



## NALFO Awards

Every year the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) recognizes its member organizations and their contributions with the NALFO Awards. It is an opportunity for the Latino/a/x Fraternity & Sorority community to recognize those individuals, chapters, and organizations who are members of NALFO and who have successfully exemplified high standards of leadership, service, scholarship and unity.

We recognize members and member organizations in the following categories:

### Individual Awards

- Undergraduate Excellence – Undergraduate
- Campus Leadership Excellence – Undergraduate
- Undergraduate Philanthropist of the Year – Undergraduate
- Organizational Leadership – Alumni
- Rising Professional – Alumni
- Professional of the Year – Alumni
- Chapter Advisor of the Year

### Chapter Awards

- Philanthropic Excellence – Undergraduate Chapter
- Philanthropic Excellence – Alumni/Graduate Chapter
- Undergraduate Chapter of the Year
- Alumni/Graduate Chapter of the Year

### Organizational Awards

- National Philanthropic Organization of the Year
- Organization of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement

Nomination packets are reviewed, and winners are chosen by an Awards Selection Committee of non-NALFO affiliated persons under the direction of NALFO's Vice President of Member Services. The Lifetime Achievement award is the only exception, which is reviewed, and winners selected by an ad-hoc committee composed of the NALFO Executive Board and NALFO Programming Committee members.



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## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominations should be based on achievements during the eligibility period between July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

- ✓ All nominations must be unique, and one nomination packet cannot be submitted for multiple awards. Any duplicate nominations will not be considered.
- ✓ NALFO reserves the right to use photographs submitted with nominations during the Awards ceremony and for other promotional purposes, including NALFO's website, social media accounts, flyers or publications.
- ✓ Nominations must be submitted with required supporting documentation by the **deadline October 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm Pacific**. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered.

## Individual and Chapter Awards

This year the Individual and Chapter award categories will be opened to a public nomination process where a Chapter Advisor, Fraternity/Sorority Life Staff or Professional, or member of a NALFO member organization can nominate an individual person or chapter for consideration.

- Individual members or Chapters of NALFO organizations are eligible to be nominated / self-nominate.
- Individuals/Chapters must be recognized and in good standing with their respective organizations.
- There is no limit on the number of nominations that can be submitted however only one (1) winner will be chosen for each Award type in these categories.
- Nominations must be submitted with supporting documentation by the deadline via the NALFO Awards Nomination Form – Individual/Chapter.

## Organizational Awards

In the Organizational award category, the Awards Selection Committee will consider only those nominations submitted by an organization's national governing body or main administrative office.

- All NALFO member organizations in good standing are eligible to submit one (1) self-nomination for the National Philanthropic Organization of the Year Award and one (1) nomination for the Organization of the Year Award.
- Each NALFO organization may submit up to three (3) nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Two (2) winners will be selected for each Award type in this category: a winner representing the Sororities and a winner representing the Fraternities/Co-Ed Organizations.



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## Award Descriptions & Eligibility Criteria

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

#### Undergraduate Excellence

In recognition of an undergraduate member who has demonstrated excellence in the following areas:

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership Excellence
- Community Service
- Commitment to the Latino Greek Community

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any individual person who was an undergraduate student and member of a NALFO organization during the eligibility period.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in each of the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics.
- ✓ Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this nominee.

#### Campus Leadership Excellence

In recognition of an undergraduate who has demonstrated their commitment to their organization, University Campus and the Latino Greek Community through their service in leadership positions in their organization, campus and/or the Latino Greek Community as a whole.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any individual person who was an undergraduate student and member of a NALFO organization during the eligibility period and served in a leadership position in their respective organization, campus, or Latinx Fraternal community at large.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You must include a letter of recommendation from a chapter advisor or campus official describing the nominee's activities and impact to the university/college campus.
- ✓ You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics.
- ✓ Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this nominee.

#### Undergraduate Philanthropist of the Year



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In recognition of an Undergraduate who has successfully integrated philanthropy as part of their everyday life through continual contribution and participation to philanthropic events.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any individual person who was an undergraduate student and member of a NALFO organization during the eligibility period.

Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics.
- ✓ Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this nominee.

### Organizational Leadership Excellence

In recognition of an alumnus/alumna who has demonstrated their commitment to their organization and the Latino Greek Community through their service in leadership positions in their organization or the Latino Greek Community as a whole.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All alumni who are members of a NALFO organization and have served in a leadership position in their respective organization or the Latinx Fraternity/Sorority community at large during the eligibility period.

Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics.
- ✓ Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this nominee.

### Rising Professional

In recognition of aspiring professionals or entrepreneurs (graduated less than 5 years ago) who embody the standards of the Latino Greek Community through their professional accomplishments and community involvement.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All alumni who are members of a NALFO organization, who graduated within the last five (5) years, and who were/are working full time during the eligibility period.

Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics.
- ✓ Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this nominee.



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### Professional of the Year

In recognition of established professionals or entrepreneurs (graduated at least 5 years ago) who embody the standards of the Latino Greek Community through their professional accomplishments and community involvement.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All alumni who are members of a NALFO organization, who graduated five (5) or more years ago, who have at least five (5) years of post-graduation experience, and who were/are working full time during the eligibility period.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics.
- ✓ Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this nominee.

