

Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood®
International Awards
2025



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Overview

Service and sisterhood have been the foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® since its founding in 1908. For over a century, Alpha Kappa Alpha has empowered communities and touched countless lives by fostering lifelong learning, supporting the underserved, advancing human and civil rights, and nurturing future leaders. Known for impactful partnerships and social advocacy, the Sorority continues to evolve, addressing pressing needs and expanding its legacy of service.

Under the theme *Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood®*, the 2022-2026 administration aims to strengthen this legacy. Through six foundational initiatives, with *Strengthen Our Sisterhood®* as the “Foundation Initiative,” members work tirelessly to fortify bonds, lead through service, and inspire transformational change across diverse communities. Driven by more than 115,000 active members worldwide, the administration’s efforts center on responding to local and global challenges with purposeful action and advocacy.

This booklet provides chapters with essential information to apply for the prestigious Alpha Kappa Alpha International Awards. Inside, you’ll find detailed criteria for each award category, allowing chapters to highlight their outstanding contributions and commitment to advancing our Sorority’s mission. These awards celebrate chapters that exemplify our principles of sisterhood, service, and leadership. We look forward to honoring the chapters whose dedication inspires us all and who continue to uphold the legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.





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International Awards General Guidelines

The International Program Committee is pleased to present criteria and guidelines for *Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood*® 2025 International Awards. Each region is responsible for the selection of chapter award recipients using the criteria herein. Information for the *Strengthen Our Sisterhood*® Award, The SOAR Award and the Generation NEXT Award should be included in the Regional Awards Booklet or via appropriate communications as approved by each regional director.

Key Factors to note:

- All chapter international award submissions for *Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood*® must be for in-person activities.
- Award selections for the *Strengthen Our Sisterhood*® Award, The SOAR Award and the Generation NEXT Award will be handled by the respective Regional Awards Committee and will follow the process set forth by the Region.
- The International Program Committee will not be involved in the selection of regional *Strengthen Our Sisterhood*® Award, The SOAR Award, or the Generation NEXT Award winners.
- The International Sisterly Relations Committee will work in conjunction with the Regional Awards Committee in the selection of the "*Strengthen Our Sisterhood*®" Award winners.
- The *Strengthen Our Sisterhood*® Award and The SOAR Award will have one graduate and one undergraduate winner for each chapter category size. Award judges should utilize chapter program activity suggestions in this document to determine winners.
- The Generation NEXT is an award specifically for graduate chapters. A first, second, and third place award will be given per region not based on chapter categories. The entry of the first-place winner from each region will be shared with the Generation Next committee for a chance to win an award/recognition at Boule or Leadership Seminar.
- Each region should determine Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large (if applicable) Chapter Categories.
- Documentation may also include flyers, workshop agendas, pictures, letters, receipts, and any memorabilia from the activity.
- The attached cover sheet should accompany each award submission.



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2025 International Awards Cover Sheet

Region: _____

Name of Chapter: _____ Chapter Location (City, State): _____

Basileus Name: _____ Basileus Email: _____

Basileus Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

(For Undergraduate Chapters Only)

Graduate Advisor Name: _____ Graduate Advisor Email: _____

Graduate Advisor Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Chapter Size Category *(As designated by the Region.)*

Graduate

Undergraduate

Small

Small

Medium

Medium

Large

Large

Extra Large

Extra Large

Check the appropriate box related to the award category entry*

Strengthen Our Sisterhood® Award

SOAR International Program Award

Generation NEXT Award - Passing the Torch, Upholding Our Legacy

*Note: Each region reserves the right to request documentation of program activities for verification and confirmation purposes



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International Awards Criteria

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Strengthen Our
Sisterhood

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Empower Our
Families

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Build Our
**Economic
Wealth**

AKA®

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Enhance Our
Environment

AKA®

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Advocate for
**Social
Justice**

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Uplift Our
**Local
Community**

AKA®



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Strengthen Our Sisterhood[®]

Strengthen Our Sisterhood[®] serves as the administration's "Foundation Initiative" as we strengthen our bonds to support our service mission. This award will be given to the chapter that has demonstrated an increase in chapter participation, engagement and overall improvement in sisterly relations.

Judging Criteria (70 points)

- (20 points) Provide documentation of implementation of Soror Squads™. Please include:
 - The process of group formations (10 pts)
 - Creative Soror Squad topics, activities and areas of interest (10 pts)
- (20 points) Provide documentation of implementation of Fall Membership Reactivation and New Member Engagement. Please include:
 - Evidence of reactivating and new member activities (15 pts)
 - Use of internal/external communication (5 pts)
- (10 points) Provide documentation of implementation of "We Are One" AKA Service Day. Please include:
 - Inclusion of Inactive and General Members (5 pts)
 - Evidence of Community Service effort and impact (5 pts)
- (15 points) Describe outcome and overall impact of initiative implementation to chapter or chapter members. Please include:
 - Number of reactivated sorors (5 pts)
 - Proven increase in engagement of chapter members (multi-generational, new member, reactivated) (5pts)
 - Overall improvement in sisterly relations (5pts)
- (5 points) Overall presentation, creativity, neatness and appearance of overall activity



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The Soar Award

The SOAR Award represents the best of the best in Chapter Programs. The Soar Award will celebrate achievement and community impact for chapter programs that support all five Program Initiatives: Empower Our Families®, Build Our Economic Wealth®, Enhance Our Environment®, Advocate for Social Justice® and Uplift Our Local Community®.

