

Three Stars of Accreditation | 2020 Rubric and Checklist

Purpose

The Accreditation program was created many years ago during a challenging time in our Fraternity. We needed a way to monitor the health of our Chapters and Colonies and provide the support that many of them needed. This would mean stronger Chapters and better use of the Fraternity's resources.

The following are the major purposes of the program.

Chapter Audit

The primary purpose of this program is to monitor the health of our Chapters and Colonies. By collecting submitted formation from our Chapters and Colonies throughout the year, we can adequately determine their health and evaluate their growth. This also allows the National Fraternity to determine strengths and weaknesses and tailor programs to improve the overall organization.

Informing Leadership Consultants

The objective for Leadership Consultants is to work with Chapters and Colonies to help them grow and improve. Often, they are given insufficient information to make their work, especially their in-person visits, ineffective. The information collected and feedback provided by graders will better arm them for their jobs. This will enable them to target specific areas in which our Chapters and Colonies need improvement.

Awards and Recognition

This program will provide an even playing field on which to evaluate Chapters and Colonies for awards. Our current awards program is now interwoven with Accreditation. This new program will allow for better integration of the two programs in a way that provides clarity to the disposition of awards, whereas the basis for awards comes from accreditation with supplement documentation being requested after the initial screening.

Scoring

Chapters receive a score within each Pillar, as well as an average score. To be awarded One Star in a Pillar, the Chapter must complete ALL requirements in the One Star section for that Pillar. Chapters cannot achieve Two Star or Three Star status in a Pillar without first completing the One Star requirements. For a Chapter to be awarded Two Stars or Three Stars in a given Pillar, the Chapter must then also complete a designated number of additional "best practice" objectives. In each Pillar, there are more of these objectives than needed to attain Three Star status.

A Chapter's cumulative score is calculated using the average number of stars earned across each of the ten Pillars and the number of Pillars in which the Chapter receives Zero Stars.

Number of Zero Star Pillars	Average of All Scores	Final Chapter Designation
Zero	≥ 2.25	Three Star Chapter
One or less	≥ 1.50	Two Star Chapter
Two or less	≥ 0.75	One Star Chapter
More than two	< 0.75	Zero Star Chapter

Number of Zero Star Pillars and *Average of All Scores* are limiting factors for each other when the calculations for *Final Chapter Designation* are performed. This means that Chapters will receive the highest designation for which **both** corresponding achievements are met. Take, for example, the results from hypothetical Chapters A through C below.

	Chapter A	Chapter B	Chapter C
Number of Zero Star Pillars	Zero	Three	One
Average of All Scores	2.11	1.55	2.65
Final Chapter Designation	Two Star Chapter	Zero Star Chapter	Two Star Chapter

Ten Pillars

Recruitment and Growth

A key to the success of our organization is the recruitment of new men that fit with the Values of the Fraternity and will strengthen our Brotherhood. To ensure the long-standing existence and health of our Chapters, a Chapter must also maintain its membership. It is important for Chapters and Colonies to have a well-planned approach to recruitment. They should define the process by which they recruit as well as the criteria by which they select men. They also need to make clear the expectations of all members. By reviewing a Chapter or Colony's approach to recruitment we can help them continue to grow in quantity and quality.

Financial Management

All Chapters are responsible for collecting and dispensing money to operate. It is important that they have proper methods for managing money and show an ability to plan for income and expenses. We hope to encourage Chapters to save and plan for future or emergency circumstances. Our goal is to ensure our Chapters remain solvent and stay out of debt.

Risk Management

The longevity of our Chapters is often dependent on strong risk management practices. Too often, Chapters are closed due to violations that could have easily been prevented with effective policies. This is particularly true for social events, but also applies to a wide array of potential crises. It is important to take a more proactive approach with our Chapter and Colony's plans for risk management to help prevent many repercussions, from fines to suspensions and closures. It is also necessary that all Chapter membership be educated and aware of all Fraternity, university, and national policies.

