Rising Star Award for New Chapters

The Rising Star Award recognizes new chapters that demonstrate outstanding management and programming in their first biennium following installation.

Eligibility
- Chapters must have been chartered during the timeframe running July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. Chapters chartered after June 2018 can apply in the next biennium.
- Chapter must have held one initiation per year and submitted required information.
- Chapter must have completed and submitted all required reports on time.
- Chapter must show at least 1 year of programs and activities.

Criteria
- **Chapter Expectations.** Provide highlights of how the chapter met the Society expectations of a chapter since installation.
- **Membership Growth.** Document general membership meetings with attendance and describe how the chapter uses resources from the Society to communicate benefits and services to its membership. Describe the chapter’s recruitment strategy for new members.
- **Chapter Leadership.** Be able to document chapter officers currently in place, describe officer trainings conducted and/or participated in, and describe leadership development and networking opportunities for the general membership.
- **Chapter Programs.** Document one year of programs from July 1 to June 30. Choose two categories from the following: community service, professional development, membership, or fundraising. Describe one program for each category chosen. Be able to include title, dates, overall attendance, and description of the impact of the program.
- **Chapter Communication.** Describe how the chapter communicates with its membership and connects to the community through newsletters and other publications, public relations efforts, and online communication presence. Be able to include how you use each tool, the intended audience, and any outcomes of the communication.

Submission Requirements
- A complete online submission will consist of:
  - Online entry form;
  - Validation of chapter report submissions;
  - Supporting narrative for each of the criteria areas; and
  - Documents supporting each narrative.