

GREAT LAKES REGION GRADUATE REGIONAL AWARDS



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Great Lakes Regional Conference
Letter from Madame Great Lakes Regional Director



December 14, 2008

To the *Pearls of the Great Lakes Region*:

Competing for regional awards is an accepted practice within our region. We have many sorors who have achieved milestones and made great strides throughout their careers, both within the sorority and elsewhere. Participating in the awards process requires time, energy and resources. It also requires that you keep documentation for a period of time. Alpha Kappa Alpha women have been known to be talented, resourceful and creative.

We encourage all of you to participate in the regional awards via chapter or individual categories. This serves as an opportunity to showcase your vast contributions through service to the community, service to each other and service to our great sorority.

The AKA Connection Award highlights national, state and local issues. The winner of the Graduate Award will be recognized at the 2009 Leadership Seminar.

A special thanks to Soror Jennie C. Murry, the Regional Awards Chairman, and to those of you who have accepted the role as judges, chapter coordinators, scrapbook helpers, supporters, and those who have willingly submitted the materials needed to bring it all together. We thank you and please know that all of you are winners.

Sisterly,

Schylbea J. Hopkins

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Great Lakes Regional Director



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Great Lakes Regional Conference



Letter from Madame Regional Awards Steering Committee Chairman

December 14, 2008

Greetings Sorors of the Great Lakes Region:

It is a new day! And along with the new day comes an updated Great Lakes Regional Awards booklet.

Many changes have been made. The major changes are as follows:

- ✓ No more narratives!
- ✓ The Outstanding Basileus Award is now based on chapter size just like the Outstanding Chapter Award.
- ✓ ALL award deadlines are the same.
- ✓ ALL award entries/documents/fees get mailed to the same address.
- ✓ Criteria for many of the award categories have been revised.
- ✓ Separate booklets have been published for the undergraduate and graduate awards.

There is a special National Connection Award at the Graduate level. This award, unlike the others, **requires a narrative**. The first place winner at our Regional Conference will be the submission from our region to the competition at the National level.

Sorors, please pay close attention to the criteria listed on each page of each award. The list above is a brief synopsis of the changes however the specific details are found on the individual awards pages. If after reviewing the booklet you have any questions, please contact me.

The committee appreciates the thought, time, and energy you put into entering the competition for the awards. We hope these updates enhance and enrich your awards experience.

Sisterly,

Jennie C. Murry

Jennie C. Murry, Chairman
Regional Awards Steering Committee



GREAT LAKES REGIONAL DIRECTORS 1929 – Present



Regional Director	Term	Chapter Affiliation (While in Office)	City
Lottie Pearl Mitchell	1929 – 30	Alpha Omega (AΩ)	Cleveland, Ohio
Margaret Davis Bowen	1931	Sigma Omega (ΣΩ)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Mattie Dalton Jackson	1932 – 34	Sigma Omega (ΣΩ)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Beulah Tyrrell Whitby	1934 – 36	Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)	Detroit, Michigan
Wilbretta Pope Johnson	1937 – 38	Alpha Omega (AΩ)	Cleveland, Ohio
Irene A. Graves	1938 – 40	Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)	Detroit, Michigan
Juanita Davis Webster	1941 – 42	Alpha Sigma Omega (ΑΣΩ)	Columbus, Ohio
Laura Thelma Fife Lovelace	1942 – 45	Sigma Omega (ΣΩ)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Ruth Marie Thomas Hargrave	1946 – 49	Rho Omega (PΩ)	Wilberforce, Ohio
Fanette B. Norris	1950 – 54	Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)	Detroit, Michigan
Gwendolyn C. Goldston	1954 – 58	Alpha Omicron Omega (AOΩ)	Institute, West Virginia
LaRue Walker Frederick	1958 – 62	Alpha Alpha Omega (AAΩ)	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Bernice Irene Sumlin	1963 – 66	Beta Eta Omega (BHΩ)	Dayton, Ohio
Thelma Crumpton Hollis	1966 – 68	Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)	Detroit, Michigan
Altha C. Brown	1968 – 72	Rho Omega (PΩ)	Wilberforce, Ohio
Eva Lois Evans	1972 – 74	Delta Tau Omega (ΔTΩ)	Lansing, Michigan
Madelyn M. Hairston Giddens	1974 – 78	Alpha Alpha Omega (AAΩ)	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Gloria Stephens Smith	1978 – 82	Delta Tau Omega (ΔTΩ)	Lansing, Michigan
Bella Gilchrist Parker	1982 – 86	Zeta Theta Omega (ZΘΩ)	Akron, Ohio
Ann Colbert Battles	1986 – 88	Zeta Alpha Omega (ZAΩ)	Toledo, Ohio
Emma Lilly Henderson	1988 – 90	Alpha Sigma Omega (ΑΣΩ)	Columbus, Ohio
Phyllis E. Robinson	1990 – 94	Eta Iota Omega (HIΩ)	Inkster, Michigan
Patricia A. Petty Wilson	1994 – 98	Beta Beta Omega (BBΩ)	Charleston, West Virginia
Rachel Ashburn Mallory	1998 – 2002	Alpha Sigma Omega (ΑΣΩ)	Columbus, Ohio
Pamela Lynne Redden	2002 – 06	Alpha Omega (AΩ)	Cleveland, Ohio
Schylbea J. Hopkins	2006 – 10	Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)	Detroit, Michigan