New Member Education

As the first step in any member's journey in Chi Phi, New Member Education is a cornerstone of Fraternity membership. It is expected that each Chapter's New Member Program pays homage to the history and values upon which our organization was founded. It is also important that Chapters remain vigilant in protecting the physical and mental wellbeing of all New Members

Total Membership Education

We expect that they have comprehensive plans for continuing to educate their existing members. Education of our members does not stop after New Member Education. These programs should focus on expanding our members' awareness and understanding of today's world and culture. We also encourage our members to take advantage of the education programming offered by the National Office. This is all part of our mission of Building Better Men.

Ritual

The one area that distinguishes us from all other organizations is our Ritual. We expect our Chapters to respect our rich heritage and place an emphasis on properly performing our Ritual. This includes maintaining a complete set of equipment and performing Ritual on a regular basis.

Alumni Relations

Our Alumni play an important role in the success of our Chapters and Colonies. Through advising and support, Alumni ensure our Chapters and Colonies stay on the right path. We expect that our Chapters and Colonies maintain strong connections and keep their Alumni involved as much as possible.

Chapter Operations

There are several key ingredients to a Chapter operating smoothly. A Chapter is expected to have Bylaws by which they operate as well as clear goals and a strategic plan. A Chapter should have a Code of Conduct and a standing Judicial or Standards Board to uphold our values. This Pillar ensures that our Chapters and Colonies have a clear focus and meaning behind their operations.

Scholarship

Strong academics and continuing education are a hallmark of this organization. It is important that our Chapters emphasize this to all of their members. We expect our Chapters and Colonies to maintain programs that encourage excellent performance in the classroom.

Community Relations

It is important for our Chapters to be involved in their campus and local communities. We take great pride in our service and philanthropy to our communities as well the development of leaders inside and outside the classroom.

Recruitment and Growth

★ Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 6 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 8 Checks
Chapter adheres to the Fraternity's Risk Management policies regarding recruitment.	Chapter's Recruitment Program outlines the expectations of the lota, the Recruitment Committee, and all other members regarding recruitment.
Chapter submits goals regarding recruitment by February 1st deadline. *	Chapter's Recruitment Program outlines
Chapter reviews (in person or virtually) Recruitment goals and strategies with Leadership Consultant or another	strategies to recruit during periods outside the main "Rush" or recruitment period on campus.
 National Office Staff Member by April 1st. Chapter's recruitment goal is equal to or greater than 25% of the number of Active Brothers as of February 1st. ** 	Chapter's Recruitment Program utilizes the Chi Phi Fraternity's Core Values of Truth, Honor, and Personal Integrity or concepts of important rhetoric such as the Creed or True Gentleman as part of the recruitment process.
Chapter size at the end of the term (including New Members in Fall - if applicable) within no less than 10% of the established goal.	Chapter's Recruitment Program includes a statement on Chapter policy regarding the use of alcohol, controlled substances,
Minimum high school GPA requirement for first-semester freshmen of at least 2.50. ***	illegal drugs, and other inappropriate recruiting activities.
 Minimum college GPA requirement for potential new members of at least 2.50. 	Iota holds an educational training session about expectations and roles during Formal Rush/Recruitment period.
Chapter size of 30 OR Chapter size at or above the all-Fraternity average on campus (whichever is smaller). ****	Iota holds an educational training session about expectations and strategies of recruitment outside of the Formal Rush/Recruitment period.
Presents a timeline of activities that occurred during the formal recruitment period.	Chapter hosts a service-based recruitment event.
Presents Obligations of Membership document to all Potential New Members before Pinning Ceremony to include:	 Minimum high school GPA requirement for first-semester freshmen of at least 2.75. ***
Financial obligations	Minimum college GPA requirement for potential new members of at least 2.75.
Time commitmentAcademic expectations	Chapter size at the end of the term (including New Members in Fall - if applicable) exceeds established goal by at least 10%

- * For Accreditation 2020, all Chapters will automatically receive this check.
- ** For special circumstances, you can work with the National Staff to establish an approved recruitment goal.
- *** Chapters with deferred recruitment automatically receive these checks.
- **** First time submitting Colonies are exempted.

