



ELDER WATSON DIGGS AWARD

Petition Instructions

The Elder Watson Diggs Award is one of the highest awards available to a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. It is important that the petition be accurate, factual, and concise and convincingly supported by exhibits. Exhibits may consist of copies of newspaper articles, copies of certificates and awards, letters of acknowledgement, etc. Scrapbooks, photo albums, videotapes should not be included as exhibits. The petition must be typewritten. The Achievement Commission will review all petitions and recommend no more than five (5) candidates to the Grand Board for approval.

Petitions for the Elder Watson Diggs Award are submitted on a standard form secured from the Fraternity's International Headquarters. The completed form must be received with **fourteen (14) days** following the candidate's Province Council and mailed as follows:

- a) Send one (1) Original to the Chairman of the Achievement Commission
- b) Send one (1) copy to each Achievement Commission Member
- c) Send two (2) copies to International Headquarters (Note: You **do not** need to get the Executive Director's signature prior to submitting your petition. The signature will be affixed once International Headquarters receives its two copies.)

A mailing list of the Achievement Commission/Committee members can be obtained from International Headquarters. Petitions are accepted only in the year of a Grand Chapter Meeting.

The petition is divided into seven (7) parts:

PART I - Background is general information that provides basic background information;

PART II - Local Chapter Certification certifies that the candidate is in good standing with a local chapter. This section must be signed by both the Chapter Polemarch and the Keeper of Records.

PART III - Province Certification certifies that the candidate is in good standing with his Province of jurisdiction. This section must be signed by the Province Polemarch and the Province Keeper of Records.

PART IV - Grand Chapter Certification certifies that the candidate is in good standing with the Grand Chapter and meets the statutory requirements. This section will be signed by the Executive Director.

PART V - Character References provides for entering the names and addresses of three (3) individuals (non-Kappas) who are submitting letters of recommendations attesting to the character and reputation of the candidate by the community-at-large in terms of its possible effect upon the Fraternity's prestige. These letters are an integral part of the petition; should be written by individuals who are thoroughly familiar with the candidate; should be addressed to the Grand Polemarch; and must be attached to the petition.

PART VI - Area of Achievement indicates the area(s) for which the candidate's outstanding achievements are to be considered. Convincing statements should be made to support the indicated area(s). For petitions based on supervision of an Undergraduate Chapter, the petition must include documentation from the College/University to

support the claim. The supporting statement(s) for the area(s) of achievement should not exceed five (5) typewritten single spaced pages and should be attached to the petition.

PART VII - Other Contributions provides for entering any contributions other than regular dues and assessments made by the candidate to a province or active or alumni chapter, either monetary or as a personal performance in the Fraternity's interest, in addition to any activity constituting the primary basis for this petition.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

GRAND CHAPTER

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PETITION

Name of Candidate

Submitted By

Name of Province or Chapter

Date Submitted

2.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

3.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

PART VI: *Area of Achievement*

Please check only the area(s) of achievement on which you wish to be evaluated for the award.

Successful promotion of a financial drive resulting in a competitive type of Undergraduate Chapter home; or

Effective supervision of an Undergraduate Chapter home over a period of at least five (5) successive years; or

Performance of a “plus job” of administering the duties of office with judgment, initiative and resourcefulness, objectively in terms of actual results over a period of at least two (2) successive years; or

Supervision of an Undergraduate Chapter over a period of at least six (6) successive regular academic quarters (four semesters) to maintain a scholarship ranking among the upper 25 percent of Greek letter organizations on campus where such organizations number from four (4) to nine (9) while contributing significantly to other college and Fraternity objectives; or

Supervision of an Undergraduate Chapter over a period of least three (3) successive regular academic quarters (two (2) semesters) to maintain a scholarship ranking among the upper twenty-five (25%) percent of Greek letter organizations on campus where such organizations number ten (10) or more while contributing significantly to other college and Fraternity objectives; or

Successful supervision of a program directly in the community interest and accomplished in the Fraternity’s interest over a period of five (5) or more successive years, objectively measured in terms of results obtained; or

Significant achievement or contributions, other than monetary, within a field of endeavor, objectively measured in terms of the nature and extensiveness of such achievements or contributions, AND the acclaim from a representative professional, commercial, industrial, technical, religious, scientific, governmental, or labor organization; or

Performance of an act of unusual courage or valor.