AWARDS BOOKLET REVISIONS



Date	Great Lakes Regional Director (Chapter While in Office)	Awards Chairman (Chapter Affiliation During Service)
January 1963	Soror Bernice I. Sumlin Beta Eta Omega (BHΩ)	N/A
June 1974	Soror Eva L. Evans Delta Tau Omega (ΔTΩ)	N/A
January 1976	Soror Madelyn M. Hairston Giddens Alpha Alpha Omega (AAΩ)	Soror Delphine Briscoe Alpha Alpha Omega (AAΩ)
January 1981	Soror Gloria Stephens Smith Delta Tau Omega (ΔTΩ)	Soror Sheila Taylor Sigma Omega (ΣΩ)
January 1983	Soror Bella Gilchrist Parker Zeta Theta Omega (ZΘΩ)	Soror Helen Felton Eta Iota Omega (HIΩ)
January 1987	Soror Ann C. Battles Zeta Alpha Omega (ZAΩ)	Soror M. Loretta Gray Beta Eta Omega (BHΩ)
January 1991-93	Soror Phyllis E. Robinson Eta Iota Omega (HIΩ)	Soror Frances J. Tyus Alpha Omega (AΩ)
January 1995	Soror Patricia A. Petty Wilson Beta Beta Omega (BBΩ)	Soror Marjorie Ball Walker Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)
September 1998	Soror Rachel Ashburn Mallory Alpha Sigma Omega (ΑΣΩ)	Soror Barbara Tucker Zeta Alpha Omega (ZAΩ)
October 2003	Soror Pamela L. Redden Alpha Omega (AΩ)	Soror Michele T. Jackson Zeta Theta Omega (ZΘΩ)
November 2006	Soror Schylbea J. Hopkins Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)	Soror Patricia Easterling Beta Theta Omega (BΘΩ)
December 2007	Soror Schylbea J. Hopkins Alpha Rho Omega (APΩ)	Soror Jennie C. Murry Delta Psi Omega (ΔΨΩ)



