

2016 FSL Awards

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Please read the 2016 FSL Award packet thoroughly. These awards will be given for activities that happened during the spring and fall of 2016. There are three categories of awards as outlined on this page and only electronic submissions will be taken. Please note the word limits for applications as well as the documentation needed. All awards will be reviewed and evaluated by the Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Team (FSLT) as well as Northeastern University faculty and staff members. Should you have any questions about the awards please contact your council advisor.

1. Individual Awards (One Award Given per Council) - Due January 27, 2017

- a. Outstanding Man/Woman of the Year
- b. Outstanding President
- c. Outstanding New member/Neo of the Year
- d. Outstanding Advisor

2. Chapter Awards (One Award Given per Council) - Due February 3, 2017

- a. Outstanding Collaboration
- b. Outstanding New Initiative

3. Chapter Excellence- Due February 10, 2017

There will be three levels of excellence (bronze, silver, and gold). Chapters will be evaluated in nine different areas (academic achievement, community service, philanthropy, leadership development, risk management/prevention/reduction, career development, health/wellness, diversity/inclusion, and personal development) in order to determine if they reach an excellence level. A chapter must receive either bronze, silver, or gold level in order to be eligible to win Most Improved or Chapter of the Year. One Outstanding Chapter Award may be awarded in each category to one chapter that demonstrates outstanding achievement.

- a. **Chapter Excellence (One Award Given per Category)**
 1. Academic Achievement
 2. Community Service
 3. Philanthropy
 4. Leadership Development
 5. Risk Management/Prevention/Reduction
 6. Career Development
 7. Health/Wellness
 8. Diversity/Inclusion
 9. Personal Development
- b. **Excellence Levels (Awarded based on total points for Chapter Excellence)**
 - a. Bronze
 - b. Silver
 - c. Gold
- c. **Most Improved (One Award Given per Council)**
- d. **Chapter of the Year (One Award Given per Council)**

Individual Awards

(One Award Given per Council)

I. Outstanding Man/Woman of the Year

This award will be given to one member per council that demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the FSL community as a whole. The award is intended to recognize those that have gone above and beyond to create change and improve the overall community.

1. List all offices/activities within your Fraternity/Sorority including the dates in which the position was held. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. How has your experience as a student leader this year benefited the University and the FSL Community? (1800 characters [~300 words])

II. Outstanding President

This award will be given to one member per council that demonstrates excellence in serving as chapter president. The award is intended to recognize chapter presidents that go above and beyond to create change in their organization and leave the organization stronger than when they took office.

1. Explain what has been your most difficult task as President, and how you handled that challenge. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. What have you done to make your chapter better than it was when you took office? (1800 characters [~300 words])

III. Outstanding New Member/Neo of the Year

This award will be given to one member per council that had a profound impact on his/her organization from the very beginning.

1. List the contributions you have made to your chapter and the FSL Community during your first semester/year of membership. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Letter of recommendation from President or New Member Educator e-mailed to Northeasternfsl@gmail.com. The subject of the e-mail must be as follows: the nominee's name, New Member/Neo of the Year Recommendation.

IV. Outstanding Advisor

This award will be given to one advisor per council that demonstrates commitment to advising a FSL organization at Northeastern. This award is intended to recognize advisors that consistently challenge the chapters they work with to improve and strive for excellence while also providing the support necessary for the chapter to be successful.

1. Describe how your advisor is involved in your chapter and its activities. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. How has your advisor impacted your chapter? (1800 characters [~300 words])

Chapter Awards

(One Award Given per Council)

I. Outstanding Collaboration

What did your chapter do to foster positive relationships within the FSL community, larger Northeastern community, and/or local Boston community in 2016? (Co-sponsorship involves all parties being involved in ALL aspects of the program/initiative from planning to execution.)

1. Describe one specific collaboration that your chapter had during 2016. Make sure you include the name of the organization(s) your chapter worked with and what you did. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. What was the intent behind this collaboration and what did your chapter learn from it? (1800 characters [~300 words])

II. Outstanding New Initiative

What new initiative did your chapter start in 2016? (Initiative describes a program, workshop, movement, educational experience, process, etc. that was created or revised utilizing innovation and fulfills a need/goal of the organization).