Financial Management

Chap	★ oter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 6 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 8 Checks
🖵 Ch	apter has a current budget.	Chapter utilizes OmegaFi or any third-party collection service.
	Income matches the cost of dues multiplied by the number of members.	Chapter has a 90% dues collection rate or better.
	Expenses correspond to all areas of Chapter operations.	 Chapter conducted a financial review (e.g. by an advisor) <u>each semester</u>.
	National Dues and New Member/Initiation Fees	Financial obligations are presented to and acknowledged by New Members.
	National Insurance	Chapter has Obligations of Membership signed and assessed annually.
	IFC Dues (if applicable)	Additional Check: Obligations of
	National Fraternity Events	Membership signed and assessed each semester.
	apter identifies its expected collection e of no more than 90%. *	Chapter operates without a financial loss.
	apter conducted a financial review (e.g. an advisor) within the past 12 months.	 Chapter submits an up-to-date Dues Register.
of t	dget is presented and passed by a vote he Chapter by the end of the previous nester.	Additional Check: All current undergraduate members are in good standing financially.
	apter invoices members semesterly. oices include:	Chapter maintains a savings account containing at least 15% of the annual
	Invoice Date	operating expenses of the Chapter.
	Invoice Number	Chapter allocates 5% of its budget to savings account(s) annually.
	Area for itemized charges and total being billed	cavinge account(c) annuary.
	Payment due date	
	Payment instructions	
	apter has submitted the most recent blicable 990 tax form. **	
	apter is not under financial suspension h the National Office during the term.	
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the National Office approved by the Executive Director, the Chapter is current on all payment plans. ***	
Chapter funds are processed through Chapter bank account (or alternative school/3rd party biller).	

- * If above 90% is used, the Chapter must identify a service being used to ensure this is probable.
- ** If Chapter's tax status has been revoked, provide verification that proper steps are being taken to regain tax exemption status. Chapter must provide a copy of the most recent applicable tax submission.
- *** A list from the Executive Director will be submitted for verification and is not up for discussion.

Risk Management

★	★ ★ = 4 Checks
Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ ★ = 6 Checks
 Chapter completes all of the following: Chapter adheres to the Fraternity's Risk	 Chapter reviews the Chi Phi Risk
Management Policies and Electronic Use	Management Policies once <u>per semester</u> . Chapter New Member Education Program
Policy. Chapter is current with all University and	covers IFC Risk Management Policies. Chapter submits one completed guest list
Fraternity sanctions. Chapter reviews the Chi Phi Risk	<u>per semester</u> . Additional Check: Chapter submits
Management Policies once per year. Chapter reviews and submits Chapter	two completed guest lists <u>per</u>
Risk Management Policies and	<u>semester</u> . Chapter reviews Risk Management
Procedures Template. Chapter reviews the Chi Phi Risk	Policies and Procedures document with
Management Policies with all New	Chapter Advisor each year. Chapter reviews University risk
Members prior to Initiation. Chapter provides all New Members with a	management or conduct policies once per
copy of the Chi Phi Risk Management	year.
Policies.	 Chapter utilizes a third-party bartender or security service for a social event at a Chapter Facility. *

* Chapters without a Chapter Facility and Chapters with an alcohol-free Facility receive this check.