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
GREAT LAKES REGION



REGIONAL AWARDS STEERING COMMITTEE 2009

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Committee Member	Chapter Affiliation	City
Soror Chloe Beck	Iota Iota (II)	Bowling Green, Ohio
Soror Marsha Fugate	Delta Nu Omega ($\Delta N\Omega$)	Rochester, New York
Soror Nestelynn Gay	Eta Iota Omega ($HI\Omega$)	Inkster, Michigan
Soror DeLisle Horton-Willis	Alpha Rho Omega ($AP\Omega$)	Detroit, Michigan
Soror Natalie Jones	Iota Upsilon (IU)	Syracuse, New York
Soror Madrene Kemp	Xi Epsilon Omega ($\Xi E\Omega$)	Buffalo, New York
Soror Danielle Love	Theta Lambda Omega ($\Theta \Lambda \Omega$)	Pontiac, Michigan
Soror Barbara McCollum	Alpha Omega ($A\Omega$)	Cleveland, Ohio
Soror Noel Niles	Sigma Zeta (ΣZ)	Albion, Michigan
Soror Rosie Payne	Zeta Alpha Omega ($ZA\Omega$)	Toledo, Ohio
Soror Eula Rice	Alpha Rho Omega ($AP\Omega$)	Detroit, Michigan
Soror Lillie P.W. Stephens	Gamma Phi Omega ($\Gamma \Phi \Omega$)	Buffalo, New York
Soror Latoya Vineyard	Gamma Chi Omega ($\Gamma X\Omega$)	Morgantown, West Virginia
Soror Chanelle Williams	Theta (Θ)	Columbus, Ohio
Soror Urcelle Willis	Rho Omega ($P\Omega$)	Wilberforce, Ohio
Soror Sandra Wray-McAfee	Delta Psi Omega ($\Delta \Psi \Omega$)	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Soror Darlene Wright	Beta Eta Omega ($BH\Omega$)	Dayton, Ohio
Soror Geneva Young	Alpha Rho Omega ($AP\Omega$)	Detroit, Michigan

REGIONAL AWARDS STEERING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Organization: The Regional Director will select all members of the Regional Awards Steering Committee and she will appoint a chairman for the committee.

Responsibilities: This Committee will be responsible for doing the following:

1. Overseeing the Regional Awards process. Its goal is to encourage and promote entries from the various chapters in the region. These entries, submitted in the form of scrapbooks and exhibits, include illustrated and documented accounts of chapter activities that help preserve the history of each chapter.
2. Revising the Awards Booklet. Each category should be evaluated yearly for its pertinence to the goals of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
3. Establishing a budget in consultation with the Regional Tamiouchos.
4. Communicating with the Regional Tamiouchos to maintain a record of the Regional Awards fees collected.
5. Setting up awards and exhibit sites and supplying signage to identify locations graduate and undergraduate awards. Pink for graduates; green for undergraduates.
6. Providing orientation at the Regional Conference for all award judges.
7. Organizing the process for evaluation of awards during the Regional Conference.
8. Overseeing the judging by the Awards Judging Committees.
9. Distributing awards and certificates at the Regional Conference.
10. Making recommendations to the Regional Director regarding the process and procedure.

CHAPTER AWARDS COORDINATOR and RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Chapter Basileus is requested to have a Regional Awards Committee coordinated by an Awards Coordinator. This person shall be responsible for doing the following:

1. Reviewing the current Awards Booklet revisions with Chapter Awards Committee.
2. Identifying the award category / categories for which the chapter will submit an entry.
3. Recommending to chapter members the entry category / categories once the committee has decided which areas to enter.
4. Making certain that the chapter entries meet the specifications as stated in the Awards Booklet.
5. Using the official form to submit (Appendix A) the award category / categories to be entered by the chapter.
6. Arranging for any equipment that might be needed on-site (for example, an exhibit). Depending on the entry, a designee may be needed to periodically monitor the exhibit to ensure that it is operating properly while on display.
7. Making certain all chapter entries are ready to be logged in at the designated time and place.
8. Assigning a soror to be responsible for delivering and picking-up award materials.

JUDGING POLICIES

The form each chapter is to use for submitting names of sorors to serve as Regional Awards judges is found in Appendix *B*. The following policies will be upheld by the Regional Director:

1. Each award category will have an Awards Judging Committee that is comprised of individuals who are not members of the Regional Awards Steering Committee.
2. Only one soror per chapter can participate on each regional award judging committee.
3. If a chapter has an entry in a regional award category, a member of that chapter may not serve as a judge of the award.
4. The Regional Director will appoint all sorors to judging committees.
5. Committee members who arrive after judging has begun will not be allowed to participate in the judging.
6. Each judge shall remain in her designated area until she has completed her judging assignment.
7. Each judge shall leave the judging room when she has completed her assigned task(s).
8. Each committee member shall fill out the Criteria for Evaluation form for each chapter or soror competing for an award.
9. Each judge shall submit her completed Evaluation Form to the designated member of the Steering Committee.