1. Describe one specific initiative that your chapter started during 2016. Make sure you explain what the initiative is and why you created or revised it. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Explain how you utilized innovation in creating or revising this initiative and how it fulfills a need or goal in your organization. (1800 characters [~300 words])

Chapter Excellence

There will be three levels of excellence (bronze, silver, and gold). Chapters will be evaluated in nine different areas (academic achievement, community service, philanthropy, leadership development, risk management/prevention/reduction, career development, health/wellness, diversity/inclusion, and personal development) in order to determine if they reach an excellence level. Each area will be worth 10 points for a total of 90 points. The scoring will be as follows:

- a. Bronze Awards** – awarded to chapters achieving 60-69 points
- b. Silver Awards** – awarded to chapters achieving 70-79 points
- c. Gold Awards** – awarded to chapters achieving 80 points or more

A Chapter Excellence Award may be awarded in each category to one chapter that demonstrates outstanding achievement in that area. **A chapter must receive either bronze, silver, or gold level excellence in order to be eligible to win Most Improved or Chapter of the Year.**

Top Achieving Chapter in Each Area (One Award Given Overall per Category)

I. Academic Achievement (the creation/sharing of knowledge, preparing to be academically excellent, etc.)

What did your chapter do to promote scholarship and academic achievement during 2016? Please include information on initiatives related to setting academic goals, accountability measures and incentive programs, educational experiences, mentorship, tutoring, etc.

1. Submit a list and brief description of each program or initiative related to academic achievement. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Please explain who specifically you worked with to enhance academic achievement in your chapter and its members. (1800 characters [~300 words])

II. Community Service

What did your chapter do to promote community service during 2016? This award is intended to award chapters that show a consistent dedication to community service.

1. Describe one specific event or ongoing initiative that your chapter has taken on in the area of community service. Make sure you include the name of the organization your chapter worked with and what you did. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Describe how your chapter discusses and/or reflects on the significance of community service and helping others. (1800 characters [~300 words])

III. Philanthropy

What did your chapter do in terms of philanthropy during 2016? This award is intended to award chapters that complete programs that raise money for a charitable organization while also educating participants on the cause.

1. Describe the events or programs that your chapter puts on to educate people on the causes your organization supports and how. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Describe how your chapter educates its members on the philanthropic causes you support. (1800 characters [~300 words])

IV. Leadership Development

What initiatives did the chapter put on to foster leadership development in its members in 2016? (These initiatives should be initiatives hosted by your chapter and not programs your chapter members attend through your inter/national organization.)

1. Submit a list and brief description of each program or initiative related to leadership development. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Explain how your chapter fosters leadership development in its members who are not in leadership positions or participating in new member education/membership intake. (1800 characters [~300 words])

V. Risk Management/Prevention/Reduction

What did your chapter do to manage, prevent, or reduce risk in your chapter in 2016? (This does not include attending the Risk Prevention Institute through CSI).

1. Submit a list and brief description of each program or initiative related to risk management, prevention, and reduction. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Please explain how these programs or initiatives inform member behavior and change organizational culture. (1800 characters [~300 words])

VI. Career Development

What did your chapter do to promote career development during 2016? Please include information on initiatives related to networking, resume building, interviewing, public speaking, professional etiquette, etc.

1. Submit a list and brief description of each program or initiative related to career development. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Please explain who you specifically worked with to provide career development for your chapter and its members. (1800 characters [~300 words])

VII. Health/Wellness

What did your chapter do to promote health and wellness during 2016? Please include information on initiatives related to mental health, positive body image, sexual health, fitness, nutrition, self-care, etc.

1. Submit a list and brief description of each program or initiative related to health and wellness. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Please explain which programs and/or initiatives are mandates from your inter/national organization and which were identified by your local chapter. (1800 characters [~300 words])

VII. Diversity/Inclusion

What did your chapter do to educate its members on diversity and inclusion during 2016? Please include information on initiatives related to understanding different identities, backgrounds, and experiences as well as creating a more inclusive environment in your chapter that values and affirms different identities.

1. Submit a list and brief description of each program or initiative related to diversity and inclusion. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Please explain how these programs or initiatives inform member attitudes/behavior and change organizational culture. (1800 characters [~300 words])

IX. Personal Development

What did your chapter do to advance the personal development of its members during 2016? Please include information on initiatives related to personal well-being, social etiquette, relationship building, interpersonal skills, life skills, etc.

1. Submit a list and brief description of each program or initiative related to personal development. (1800 characters [~300 words])
2. Explain how your chapter identifies what opportunities to provide its members that allow them to develop throughout their entire fraternity/sorority experience.

Most Improved Chapter: (Award will be given based on Chapter Excellence level from this year and last year.)

- i) How did you improve from last year? How does your chapter better reflect the fraternal values of scholarship, service, leadership, and brotherhood/sisterhood this year than last?

Chapter of the Year: (Award will be given based on Chapter Excellence Level.)

- ii) Tell us why your chapter should be Chapter of the Year. Include a description of how your chapter has upheld the fraternal values of scholarship, service, leadership and brotherhood/sisterhood.