### Chapter Advisor of the Year

In recognition of a college/university professional or a NALFO member alumnus/alumna who supports the standards of the Latino Greek Community through their professional accomplishments as a NALFO fraternity/sorority chapter advisor.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any college or university professional who has served in the capacity of advisor to a NALFO organization or the NALFO community at large; or any alumni who are members of a NALFO organization, who serve in a formal advisor role/capacity to a NALFO organization or the NALFO community at large.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ Attach a letter from the chapter(s), council(s), or NALFO organizations being advised, responding to the following:
  - Attendance at regular meetings and/or events.
  - Years of commitment to the organization and service to the chapter/council.
  - How does the nominee serve as a role model not only for your chapter/council, but for all members of the fraternity and sorority community?
  - How has the nominee impacted the chapter/organization? What are his/her major accomplishments within the past year?
  - In what ways does the nominee assist the chapter/organization in a commitment to academic excellence, citizenship, campus involvement, membership development and chapter development?
  - How has the nominee challenged chapter members to "live their ritual?"
- ✓ You may include a personal resume or letter addressing the topics.



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## CHAPTER AWARDS

### Philanthropic Excellence – Undergraduate

In recognition of an Undergraduate Chapter which has successfully integrated philanthropy as part of their annual programming and events.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All undergraduate chapters currently recognized and in good standing with their NALFO member organization. Chapters with multiple schools under a single charter (chapter name) are eligible.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ Please describe your chapter's accomplishments in Philanthropic Excellence.
- ✓ Be sure to list and describe your community service and/or educational events conducted during the eligibility period.
- ✓ If possible, please detail the scope of the event; i.e. how many chapters/individuals participated and how many participants were involved.
- ✓ Please address how these activities made an impact on the Latinx or surrounding community.

### Philanthropic Excellence – Alumni/Graduate

In recognition of an Alumni Chapter which has successfully integrated philanthropy as part of their annual programming and events.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All alumni or graduate chapters currently recognized and in good standing with their NALFO member organization. Chapters with multiple cities under a single charter (chapter name) are eligible.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ Please describe your chapter's accomplishments in Philanthropic Excellence.
- ✓ Be sure to list and describe your community service and/or educational events conducted during the eligibility period.
- ✓ If possible, please detail the scope of the event; i.e. how many chapters/individuals participated and how many participants were involved.
- ✓ Please address how these activities made an impact on the Latinx or surrounding community.

### Undergraduate Chapter of the Year

In recognition of an undergraduate chapter who has demonstrated excellence in the following categories (all must be covered in application):

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership Excellence
- Community Service
- Chapter Integrity
- Commitment to the Latinx Greek Community



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**ELIGIBILITY:** All undergraduate chapters currently recognized and in good standing with their NALFO member organization. Chapters with multiple schools under a single charter (chapter name) are eligible.

Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in each of the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include a chapter resume or letter addressing the topics.

### Alumni/Graduate Chapter of the Year

In recognition of an alumni chapter who has demonstrated excellence in the following categories (all must be covered in application):

- Community Service
- Quality of programming for alumni members
- Commitment to the Latinx community as a whole

**ELIGIBILITY:** All alumni or graduate chapters currently recognized and in good standing with their NALFO member organization. Chapters with multiple cities under a single charter (chapter name) are eligible.

Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in each of the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include a chapter resume or letter addressing the topics.



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## ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

### National Philanthropic Organization of the Year

In recognition of an organization that has demonstrated excellence in the following categories (all must be covered in the nomination):

- Promoting of community service and philanthropic endeavors at the National level
- Participation of community service outside of their respective organization
- Proven success of national community service programming
- Participation in NALFO philanthropic events

**ELIGIBILITY:** All NALFO organizations in good standing with NALFO. Only one (1) nomination may be submitted for this award per NALFO organization.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in each of the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include the organization's resume or letter addressing the topics.

### Organization of the Year

In recognition of an organization that has demonstrated excellence in the following categories (all must be covered in the nomination):

- Promoting academic achievement within the organization
- Promotion of community service and philanthropic endeavors
- Commitment to maintaining the highest integrity among their undergraduate members, chapters and alumni
- Commitment to the Latinx Greek Community

**ELIGIBILITY:** All NALFO organizations in good standing with NALFO. Only one (1) nomination may be submitted for this award per NALFO organization.

#### Nominations must include:

- ✓ List and briefly describe the nominee's accomplishment in each of the aforementioned areas.
- ✓ You may include the organization's resume or letter addressing the topics.

### Lifetime Achievement

In recognition of an individual's influence and significant contributions to the development and advancement of the Latinx Greek movement/community in three (3) categories beyond contributions to their own organization:

1. Profession/Field of Study pertaining to the Latinx community
2. Community service to the Latinx Community
3. Dedication to the unification of NALFO member organizations



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Nominees should demonstrate impact in business, research, artistic, leadership, community, educational, and/or philanthropic endeavors across the categories.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any individual person who has been a member of a NALFO organization for a minimum of ten (10) years and is in good standing with their respective organization during the eligibility period. Each NALFO organization may submit up to three (3) nominees for this award. Organizations may include nominees that have been previously nominated within the past three (3) years but have not been awarded.

Nominations must include:

- ✓ An essay or letter describing the nominee's accomplishment in the aforementioned areas (500-800 words in length).
- ✓ Photographs, news media, certificates, letters of recommendation, or other supporting documentation to highlight the nominee's accomplishments/achievements.
- ✓ Confirmation/proof of membership meets the minimum ten (10) year requirement from the organization's National headquarters.
- ✓ Also, you may briefly describe any information not included above or extenuating circumstances you wish the Awards Selection Committee to consider when evaluating this nominee.



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