

SIGMA TAU GAMMA CHAPTER STANDARDS 2026-2027

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To be a GOOD CHAPTER, a chapter must achieve all criteria in the good category. To be a GREAT CHAPTER, a chapter must achieve all criteria in the great category. Every chapter that achieves the GOOD and GREAT standard is recognized. Good chapters qualify for awards; Great chapters qualify for the McCune.

WHAT ARE THE GOOD CHAPTER CRITERIA?	WHAT ARE THE GREAT CHAPTER CRITERIA?
Minimum Expectations, Associate Chapter Criteria, Awards Eligible	Encouraging Excellence, Chartering Criteria, McCune Eligible

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Sigma Tau Gamma Chapter Standards are designed to ensure that a chapter continues to improve year-over-year. The previous Chapter Standards, while setting benchmarks that chapters needed to achieve, did not assist with operational growth and improved performance. This program is designed to help chapters achieve more, not just track their current performance. Staff and volunteer coaching will be based on this program. It was developed in consultation with students to ensure the expectations are a true definition of a Great Chapter.

HOW IT WORKS

This document will be managed monthly by your Fraternity Headquarters staff liaison. Each chapter's executive cabinet is expected to meet monthly with their liaison to review progress and provide documentation. You will be asked to assist with providing documentation. At the conclusion of each meeting, your liaison will send your executive cabinet and advisors a PDF copy of the updated document so that you may track your chapter's progress throughout the year. This will also help with the mid-year officer election transitions. These meetings will take place from June – April.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Chapters must achieve all criteria for a Good Chapter to be eligible for various chapter awards. To be eligible for the Edward H. McCune Chapter of the Year Award, a chapter must achieve all criteria for a Great Chapter. This system is not based on points or percentages. Chapters who meet all Great Chapter criteria will be given an opportunity to apply for the McCune Award.

BROTHERHOOD	Good Chapter	Great Chapter		
			Evidence	Notes
Recruitment				
1. Chapter achieves HQ recruitment goal	X	X	Vault Roster	
2. Uses ChapterBuilder to manage names list and record activity	X	X	Screenshot of ChapterBuilder	
3. Chapter has written Fall recruitment plan by 4/30 that includes proposed dates for Ritual ceremonies.	X	X	Written submission	
4. Chapter has written Spring recruitment plan by 10/31 that includes proposed dates for Ritual ceremonies.	X	X	Written submission	
5. Chapter hosts a recruitment workshop for all members	X	X	Program outline and photo	
6. All officers complete Phired Up Recruitment Training	X	X	Report from ChapterBuilder	
7. Interest form in chapter social media bios	X	X	Screenshot and Link	
8. Check GPA for new members	X	X	Report upload	
9. Initiate 90% of associate members	X	X	Vault roster	
10. Chapter membership after recruitment exceeds IFC average		X	Vault roster and grade report	
11. ChapterBuilder interest form in chapter social media bios		X	Screenshot and link	
12. Advisor completes Phired Up Recruitment Training		X	ChapterBuilder report	
13. Use written selection criteria based on six principles		X	Criteria and evidence of use	

Ritual				
14. Association Ceremony	X	X	Picture	
15. Initiation Ceremony	X	X	Picture (no Ritual items)	
16. Alumni Ceremony	X	X	Picture (no Ritual items)	
17. Chapter has complete Ritual kit	X	X	Ritual Inspection video call with staff	
18. Alumnus at Association Ceremony		X	Picture	
19. Alumnus at Initiation Ceremony		X	Picture (no Ritual items)	
20. Alumnus at Alumni Ceremony		X	Picture (no Ritual items)	
Path of Principles				
21. Uses Sigma Phase of Path of Principles program	X	X	Written submission of program with evidence of PoP components and dates	5-week schedule Association Ceremony Written outline of Big Brother program Ritual of Initiation Review & Discuss MS&W Policy All associates complete recruitment certification Review academic success plan No hazing violations, no alcohol, no chores, embarrassment, physical exertion. Written submission of local NM activities, broken out by week
Social				
22. White Rose Formal with member awards	X	X	Event program and picture	
23. Chapter participates in Homecoming activities	X	X	Event write up and picture	
24. Chapter participates in Greek Week	X	X	Event write up and picture	