SUBMISSION OF AWARDS MATERIALS

The policies for the submission of materials are as follows:

1. ALL entries – exhibits, displays, scrapbooks -- must be brought to the Regional Conference and logged in with the Awards Committee at the specified location and during the time period published in the Regional Conference Agenda.
2. Each entry must be submitted to the Awards Committee as a complete unit. Any and all component parts must be brought to the Awards Committee for check-in at the same time.
3. NO entry will be accepted in isolated component parts at different times during the check-in period published in the Regional Conference Agenda.
4. The person submitting the award entry / entries for a chapter will sign in certifying that the entry being submitted is complete at the time of submission.



GRADUATE AWARDS

Great Lakes Regional Conference

BEULAH T. WHITBY AWARD – Outstanding GRADUATE Chapter

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to an outstanding GRADUATE chapter in each of the following *four* size categories:

- 8 – 40 members
- 41 – 90 members
- 91 – 150 members
- 151 or more members

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. OVERALL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES	
A. Activities within the sorority	
1. Published agenda for each scheduled meeting	2
2. Communications to sorors	4
3. Documentation of chapter representation at Boulé / Leadership Regional Conference, and Cluster / Undergraduate Round-Up	6
4. Documentation of financial contribution to Corporate Office (that is, per capita, C.O.I.P., EAF Chapter contribution, EAF 100% individual member contributions)	3
5. Founders Day observance	2
6. Membership Documentation: Membership Intake Process and / or Program for reclaiming inactive sorors, Program for transfer of Undergraduate sorors into graduate chapter	6
7. Social activities that foster sisterly relations, and joint activities with activities with other local / regional Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapters	6
8. Contributions to the Undergraduate Chapter and / or undergraduate sorors	2
9. Submissions to the <i>Ivy Leaf</i> magazine and other public relations programs (as announced via print media, radio, television, video, <i>et cetera</i>)	2
10. Fund-raising projects	6
B. Scholarships and Attainment (that is, honors, citations, presentations)	
1. Individual soror attainment	6
2. Chapter attainment	6
C. Community service and contributions	
1. Health, tutorial and / or community welfare services, and participation in community organizations	15
2. Chapter execution of ESP Platforms	15
3. Educational, cultural and religious activities	5
4. Chapter membership in and / or financial contributions to other organizations	5
II. CLARITY AND NEATNESS	5
III. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

NOTE: Include citations and awards from participation in any of the above referenced activities.

***** SCRAPBOOK AND JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

EMMA LILY HENDERSON – International Program

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter with the most outstanding local program in support of International Program objectives during Program Year 2008.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. PLATFORMS	
A. The Non-Traditional Entrepreneur	20
B. The Economic Keys to Success	20
C. The Economic Growth of the Black Family	20
D. Health Resource Management and Economics	20
II. CONTINUING PROGRAMS -- other chapter projects	10
III. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
IV. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

MARGARET DAVIS BOWEN AWARD – Outstanding GRADUATE Basileus

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to a GRADUATE Basileus for outstanding leadership in each of the following *four* chapter size categories:

- 8 – 40 members
- 41 – 90 members
- 91 – 150 members
- 150 or more members

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. GENERAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS	35
A. Planning	
B. Leading	
C. Organizing	
D. Coordinating	
II. CHAPTER GROWTH and EFFECTIVENESS	35
A. National Programs	
B. Local Programs	
C. Retention and Reclamation	
D. Bridging	
III. WHAT MAKES YOU AN OUTSTANDING BASILEUS	20
IV. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
V. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

NOTES: The chapter of the Basileus submitting an entry for this category **MUST** have at least one current award entry or a **PENALTY** of ten (10) points will be imposed.

Documentation may reflect the entire term of office as Basileus, but is limited to a maximum of three (3) pages per category per year in office as Basileus.

