



KAPPA DELTA PI

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award

The Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award recognizes Kappa Delta Pi chapters that demonstrate excellence in membership, leadership development, and programming in support of the Society's mission and strategic goals. The highest scoring chapter of all entries receives the coveted Dr. Florence B. Stratemeyer Award for Chapter Excellence.

Call for Entries

To open February 2019

Deadline

June 1, 2019

Submissions

Award entries must be submitted via the online submission system. Emailed applications or physical binders are not accepted.

Judging

Qualified judges with strong knowledge of chapter management and programming will be appointed.

Notification

Award recipients will be notified by email by July 19, 2019.

Presentation

Award recipients will be honored online, via certificate received by the chapter and its leadership, and at Kappa Delta Pi's Convocation in Norfolk, VA.

For More Information

Contact Chapter Services

Email: MCS@kdp.org

Call: 800-284-3167

<http://www.kdp.org/recognition>

Eligibility

- Chapters must be able to complete all sections in order to apply for the ACE Award.
- Chapters must meet the three Society requirements of a chapter: have an initiation of new members, submit the Annual Financial Report by deadline, and hold a chapter program/meeting.
- Chapter meetings, programs, and/or activities must have been completed during the 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 academic years.

Criteria

- **Entries must include the following sections. Refer to each section and the ACE Award Rubric for specific criteria.**
 - Membership Elements (1 narrative total)
 - Recruitment
 - Retention
 - Engagement
 - Programming (1 narrative total)
 - Leadership Development
 - Chapter Self-Evaluation

Submission Requirements

- A complete online submission will consist of:
 - Online entry form;
 - Supporting narrative for each criteria area in Sections 2–5; and
 - Documents and/or photographs supporting narrative for each section.

NOTE: Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Starting in 2019, bonus points will be awarded, for both sections and the overall submission. Bonus points are listed in the rubric.

2019 ACE Awards

In addition to the general eligibility listed on the previous page, each section will be judged on these criteria:

Overall Quality of Submission

- **Written Narratives.** Written narratives are comprehensive and are presented logically and succinctly.
- **Organization/Mechanics.** The narratives and text are free from grammatical and spelling errors.

Section 1: Administrative Qualifications – Internally Reviewed (no submission required)

- **Regional Chapter Coordinator Recommendation** is required to win the award.
- **Annual Financial Report** submitted by August 1 for fiscal years 2017 and 2018.
- **Chapter Planning Tool** submitted by October 1 each year.
- **Semester Celebrations** submitted by December 15 and May 15 each year.
- **Recruitment Goals** are met each academic year.
- **Membership retention** goals are met for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- **Officer list is updated** each of the 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 academic years.
- **Officers' membership status is active** during their terms for the 2017–2018 and/or 2018–2019 academic years.
- **Annual Chapter Challenge (unrestricted donation of at least \$150)** made to Kappa Delta Pi by June 30 each year.

Section 2: Membership Elements

- **Membership Recruitment.** Describe the chapter's comprehensive plan(s) to reach all eligible education students, faculty, and community educators. Include how the chapter identifies candidates for membership, how the chapter communicates with prospective new members, how invitations are sent, and any informational and/or orientation meetings held, and an evaluation of the chapter's plan and points of improvement for the next year.
- **Membership Retention.** Describe the chapter's comprehensive plan to engage and retain members—including alumni members. Include how the chapter encourages renewals. Detail how the chapter works to serve education students from all areas, such as alternatively certified, graduate students, secondary education students, etc.
- **Membership Engagement.** Describe how the chapter keeps members engaged, including a post-initiation incentive program, surveys, involvement opportunities with both the chapter and society, and celebrations of the chapter and/or members.
- **Up to two (2) picture** with a brief caption that shows how chapter recruitment/retention activity or initiation is successful.
- **Up to three (3) support documents** demonstrating the chapter's plan, communications, and/or evaluation tools.

Section 3: Chapter Programming

- **Three Chapter Programs.** Describe three programs the chapter put on during the 2017-2018 and/or the 2018-2019 academic years in the categories of community service, education for sustainability, fundraising, Literacy Alive!, and/or professional development. Include information on the need the program fills, planning, impact, and evaluation.
- **Up to three (3) photos** with a brief caption that describes the project.
- **Up to three (3) support documents** demonstrating information conveyed in the narratives.

Section 4: Leadership Development

- **Officer training and development.** Describe how the chapter trains, transitions, and reflects on officer positions through the year(s).
- **One (1) photos** with a brief caption that describes the project.
- **Up to two (2) support documents** demonstrating information conveyed in the narratives.

Section 5: Chapter Reflection

- **Evaluate the chapter's success over the past two years.** Consider goals met and unmet and how the chapter will grow and change in the next year due to what the leaders learned. Set goals for the next academic year.



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Dr. Florence B. Stratemeyer Award for Chapter Excellence

Formerly named the Ace of the ACE Award for the top Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award, the Dr. Florence B. Stratemeyer Award recognizes the highest-ranking chapter of all ACE award recipients each biennium.

Dr. Florence B. Stratemeyer (1900–1980) served as the Society’s first executive Vice President from 1928–1942. Her commitment to Kappa Delta Pi was exemplified through her focus on developing chapter activities, Society workshops, and discussion groups.

Call for Entries

Not an open nomination award

Deadline

Not an open nomination award

Submissions

All chapters applying for the Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award are automatically applying for the Dr. Florence B. Stratemeyer Award.

Judging

The chapter ranking highest on the Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award rubric will be the recipient.

Notification

Award recipients will be notified at the Closing Banquet of Kappa Delta Pi’s Convocation in Norfolk, VA.

Presentation

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Award Qualifications

Selection criteria include but are not limited to:

- Participation as an individual and a chapter in several past Convocations;
- Bringing a group of students to Convocation;
- Implementing a comprehensive program for chapter leaders and promoting the growth and development of chapter members individually and as a group;
- Encouraging chapter members to be involved and volunteer for chapter activities;
- Communicating on a regular basis with KDP Headquarters;
- Sending required forms and annual reports on time; and
- Initiating 8–10 percent of your institution’s School of Education.