recommendation from a chapter advisor or campus official describing nominee’s activities and impact to her campus. You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics. Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this candidate. The application (excluding this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

In recognition of an alumnae who has demonstrated commitment to her organization and the Greek Community through her service in leadership positions in her organization or the Greek Community as a whole.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All alumnae who have served or currently serve in a leadership position in their respective organization or the Greek Community at large.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

Photos	Photos may accompany all award nominations per the award guidelines.
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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location (University, City, State):	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Attach to this Nomination Form a description of the candidate's accomplishments in the areas listed above. You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics. Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this candidate. The application (excluding this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

RISING PROFESSIONAL

In recognition of aspiring professionals or entrepreneurs who embody the standards of the Greek Community through their professional accomplishments and community involvement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All alumnae regardless of current or past academic standing who are currently working full time. Must have graduated within last five years.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

Photos	Photos may accompany all award nominations per the award guidelines.
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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location <i>(University, City, State):</i>	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Attach to this Nomination Form a description of the candidate’s accomplishments in the areas listed above. You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics. Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this candidate. The application (excluding this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

In recognition of aspiring professionals or entrepreneurs who embody the standards of the Greek Community through their professional accomplishments and community involvement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All alumnae regardless of current or past academic standing who are currently working full time. Must have a minimum of five years post-graduation experience.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

Photos	Photos may accompany all award nominations per the award guidelines.
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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location (University, City, State):	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Attach to this Nomination Form a description of the candidate's accomplishments in the areas listed above. You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics. Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this candidate. The application (excluding this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In recognition of an undergraduate chapter who has achieved the highest grade point average, while meeting or exceeding a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. The GPA will be cumulative to include each active member's GPA during the 2009 - 2010 academic year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All undergraduate chapters currently recognized by a Latino or Multicultural fraternity or sorority. Chapters with multiple schools under one chapter name are eligible.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

Photos	Photos may accompany all award nominations per the award guidelines.
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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location (University, City, State):	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Please describe your chapter's accomplishments in Academic Excellence. Within this category, the nominators are required to submit the following:

- Overall chapter GPA and individual member GPA
- Number of required study hours
- Descriptions of programs/interventions created to increase individual and/or chapter GPA
- List of utilized university resources

The application (excluding photos and this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

PHILANTHROPIC EXCELLENCE

In recognition of an Undergraduate Chapter who has successfully integrated philanthropy as part of their annual programming and events.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All undergraduate chapters currently recognized by a Latino or Multicultural fraternity or sorority. Chapters with multiple schools under one chapter name are eligible.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please submit the below information as it should appear on a plaque award.

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Nominee:	
Chapter:	
Chapter Location <i>(University, City, State):</i>	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

NOMINATION

Please describe your chapter's accomplishments in Philanthropic Excellence. Be sure to list and describe your community service and/or educational events conducted during appropriate academic year. If possible, please detail the scope of the event; i.e. how many chapters/individuals participated and how many participants were involved? Please address how these activities made an impact on the Latino or your surrounding community. The application (excluding photos and this nomination form) may not exceed a total of 2 pages.

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

The nomination process and selection for Academic Excellence and Chapter of the Year shall be determined by an application packet outlining the Chapter's accomplishments for the previous year. The application packet provides chapters the opportunity to create a cohesive application that may be submitted to the White Rose Awards Selection Committee and to NALFO in hopes of being considered for the NALFO Organization of the Year award.

Based on the NALFO selection criteria, the areas that should be covered in each nomination packet are:

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership Excellence
- Community Service
- Chapter Integrity
- Commitment to the Greek Community

Each packet will be evaluated using a pre-approved scoring sheet by the Board of Directors. The chapter with the highest overall score will be recognized as GAO Chapter of the Year. The chapter with the higher score in the categories of Academic Achievement will receive the Academic Excellence awards.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

Each chapter executive body is requested to create the nomination packet following the set guidelines

Each chapter should submit all nominations electronically to convention@gammaalphaomega.com. All nominations should be submitted as one (1) PDF file.

Please note the awards committee is NOT responsible for any files lost in transit and/or any files that are unreadable by the recipient. Therefore, it is in your best interest to send your application before the final deadline to ensure receipt and readability.

Application Packets for Chapter of the Year should not exceed 10 pages (supporting documents included). Incomplete nomination packets will not be accepted.

Chapters are highly encouraged to submit pictures and/or news articles as part of the packet.

Final deadline is September 1st, 2010 at 11:59 PM PST.

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FORMATTING OF NOMINATION PACKET

I. Introduction

The nomination packet will begin with a cover letter written by the member nominating the chapter. This letter should be no more than one page, single-spaced, that summarizes the accomplishments and endeavors of the chapter. Following the cover letter, a table of contents will outline by page number each of the selection categories and items included. The table of contents should begin with “*I. Introduction*” and list “*Cover Letter*” as the first item under that category. The table of contents should continue with the below headings.

II. Academic Achievement

Within this category, the nominators are encouraged, but not limited, to submit the following:

- Overall chapter GPA and if possible, individual member GPA
- Number of required study hours
- Descriptions of programs/interventions created to increase individual and/or chapter GPA
- List of utilized university resources

III. Leadership Excellence

In this category, nominators are encouraged to list individual member accomplishments and awards received outside of the sorority but within the university community. These accomplishments include:

- Executive board in local Greek councils or GAO Board of Directors or National Administration
- Executive board in other student organizations
- Awards received (leaders and academic)
- Self-initiated projects

IV. Community Service

To determine the impact each chapter has had in regards of community service, chapters are asked to submit each service opportunity in the following format:

Event Title:
Date(s):
Location:
Target Population Served:
Attendance:
Total Cost:

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Brief Description:

Nominators are encouraged to list all service opportunities for the entire academic year. In this section, it becomes imperative to attach supporting documentation for all service opportunities. Furthermore, if the event was a fundraiser, please list total funds raised and for what purpose.

V. Chapter Integrity

This category will provide nominators an opportunity to discuss overall chapter morale, number of active/inactive members, relationships both on and off campus, and any other pertinent information that will give the evaluators greater insight to the current situation of the chapter. Do all members participate in community service events? What is the relationship with other organizations with campus? Has the chapter collaborated with other organizations on/off campus? Is the chapter in good standing with the Sorority? These are some of the points that should be addressed in this section.

VI. Commitment to the Greek Community

Outside of leadership roles and service opportunities, this category will allow the nominator to outline chapter collaborations with other Greek letter organizations. These collaborations include but not limited to:

- Recruitment programs
- Collaborations for the betterment of the university community
- Programs that promote awareness of Latino Greeks
- Active role in Latino Greek councils (not including leadership roles)