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

LARUE FREDERICK AWARD – Outstanding GRADUATE Soror

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the outstanding GRADUATE soror.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. SORORITY – CONTINUOUS LEARNING A. Attendance at Chapter meetings B. Attendance at Cluster meetings / Regional Conferences C. Attendance at Boulé / Leadership Conferences	25
II. SORORITY LEADERSHIP -- offices held at the Chapter, Regional and / or International level	15
III. SORORITY INVOLVEMENT A. Committee chairmanship and / or committee membership B. Participation and contributions to chapter programs and projects C. Participation and contributions to the International Programs	25
IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT -- program projects with other organizations, churches or schools, speeches, <i>et cetera</i>	15
V. PERSONAL ATTAINMENTS -- scholarship, awards, self-improvement	10
VI. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
VII. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

NOTES: Entries for this award must be submitted with the approval of the chapter submitting the entry and signed by the Basileus of that chapter.

Documentation may cover the lifetime of the soror at the graduate level.

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

FANNETTE B. NORRIS AWARD – Outstanding Graduate Advisor

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to a GRADUATE ADVISOR who exemplifies the following:

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. LEADERSHIP SKILLS	
A. Demonstrates strategies for interpretation and implementation of Alpha Kappa Alpha programs	15
B. Attendance at undergraduate activities	15
C. Demonstrates participation with graduate sorors	10
D. Communicates with Regional Director / Graduate Chapter Basileus on behalf of the undergraduates	15
E. Utilizes Alpha Kappa Alpha rules and regulation as prescribed in the various sorority documents	15
F. Promotes sisterly relations within the undergraduate chapter.	10
G. Facilitates transition of graduating seniors to graduate chapter membership	10
II. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
III. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

NOTES: The UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER of the Graduate Advisor submitting an entry for this category **MUST** have at least one current award entry or a ten (10) point **PENALTY** will be imposed.

The signature of the Basileus and Grammateus of the undergraduate chapter are required on the narrative.

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

EVA L. EVANS AWARD – Graduate / Undergraduate Relations

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter that promotes and foster cooperative activities between graduate and undergraduate chapters.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. CHAPTER INTERACTION	
A. List of joint activities	10
B. Nature of the activities (give details)	
1. Social events	10
2. Individual graduate/undergraduate events	10
3. Leadership development workshops	15
4. Program planning	15
5. Scholarship awarded to undergraduates in chapter	15
C. Assessment of the activities (include outcomes and productivity)	15
II. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
III. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

NOTE: This award is to be prepared jointly by the associated graduate and undergraduate chapters. The signatures of the Basileus and Grammateus of both graduate and undergraduate chapters are required in the narrative.

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

RUTH M. THOMAS HARGRAVE AWARD – Focus on Youth

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter for an outstanding program targeting youth.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. EFFORTS TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES AND INVOLVE YOUTH IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (i.e. UNCP, NAACP, Urban League)	20
A. Memberships and youth committees	
B. Chapter activities which promote youth involvement and commitment to these organizations.	
C. Collaborative projects with other community organizations	
II. CHAPTER SPONSORED YOUTH GROUPS	20
A. Groups involving boys and/or girls that are under the direct supervision of the chapter	
B. Involvement of these youths in service projects (i.e. senior citizens, community clean-up)	
III. FOCUS ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREAS OF LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL SKILLS AND THE PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS.	20
IV. OTHER ONGOING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO YOUTH (i.e. scholarship, tutorial and mentoring programs, educational events, trips, tours, services to: homeless children, abused children, physically and developmentally disabled children, Special Olympics)	30
V. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
VI. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

GLORIA STEPHENS SMITH AWARD – Political Impact

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter that has rendered distinguished service in fostering and implementing programs of action which impact the “Political Arena”

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. CHAPTER INITIATIVES	
A. Concentrated educational activities (political forum, Political awareness, voter education, etc.)	15
B. Inter-group collaboration	5
C. Related proposals – funded and implemented	5
D. Involvement of citizens	5
E. Scope of influence (locally, regionally, nationally)	10
F. Chapter volunteer service	10
G. Long-range planning	10
H. Media campaign as it relates to above activities	10
I. Identification and clarification of issues for community	10
J. Responding to issues as a collective voice	10
II. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
III. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