Judging Criteria (125 points)

- (20 points) Documentation of program implementation of **AKA CHIPP™ (Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack)**. Please include:
- Overview of chapter execution including partner organization or school (5pts)
 - Number of Power Packs™ and number of weeks bags were distributed (5pts)
 - Number of children enrolled in the CHIPP™ program (5pts)
 - Demonstration of overall impact and benefit to youth and community (5pts)
- (20 points) Documentation of program implementation of **Youth Leadership Institute (YLI)**. Please include:
- Number of youth in the program (5pts)
 - Execution of module activities (5pts)
 - Demonstration of youth leadership (5pts)
 - Demonstration of overall impact and benefit to youth and community (5pts)
- (15 points) Program implementation of **Build Our Economic Wealth®**. Please include:
- Evidence of participation in Black Dollar Days (5pts)
 - Execution of Sister Circles and/or Support Women Entrepreneurs (5pts)
 - Describe other chapter activities that impacted members and/or community's economic wealth (5pts)
- (15 points) Program implementation of **Enhance Our Environment®**. Please include:
- Evidence of participation in tree planting (5pts)
 - Execution of Community and Home Gardens, Waste Reduction and/or Shredding and Electronic Recycling Day (5pts)
 - Describe other chapter activities that impacted our environment (5pts)
- (15 points) Program implementation of **Advocate for Social Justice®**. Please include:
- Evidence of participation in Voter Education, Registration, and Mobilization (5pts)
 - Execution of Candidate Forums and/or Public Servant's Guide (5pts)
 - Provide evidence of chapter participation in the AKA Public Policy Forum, AKA Day at the Capitol, or similar event (5pts)
- (15 points) Program implementation of **Uplift Our Local Community®**. Please include:
- Detailed description of one (1) signature local program
 - Describe the specific community need addressed by the program
 - Demonstration of overall impact and benefit to the local community
- (10 points) Indicate partnerships or collaborations with other organizations and chapters including undergraduates where applicable
- (10 points) Overall presentation, creativity, neatness and visual appearance of program activity



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Generation NEXT Award

-Passing the Torch, Upholding our Legacy-

Generation NEXT is dedicated to celebrating graduate chapters which have effectively engaged chapter members 40 years old and under.

GenerationNEXT Criteria for Regional Award 2026

I. Committee Chairman (10 points)

A. 10 pts: GenNEXT committee with a chairman under the age of 40

II. Chapter Representation (20 points)

A. 10 pts: less than <20 percent of chapter membership is 40 and under

B. 20 pts: 20% or more of chapter membership is 40 & under

III. Chapter Leadership (20 points)

A. 20 pts: 10 percent or more of chapter membership that is 40 and under holds a leadership role (i.e. event chairman, committee chairman/co-chairman, elected officer)

IV. Execution of GenNEXT Spring 2025 Directives (30 points)

A. 5 pts: Completed 1 of the 6 Spring 2025 monthly events

B. 10 pts: Completed 2 of the 6 Spring 2025 monthly events

C. 15 pts: Completed 3 of the 6 Spring 2025 monthly events

D. 20 pts: Completed 4 of the 6 Spring 2025 monthly events

E. 25 pts: Completed 5 of the 6 Spring 2025 monthly events

F. 30 pts: Completed 6 of the 6 Spring 2025 monthly events

V. Execution of GenNEXT Fall 2025 Directives (20 points)

A. 5 pts: Completed 1 of the 4 Fall 2025 monthly events

B. 10 pts: Completed 2 of the 4 Fall 2025 monthly events

C. 15 pts: Completed 3 of the 4 Fall 2025 monthly events

D. 20 pts: Completed 4 of the 4 Fall 2025 monthly events



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International Awards Processing

The ordering and delivery of International Program Awards is currently handled through the respective regional awards representative or designee. The Corporate Office covers the cost of International Program Awards for regional conferences. A blank prop award will be sent to each region for regional conference photos. The International Program Committee Representative, Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie, will order all International Program Awards for all regions from **Quality Laser Designs**, the approved vendor. All questions can be submitted to Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie via email at program@aka1908.com.

Process

Responsibility

Coordinate with the International Program Regional Representatives to:

1. Provide contact information and shipping address of the Regional Awards Representative or designee. Also provide the due date when the prop award is needed for the regional conference.	Regional Awards Representative or International Program Regional Representative sends to Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie at program@aka1908.com
2. Ship prop award to the Regional Awards Chairman or designee for regional conference photos.	Quality Laser Designs (Vendor) or Corporate Office (Shipping Department)
3. Complete excel spreadsheet with regional awardee information and verify with International Program Committee Regional Representative.	Regional Awards Committee send to International Program Committee Regional Representative and Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie
4. Place an order with the vendor (Quality Laser Designs) at curtis@qualitylaserdesign.com and receive a markup for approval. Provide the shipping address and contact information of the Regional Awards Representative (or designee) to the vendor.	Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie at program@aka1908.com
5. Send questions and troubleshoot issues and concerns with the vendor.	Soror Nicole Barrett (Corporate Office) at nbarrett@aka1908.com or Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie at program@aka1908.com
6. Mail engraved chapter awards to Regional Awards Representative or designee.	From vendor (Quality Laser Designs)
7. Verify receipt of engraved awards with Regional Awards Representative or designee.	Soror Nicole Barrett (Corporate Office), Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie, or International Program Regional Representative
8. Send award replacement requests to Quality Laser Designs.	Forward a copy to Soror Nicole Barrett (Corporate Office) at nbarrett@aka1908.com and Soror Victoria Morris-Ivie at program@aka1908.com





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