



HERBERT G. HORTON SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

General Information and Procedures

The History and Purpose of the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award

In February, 2004 the Alpha Phi Omega National Board of Directors established the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award. Named for Herbert G. Horton, the Easton, Pennsylvania Scout Executive who first introduced Fraternity founder Frank Reed Horton to Scouting, the award seeks to recognize Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega who have made significant contributions to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of nationally recognized youth service organizations and promoting the relationship between those organizations and the Fraternity.

Application Procedure

Application for consideration of an individual to receive the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award shall be made in accordance with the following procedure:

1. The application form utilized shall be the national recognized application form available on the date the application is submitted for consideration. Specific applications forms are available for volunteers who support the development of a relationship between Alpha Phi Omega and the Boys Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Camp Fire USA, and 4-H. In addition, a general application form is available for other youth service organizations.
2. Applications may be submitted by active Alpha Phi Omega chapters, recognized alumni associations of Alpha Phi Omega, currently registered Alpha Phi Omega chapter advisors, current Alpha Phi Omega alumni volunteers, or elected officers at the national, regional or sectional level.
3. The application shall contain verification by the related youth service organization indicating that the candidate is a currently registered member of the organization.
4. The completed application shall be submitted to the National Office of Alpha Phi Omega and shall include all requisite attachments and fees.
5. Upon receipt by the National Office of Alpha Phi Omega, the completed application will be distributed for review and consideration to the designated members of the National Scouting and Youth Services Committee. Review of an application is estimated to require approximately 30 to 60 days. If during the review period additional information is required to support the application, the nominating chapter, alumni association, or Brother will be contacted with the request.
6. Upon approval of an application, the chapter, alumni association or individual who submitted the application will be notified of the approval. The Alpha Phi Omega National Office will prepare the award regalia (medallion, lapel pin and certificate) and will coordinate delivery of the regalia to the person making the presentation.

Qualification Guidelines

To be considered for this award an individual must:

1. Be an active, alumnus, advisory, or honorary Brother of Alpha Phi Omega in good standing.
2. Be a currently registered member of the youth service organization where they are seeking to promote the relationship with Alpha Phi Omega (i.e., Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Camp Fire USA, 4-H, etc.)
3. Be currently active with the youth service organization.

Specific examples include:

BSA: Active with a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Venturing crew, other BSA unit, local council, or the national organization.

GSUSA: Active with a Girl Scout troop or group, local council, or with the national organization.

Camp Fire USA: Active with a Camp Fire club, local council, or with the national organization.

4-H: Active with events and activities at the local, regional, state or national level.

4. Have displayed, through their activities with the youth service program, the principles and values of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.
5. Have displayed outstanding dedication to the principles and values embodied within the youth service program they serve, such as, the Boy Scout Oath and Law (BSA); the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law (GSUSA); the Camp Fire USA Mission and Camp Fire USA Core Values (Camp Fire USA); and the 4-H Council Mission (4-H).
6. Display outstanding dedication to the furtherance of a relationship between Alpha Phi Omega and the youth service organization at a local, regional, state and/or national level.

Award Presentation

In that the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award is a nationally recognized award with the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, it is appropriate that presentation of the award be made at a significant function of the Fraternity. Based on this, the most common venues for the presentation of the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award would be at the Alpha Phi Omega National Convention or, in a non-convention year, at an Alpha Phi Omega Regional Conference. In all instances, coordination between the National Scouting and Youth Services Committee, the nominating individual or group and the convention and/or conference planning committee shall be required.

Where appropriate, and upon coordination with the appropriate youth service organization, a secondary presentation of the award may be made at an appropriate function of the youth service organization with whom the award recipient participates.

Where initial presentation of the award can not be made at a significant function of the Fraternity, the nominating group or individual shall coordinate with the National Scouting and Youth Services Committee to determine an appropriate venue for presentation of the award.

Other Information

In preparing the application for this award, it is important to note that work, accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years of membership in the designated youth service organization, is a key criteria used by the committee in evaluation of an application. Promoting and strengthening the relationship between Alpha Phi Omega and the youth service organization is additionally a critical component reviewed when considering an application. Therefore, candidates that have little or no continuing involvement with Alpha Phi Omega lack a key qualification for the award.

Some examples of activities that demonstrate promotion of the relationship between Alpha Phi Omega and youth service organizations may include:

- Serving as a Chapter's Scouting and Youth Services Advisor.
- Assisting chapters with the establishment and support of local troops, groups, clubs or units.
- Assisting Chapters or Alumni Associations in developing and strengthening their program of service to their local youth organization council, troops or units.
- Assisting local Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Camp Fire, 4-H and/or other youth service organization troops, units, clubs and councils with programming.
- Promoting Alpha Phi Omega within the Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Camp Fire, 4-H and/or other youth service organization community.
- Promoting chapter and individual involvement with Scouting and youth service within Alpha Phi Omega through workshop presentation and other activities.

Award recipients will receive a neck medallion, lapel pin and certificate. Additionally, as the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award is an approved Boy Scout Community Organization Award, recipients who have supported development of the relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and Alpha Phi Omega are also eligible to receive the generic Boy Scout Community Organization Award Square Knot.

The application fee for the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award is \$40. Fees are due at the time of application. Checks should be made payable to Alpha Phi Omega. Fees are refunded on applications which are not approved.

Completed applications, questions regarding the award, application process or other related issues should be directed to:

Chair, National Scouting and Youth Services Committee
Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity
14901 E. 42nd Street
Independence, MO 64055
Phone: 816-373-8667
Email: youth.director@apo.org



HERBERT G. HORTON SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

GENERAL APPLICATION

Candidate Information

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Initiating Alpha Phi Omega Chapter _____

School _____

Youth Service Organization _____ Most Recent Position held _____

Proposed date/location for Presentation of the Award _____

Local Recommendation

The candidate is hereby recommended to receive the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G Horton - Service to Youth Award.

Recommending Group/Individual _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Position _____ Email _____

Youth Service Organization Certification

I concur that the above noted individual is currently a registered volunteer with this youth service organization and has participated in activities in support of the organization's activities.

Organization Name/Office _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Position with Organization _____

Alpha Phi Omega Approval (to be completed by NSYSC)

The National Scouting and Youth Services Committee certifies that the record of service of the above-named candidate has been reviewed carefully and that this candidate meets the requirements established to receive the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G Horton - Service to Youth Award.

Date _____ Signed _____

Chair, National Scouting and Youth Services Committee