NATIONAL CONNECTION AWARD – AKA Connection

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter that distinguishes itself in presenting exemplary Connection Projects and is which effectively address a national, state and / or local critical issue through well planned and highly executed outstanding Connection activities. The award is presented during the biennial Leadership Seminar , and each entry will be recognized during the Regional Conference.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. Ability to identify an outstanding critical issue (that is, Voter Registration, Voter Education, Mental Health, Diabetes, Sickle Cell, Domestic Violence, Cardiovascular Disease, Coalition Building, <i>et cetera</i>)	20
II. Ability to strategically plan and implement the steps to address the critical issue in a timely, proficient manner, providing visual evidence of each activity / program.	40
III. Ability to Engage Strategies for Power (ESP) by connecting chapters, community groups, corporations, the Pan Hellenic Council and any other organization to successfully resolve the critical issue(s).	40
Total Points Possible	100

*** EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED ***

NOTES: **Narrative Format** -- The information relating to each critical issue is to be presented in the form of a brief overview of the project, **not to exceed three (3) pages**, from the initial planning stage to its conclusion. The narrative should include the following information: **a)** how the success of the program was measured, **b)** what part of the population was impacted by the project, **c)** the percentage of chapter participation, and **d)** the outcome of the project on the community served.

Documentation Format -- The documentation shall be in the form of an indexed booklet with clearly labelled tabs. The tabs should be succinctly informative as to the section for each of the following: **a)** pictures related to each project, **b)** published articles / news briefs which capture the essence of each project, and **c)** journaling on each page to enhance the documentation.

Method of Selection – The first-place winner at the Regional Conference will be the submission from the Great Lakes Region. Each Connection Representative will submit a regional winner to the Corporate Office no later than May 01, 2009. A Pan Hellenic Group will be asked to judge the regional award winners. The National Connection Chairman will provide the group with guidelines and the criteria for selecting the winner from the group of submitted regional award winners. The Pan Hellenic Group will be responsible for selecting the overall winner. The National Connection Chairman will submit the name of the winner to the Directorate.

SCHYLBEA J. HOPKINS AWARD - Golden Soror of the Year

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This GRADUATE award is based on achievements of the **Golden Soror** in your chapter. Consideration will be given to leadership and support of ideas and goals of the Sorority. Each category will be validated with supporting documentation. A soror must be nominated by her chapter and she must attend this Regional Conference or provide evidence of incapacities.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. Must have been recognized by the Corporate Office as a 50-year Soror.	20
II. Must have been financially active with participating chapter at least five (5) years preceding her chapter's nomination.	20
III. Provide evidence of active participation with three or more committees at least two years preceding her nomination.	20
IV. Be a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated	10
V. Present evidence of volunteer community service during the last five (5) years preceding her chapter's nomination.	20
VI. Clarity and Neatness of Layout	5
VII. Uniqueness of Cover	5
Total Points Possible	100

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

MATTIE D. JACKSON AWARD – Helping Hand

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter which excels in the following categories of service:

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. AREAS OF SERVICE	
A. Women Survivors -- Chapter shows evidence of developing strategies to assist local, international programs or creates and establishes programs for women in need with problems related to domestic violence, HIV, drug or alcohol dependency and catastrophic illness.	18
B. Single Parents – Chapter shows evidence of collaborating with other agencies to implement programs or developing chapter strategies to assist this group of fragmented citizens.	18
C. Children at Risk – Chapter shows outstanding evidence of developing programs to assist / enhance the self-worth of children of all ages.	18
D. Senior Citizens -- Chapter shows evidence of assisting and developing strategies for elderly persons, especially those living in group homes or alone, who are in need of emotional and economic support.	18
E. Homeless Persons – Chapter shows evidence of interacting with established community agencies or establishes independent methods for assisting people in need of food, shelter and clothing.	18
II. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
III. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

NOTE: NO entries were submitted in 2008 for this award.