25. Chapter hosts a themed date party		X	Event write up and picture	
26. Chapter hosts a mixer with a sorority		X	Event write up and picture	
27. Brotherhood retreat		X	Event write up and picture	
28. All social events compliant with Member Safety Policy	X	X	Describe event procedures	

LEARNING

GPA

29. Fall semester or cumulative GPA of 2.5+	X	X	Upload grade report	
30. Spring semester or cumulative GPA of 2.5+	X	X	Upload grade report	
31. Academic program approved by staff	X	X	Written submission	
32. GPA exceeds all men's average, IFC average, or 3.0+		X	Upload grade report	

LEADERSHIP

National Meeting Attendance

33. President attends Webb Academy	X	X	Event roster	
34. Director of Recruitment attends Webb Academy	X	X	Event roster	
35. Director of Finance and Operations attends Webb Academy	X	X	Event roster	
36. Some new members attend Noble Man Institute	X	X	Event roster	
37. Chapter sends full voting delegation to Grand Conclave	X	X	Event roster	
38. Chapter sends attendee to Grand Conclave Ed. track		X	Event roster	

39. Half or more of new members attend Noble Man Institute		X	Event roster	
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Chapter Leadership

40. Officer transition retreat	X	X	Event write up and photo	
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CITIZENSHIP

Involvement

41. 50% of members participate in another campus club or community charitable organization	X	X	Roster or report upload	
42. 20% of members are student government delegates, club sports or varsity athletes, RAs, or a student org officer		X	Roster or report upload	
43. A chapter member is an IFC officer		X	Roster or report upload	

Philanthropy and Service

44. Host or co-host a Special Olympics event	X	X	Event write up and photo	
45. Raise at least \$500 for Special Olympics	X	X	CrowdChange Report	
46. Host a philanthropy event for chapter's local philanthropy	X	X	CrowdChange Report	
47. Meaningful participation in a Greek-wide philanthropy event	X	X	Event write up and photo	
48. Raise at least \$2,500 for Special Olympics		X	CrowdChange Report	
49. Raise more money than previous year for Special Olympics. Last year's amount: _____.		X	CrowdChange Report	

INTEGRITY

Chapter Finance

50. Member Safety Fees paid by 10/1 and 3/1	X	X	OmegaFi	
51. Zero all balance in current year registers on 10/31 and 3/31	X	X	OmegaFi	
52. Zero balance in all registers by 10/31 and 3/31		X	OmegaFi	
53. All delinquent alumni on payment plan or collections	X	X	OmegaFi	
54. Chapter budget for Fall complete by 5/31	X	X	Submit budget	
55. Chapter budget for Spring complete by 12/31	X	X	Submit budget	

Member Safety and Standards

56. Demonstrate use of Chapter Standards Board	X	X	Written submission	
57. Chapter has no violations related to hazing	X	X	HQ Member Safety report	
58. Chapter has no violations related to liquor	X	X	HQ Member Safety report	
59. Chapter has no violations related to providing alcohol	X	X	HQ Member Safety report	
60. Per Member Safety Policy, chapter instructs members every semester about the policy. Alumni or staff presenter recommended.	X	X	Written submission	
61. No member safety violations of any type		X	HQ Member Safety report	
62. Chapter has social event procedures promoting safety		X	Written submission	

Reporting

63. Association report completed by 10/1 and 3/1	X	X	Staff: Compass	
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64. Initiation report completed by 10/31 and 3/31	X	X	Staff: Compass	
65. Roster updates completed by 8/15 and 1/15	X	X	Staff: Compass	
66. Officers reported in Vault by Thanksgiving	X	X	Staff: Compass	
67. Chapter submits a story to the SAGA		X	Staff: Website	

EXCELLENCE

Support				
68. Chapter officers meet with registered advisor monthly	X	X	Advisor: Written submission	
69. A registered advisor attends meetings monthly	X	X	Advisor: Written submission	
70. Officers meet with staff or assigned volunteer monthly	X	X	Staff: Written submission	
71. A registered advisor attends meetings every other week		X	Advisor: Written submission	
72. A registered advisor attends one of the retreats		X	Event write up and photo	
73. Alumni association is registered with HQ		X	Staff: Compass report	
74. Chapter newsletter distributed at least once per term		X	Upload newsletter	
75. FSA provides letter recommending chapter for McCune Award or Webb Award		X	FSA: Upload or Submit to Staff	

Additional Data

- List all chapter and individual awards received on campus.
- Attached spreadsheet of member service hours.