

Delta Sigma Delta

AWARDS CONFERRING POLICY

The bestowing of awards by the Supreme Council is a recognition of the extraordinary service of committed individuals given for the welfare and interests of the Fraternity. Such identification additionally benefits the Fraternity by inspiring recipients to maintain further the service for which they were recognized. Awards, while an acknowledgement of individual service, also engender pride in the recipient's chapter, thereby stimulating chapter activity and strength.

The Awards Committee of the Supreme Chapter is the only body which can assess and recommend the granting of Supreme Chapter Awards to the Supreme Council. However, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Supreme Chapter clearly states that "any nomination must be sanctioned by the customs, rules, regulations and protocols of the nominee's parent chapter prior to being presented to the Awards Committee".

The following policies are recommended as guidelines which the three geographic areas of the Fraternity should follow when considering a Fraternity award nomination submission to the Supreme Chapter Awards Committee. The Committee may request additional information on a nominee for any award category.

UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN CHAPTERS

In addition to the annual appointment of the Awards Committee, the Supreme Grand Master shall appoint Regional Awards Assessment Committees for the purpose of selecting and evaluating individuals from the US and Canadian chapters to be proposed for Fraternity awards. Where an organized Graduate Chapter exists the credentials of proposed candidates for awards should be reviewed by an authorized committee of that Chapter prior to being submitted to the Regional Committee assigned to them. In the absence of a local Chapter, an individual may be proposed by any member of the Supreme Chapter to a Regional Assessment Committee created for that purpose.

Awards shall be allocated as follows:

Meritorious Service Award – Typically only one award recognizing outstanding service would be conferred each year, but more may be awarded at the discretion of the Supreme Council. Proposals for this award shall be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes a supporting letter of recommendation describing the past and present contributions of the candidate on behalf of the Fraternity. A curriculum vitae focused on revealing the candidate's suitability for receipt of the award is also desirable.

Distinguished Service Decree - Any number of awards may be granted each year. Proposals for this award must be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes documentation explaining the individual's notable contribution to the Fraternity; especially a significant contribution to a local chapter, thus confirming the candidate's worthiness to receive this high honor.

Achievement Award – Any number of awards may be granted each year. Proposals for this award must be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes documentation explaining the individual's contribution to society or the dental profession, thus confirming the candidate's worthiness to receive this high honor.

Honorary Membership – Only one individual may be elected annually. Proposals for Honorary Membership must be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes documentation explaining the individual's contribution to society, or the dental profession, thus confirming the candidate's worthiness to receive this high honor.

Nominations should be submitted to the Regional Assessment Committees no later than November 30th each year and following scrutiny of the candidate's qualifications, forwarded to the Awards Committee of the Supreme Chapter no later than December 31st each year.

EUROPEAN CONTINENTAL CHAPTER

Nominations for an award must emanate from, and be sanctioned by, the Grand Master or Council of the nominee's Chapter prior to being submitted to the Chairman of the ECC Awards Committee. In any one year only the designated number of nominations may be forwarded to the Awards Committee of the Supreme Chapter for review. This will take place following scrutiny of the candidate's qualifications by the Awards Committee of the E.C.C.

Awards shall be allocated as follows:

Meritorious Service Award – No more than one award may be nominated annually. For a member of the ECC to be eligible for this award, outstanding work and contributions to the Fraternity must have been made at least on a European or International level. Nominations for the Meritorious Service Award must be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes a supporting letter of recommendation describing the outstanding past and present contributions of the candidate on behalf of the Fraternity. A curriculum vitae focused on revealing the candidate's suitability for receipt of the award is also desirable.

Distinguished Service Decree – No more than two awards may be nominated annually. These may be awarded to those individuals who have made a notable contribution to their local chapter. Proposals for the Distinguished Service Decree must be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes documentation explaining the individual's contribution to the Fraternity confirming the candidate's worthiness to receive this high honor.

Achievement Award – Currently, the ECC Awards Committee does not consider nominations for this award.

A member of the Supreme Council may nominate a member of the ECC for these awards, however approval should be obtained from the Awards Committee of the ECC before doing so. The nomination must then be sanctioned by the Council of the member's local chapter, followed by scrutiny of the candidate's qualifications by the Awards Committee of the ECC.

Nominations should be forwarded to the ECC Awards Committee no later than November 30th each year and forwarded to the Awards Committee of the Supreme Chapter no later than December 31st each year.

AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS

Nominations for an award should be initiated and sanctioned by the local chapter's Executive (the Grand Master and Council). Nominations should be forwarded to the Chairman of the "ANZ Awards Assessment Committee" for consideration by the committee. No more than five individuals from ANZ Chapters shall be offered awards annually.

Awards shall be allocated as follows:

Meritorious Service Award – Typically only one award may be conferred each year, but more may be awarded at the discretion of the Supreme Council. Proposals for this award shall be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes a supporting letter of recommendation describing the outstanding past and present contributions of the candidate on behalf of the Fraternity. A curriculum vitae focused on revealing the candidate's suitability for receipt of the award is also desirable.

Distinguished Service Decree – Proposals for this award must be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes documentation explaining the individual's notable contribution to the Fraternity, especially a significant contribution to a local chapter, thus confirming the candidate's worthiness to receive this high honor.

Achievement Award – Any number of awards may be granted each year with the combined limit of five awards applying to MSA and DSD only. Proposals for this award must be accompanied by a completed Award Nomination Form sanctioned by the Supreme Chapter which includes documentation explaining the individual's contribution to society, or the dental profession confirming the candidate's worthiness to receive this high honor.

Nominations should be forwarded to the ANZ Awards Assessment Committee no later than November 30th each year and forwarded to the Awards Committee of the Supreme Chapter no later than December 31st each year.

A member of the Supreme Council may nominate an ANZ member for these awards, but the proposed nomination must be sanctioned by the member's local chapter and the ANZ Awards Assessment Committee. In this case, the Supreme Council's nomination will not be included in the five member ANZ proposal limit.

AWARDS CRITERIA

The following suggested criteria should be considered in the selection of nominees for the various awards conferred by the Supreme Chapter:

Meritorious Service Award

1. One who has made outstanding contributions toward the interests and growth of the Fraternity.
2. Ideally a continuously active member in Fraternal affairs for a period of at least 15 years.
3. Preferably one who has served as Grand Master of an organized chapter of the Fraternity or has held high office in that chapter or the Supreme Chapter for a prolonged period.
4. Those who are highly regarded by their peers.

Distinguished Service Decree

1. One who has made a notable contribution to benefit the Fraternity.
2. Ideally one who has been continuously active in the Fraternity for at least 10 years.
3. Unusual or timely service or deed to a local chapter of Delta Sigma Delta.
4. Has not necessarily served in high office of an organized chapter.

Achievement Award

1. Not necessarily a member of Delta Sigma Delta.
2. In recognition of outstanding achievement in or service to a government, civic, charitable, or philanthropic organization.
3. Has contributed greatly to clinical or organized Dentistry in the areas of education, research, or service.
4. Unusual or timely service or deed.

Honorary Membership

1. A member of the dental profession who is not a Life Member of Delta Sigma Delta.
2. In recognition of outstanding achievement in or service to a government, civic, charitable, or philanthropic organization.
3. In recognition of outstanding service past or present to the dental profession in the areas of education, research, or service.
4. Attainment of specific circumstance or honor.
5. Those who are highly regarded by their peers.

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