MADELYN M. HAIRSTON GIDDENS AWARD – Caring and Sharing

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE soror who has exemplified caring and sharing without expectation of reward.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. HUMANITARIAN AND CARING -- Soror's activities and behavior show evidence of consistently demonstrating and communicating humanitarian concern and caring in relation to her	
A. Family	30
B. Sorors	30
C. Community	30
II. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
III. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

***** SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

WILBRETТА P. JOHNSON AWARD– The Great Communicator

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Presented to a GRADUATE chapter that best utilizes the full range of communication tools to keep its members and others who have a need to know informed.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. FORMS OF COMMUNICATION	
A. Utilizes electronic communication and facilitates access by chapter members.	10
B. Newsletter – distribution on a regular basis with inclusion of necessary information	10
C. Dissemination of chapter calendar	10
D. Emergency notification system i.e. notification of call meetings, illness / death	10
E. Chapter roster	5
F. Distribution of Regional Director’s newsletter	10
G. Outreach to inactive sorors	5
H. Chapter minutes accurately reflect meetings and are made available.	10
I. Correspondence addressed to chapter is shared appropriately.	
J. Effectively communicates with Regional Director, other Chapters in the city, Corporate office and Undergraduate Chapter	10
II. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
III. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

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PHYLLIS E. ROBINSON AWARD – Outstanding Newsletter

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter for excellence in communication to chapter membership.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. NEWSLETTER LAYOUT	20
A. Eye-catching: overall aesthetic appeal; impact	
B. Originality of design: artistry and creativity	
C. Neatness: finished look	
II. ORGANIZATION OF NEWSLETTER	20
A. Format clearly defined	
B. Follows same format each issue	
C. Logical sequence of information	
III. CONTENT OF NEWSLETTER	30
A. Indicates name and address of chapter and date	
B. Contains information on how to contact Chapter Basileus	
C. Recognizes chapter sorors' achievements	
D. Highlights chapter program	
E. Contains chapter program calendar	
IV. REFLECTS ALL SOURCES OF RELEVANT AKA INFORMATION	30
A. Contains ongoing information about Alpha Kappa Alpha documents, rules and protocol.	
B. Includes relevant Alpha Kappa Alpha, international, cluster, regional and local information	
Total Points Possible	100

NOTE: This award requires the submission of a **SCRAPBOOK only**. NO exhibit or display will be accepted for this award. The chapter newsletters **MUST** be bound in a binder with dimensions not to exceed 18 inches by 20 inches.

PATRICIA A. PETTY WILSON EXHIBIT AWARD - Exemplary Chapter Activities

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter whose exhibit best exemplifies chapter activities. Exhibits may be of the traditional type or those that employ graphic arts, audiovisual and/or computer technologies. All exhibits must be identified by chapter and specify a theme.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. LAYOUT/SET-UP: Neatness and clarity of presentation	20
II. CREATIVITY: Uniqueness of presentation	30
III. CONTENT: Clearly demonstrates the AKA program	50
Total Points Possible	100

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Have a brainstorming session on what the chapter will exhibit.
2. Decide on a subject which is . . .
 - a. Timely
 - b. Informative
 - c. Has true educational value
 - d. Has virtue or simplicity and
 - e. Has focal points of interest.
3. Work out a caption. Here, originality is the most important consideration.
4. Consider a humorous treatment of a subject, provided it is done in good taste.
5. For good ideas or good points of departure, explore song-books, movie titles, proverbs and idiomatic phrases.
7. Gather material. Keep it clear, complete, concise, attractive and colorful.
8. Decide on lettering. Use string, rope, ribbon or cut out letters in varied sizes.

NOTES: All equipment for displays must be supplied by the chapter at the chapter's expense.
The Regional Awards Steering Committee will not be responsible for damages to entries.

***** NO SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

RACHEL ASHBURN MALLORY AWARD - Outstanding Membership

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Presented to the GRADUATE chapter with the most outstanding membership activities.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. HAZE FREE MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS	
A. Chapter shows evidence of adherence to the International Membership Intake guidelines during membership intake processes conducted in the past year. (i.e. calendar of MIP, pictures and programs of activities during the various stages of the MIP, communications to and from the Regional Director)	5
B. Chapter presents verification from the Regional Director that its membership intake process was totally haze free and without incident.	5
II. ASSIMILATION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CHAPTER	
A. Chapter implements strategies to promote the immediate active participation of new members in the chapter (i.e. chapter programs and activities).	20
III. TIME MANAGEMENT	
A. Chapter shows evidence of implementing strategies to assist graduate members with balancing life with sorority activities.	15
IV. UNDERGRADUATE TO GRADUATE TRANSITION	
A. Chapter implements strategies to assist undergraduate sorors transitioning from undergraduate to graduate chapters.	25
V. REACTIVATION	
A. Chapter presents evidence of strategies implemented to reclaim inactive sorors.	10
B. Chapter documents the actual number of sorors who reactivated in the past year.	5
VI. OVERALL GROWTH OF CHAPTER	
A. Chapter presents data to document its increase in size compared to the previous year.	5
VII. CLARITY AND NEATNESS OF LAYOUT	5
VIII. UNIQUENESS OF COVER	5
Total Points Possible	100

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GWENDOLYN GOLDSTON AWARD – Step Show

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter whose Step Show performance is outstanding.

RULES: Maximum Performance Time – Eight (8) minutes, including entrance, performance and exit.

A five (5) point PENALTY will be imposed for each minute beyond eight minutes.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. ORIGINALITY	15
II. TONE QUALITY	15
III. CHOICE OF SELECTION	10
IV. DICTION	10
V. INTERPRETATION	10
VI. HARMONY	10
VII. RHYTHM	10
VIII. STYLE	10
IX. DRESS	10
Total Points Possible	100

***** NO SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

GREAT LAKES STROLL AWARD – Outstanding Stroll Show

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award is presented to the GRADUATE chapter whose Stroll Show performance is outstanding.

RULES: Maximum Performance Time – Eight (8) minutes, including entrance, performance and exit.

A five (5) point PENALTY will be imposed for each minute beyond eight minutes.

<u>CRITERION</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
I. ORIGINALITY	15
II. TONE QUALITY	15
III. CHOICE OF SELECTION	10
IV. DICTION	10
V. INTERPRETATION	10
VI. HARMONY	10
VII. RHYTHM	10
VIII. STYLE	10
IX. DRESS	10
Total Points Possible	100

***** NO SCRAPBOOK WITH JOURNALING REQUIRED *****

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Appendix A -- GREAT LAKES REGIONAL AWARD ENTRY / CHECK-IN FORM

Appendix B -- REGISTRATION FORM for VOLUNTEER JUDGES for GRADUATE AWARDS

Appendix C -- GWENDOLYN GOLDSTON AWARD – STEP SHOW -- ENTRY FORM

Appendix D – GREAT LAKES STROLL AWARD – STROLL SHOW -- ENTRY FORM

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APPENDIX B

REGISTRATION FORM for VOLUNTEER JUDGES for GRADUATE AWARDS

NOTE: A soror may volunteer to serve as a judge in any category for which her chapter or a member of her chapter is **NOT** entering.

Unless otherwise requested, please print legibly when providing the following information.

Chapter Name: _____

Chapter Location: _____

Chapter's Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Mailing Address: _____
Street *Apartment #*

_____ _____
City *State* *Zip Code*

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

VOLUNTEER JUDGES for GRADUATE AWARDS

Beulah T. Whitby Award -- Outstanding Chapter

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Emma Lily Henderson Award -- International Program

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Margaret Davis Bowen Award -- Outstanding Basileus

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

LaRue Frederick Award -- Outstanding Soror

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Fanette B. Norris Award -- Outstanding Graduate Advisor

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Eva L. Evans Award -- Graduate / Undergraduate Relations

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Gloria Stephens Smith Award -- Political Impact

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

International / National Connections Award -- AKA Connection

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

_____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code*

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Schylbea J. Hopkins Award -- Golden Soror of the Year

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

_____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code*

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mattie E. Jackson Award -- Helping Hand

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

_____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code*

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Madelyn M. Hairston Giddens Award -- Caring and Sharing

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

_____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code*

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Ruth M. Thomas Hargrave Award -- Focus on Youth

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phyllis E. Robinson Award -- Outstanding Newsletter

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Patricia A. Petty Wilson Exhibit Award -- Exemplary Chapter Activities

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Wilbretta P. Johnson Award -- The Great Communicator

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Rachel A. Mallory Award -- Outstanding Membership

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