New Member Education

★ Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 8 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 11 Checks
Chapter adheres to the Fraternity's Risk Management Policies and Electronic Use Policy during the New Member Education process.	New Member Process is no longer than six weeks in length from Pinning Ceremony to Initiation.
 Chapter conducts Pledging Ceremony as the first New Member Education activity during each New Member class. 	Additional Check: New Member Process is no longer than four weeks in length.
Chapter conducts Initiation Ceremony as the last New Member Education activity	Pledging Report submitted within five days of the Pledging Ceremony.
during each New Member class.	Chi Phi Connect registration is completed by all New Members.
Chapter provides each New Member with a Program syllabus that includes:	GreekLifeEDU is completed by all New Members within fourteen days of Pledging
 Schedule of all events, times, dates, and locations of all classes, Initiation, and other activities. 	 Ceremony. Chapter completes Initiation Report fourteen days prior to Initiation.
An outline of topics covered in each class.	 Star Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the
New Member Education Program covers the following topics:	Chi Phi Connect).
Chi Phi Expectations (outlining time, financial, and academic requirements for NME)	is performed <u>both semesters</u> in the year
Risk Management	Sword Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Chi Phi Connect)
Chapter Operations/Officer Positions	Chi Phi Connect). Additional Check: Swords
Ritual (including all New Member ceremonies)	Ceremony is performed <u>both</u> <u>semesters</u> in the year.
Local and National History	Fasces Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Chi Phi Connect).
Chapter pays all Pinning and Initiation Fees.	Additional Check: Fasces
Chapter initiates 60% of each New Member class.	Ceremony is performed <u>both</u> <u>semesters</u> in the year.
Chapter has a Big/Little Brother Program	Chapter debriefs New Members following

(or equivalent). *	Pledging and Triple Origins Ceremonies.
Program explains who oversees the process.	Chapter initiates 80% of each New Member Class.
Program explains how pairs are chosen.	Additional Check: Chapter initiates 90% of each New Member Class.
Program details the ceremony/reveal.	
Program details the event after the ceremony/reveal.	
Program explains how Brothers are made aware of acceptable behavior.	

* If the Chapter does not have a Big/Little Brother Program, the Chapter must indicate this in the Chapter Verification Letter and will be exempt from these requirements.

Total Membership Education (TME)

★ Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 7 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 11 Checks
 Chapter has three or more TME sessions per semester. Chapter has a 50% attendance or more for each TME session. 	Chapter provides a TME session on a Social Justice or Diversity related topic pertaining to race, religion, sex/gender, sexual identity (LGBT+), economic status, or disability/mental health issues. **
 Chapter participates in a substance abuse/harm reduction session in the year. Chapter participates in a personal wellness session in the year. * 	 Additional Check: Chapter provides a TME session on a Social Justice or Diversity related topic each semester. Chapter has an average of 75%
	attendance at TME sessions in the Spring Semester.
	Additional Check: Chapter has an average of 90% attendance at TME sessions in the Spring Semester.
	Chapter has an average of 75% attendance at TME sessions in the Fall Semester.
	Additional Check: Chapter has an average of 90% attendance at TME sessions in the Fall Semester.
	Chapter hosts a Total Membership Retreat. ***
	Additional Check: Chapter hosts a Total Membership Retreat <u>each</u> <u>semester</u> .
	University Sorority and Fraternity Life Advisor (or equivalent) presents one TME session.
	 Chapter Advisor or Alumnus presents one TME session.
	Chapter has at least 50% of their Executive Council attend RLA.
	Additional Check: Chapter has at

least 75% of their Executive Council attend RLA.
Chapter has at least 10% of their membership attend RLA.
Additional Check: Chapter has at least 15% of their membership attend RLA.

- * Personal wellness programs include emotional, environmental, financial, occupational, spiritual, social, physical, and intellectual topics. The wellness wheel can be found at: http://www.clarion.edu/student-life/health-fitness-and-wellness/office-of-health-promotions/wellness-wheel.html
- ** The example list is not exhaustive.
- *** Retreat requirements are at least 50% Chapter Attendance and at least 4 hours in length. There are example retreat schedules on the Accreditation website, or you can contact the National Office for assistance.

★ Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 11 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 17 Checks
Chapter conducts Pledging Ceremony as the first New Member Education activity during each New Member class.	 Chapter has at least 75% of the Ritual Equipment in List B. *** Additional Check: Chapter has at
 Chapter conducts Initiation Ceremony as the last New Member Education activity during each New Member class. Pledging Ceremony is performed with each New Member Education Class (in accordance with the Custom Book). Initiation Ceremony is performed with each New Member Education class (in accordance with the Custom Book). Grand Lecture is performed at least once per semester and after each New Member Education class (in accordance with the Custom Book). * Chapter has at least 90% of Ritual Equipment in List A. ** 	 Additional Check: Chapter has at least 90% of Ritual Equipment in List B. Candle Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Custom Book). Additional Check: Candle Ceremony is performed in both semesters in the year. Libations Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Custom Book). Additional Check: Libations Ceremony is performed in both semesters in the year. Additional Check: Libations Ceremony is performed in both semesters in the year. Alumni Installation Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Custom Book). Additional Check: Alumni Installation Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Custom Book). Additional Check: Alumni Installation Ceremony is performed in both semesters in the year. Star Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Chi Phi Connect). Additional Check: Stars Ceremony is performed in both semesters in the year. Sword Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Chi Phi Connect).
	Additional Check: Sword Ceremony is performed <u>both</u>

<u>semesters</u> in the year.
Fasces Ceremony is performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Chi Phi Connect).
Additional Check: Fasces Ceremony is performed <u>both</u> <u>semesters</u> in the year.
Grand Lecture is performed an additional time outside of the required times (in accordance with the Custom Book).
Additional Check: Grand Lecture is performed an additional time <u>each semester</u> of the year.
Memorial Ceremony is performed as required.
Chapter sends one representative to a Regional Ritual Retreat.
Additional Check: Chapter sends two or more people to a Regional Ritual Retreat.
Chapter has 1 Brother active in the Goliard Program. ****
Additional Check: Chapter has 2 or more Brothers active in the Goliard Program.
Chapter holds one Chapter meeting per month in a Lodge room.

- * Grand Lecture is required to happen after each New Member Education class. If a Chapter does not have a New Member Education in a semester, they still need to the Grand Lecture once that semester. If a Chapter has multiple New Member Education classes in a semester, they will need to perform the Grand Lecture after each New Member Education class to meet the requirement.
- ** List A is all the required equipment for Pledging and Initiation Ceremonies
- *** List B is all the required equipment for all the other Ritual Ceremonies
- **** Active status would indicate that the Brothers would be working on advancing through the Goliard Chambers by attending webinars hosted by Grand Epsilon and advancing through Chambers. A list of Brothers active for the year will be submitted by the Grand Epsilon.

Alumni Relations

★ Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 6 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 8 Checks
Chapter hosts one Alumni Event in the year.	Chapter hosts one Alumni Event <u>per</u> <u>semester</u> .
Chapter produces and distributes one Alumni Newsletter <u>per semester</u> to include:	Additional Check: Chapter hosts two or more Alumni Events <u>per</u> <u>semester</u> .
 A section for Alumni Updates. A calendar of upcoming events 	 Alumni Newsletters are sent to the National Office via chiphi@chiphi.org. Each Alumni Newsletter contains at least
encouraging Alumni Participation.	Each Alumni Newsletter contains at least three articles.
members from the Spring 2020 Semester and back. Roster must include:	Additional Check: Each Alumni Newsletter contains at least 5 articles.
Names	Alumni roster includes mailing addresses.
Phone numbersEmail addresses	Chapter has two or more people that serve as Advisors.
Chapter has a Chapter Advisory Board consisting of at least one person.	Chapter leadership meets (physically or virtually) with Chapter Advisor at least twice a month.
Chapter leadership meets (physically or virtually) with Chapter Advisor at least monthly.	 Chapter has a university faculty or staff member that serves as an Advisor.
	Alumni Installation Ceremony performed within the last 12 months (in accordance with the Custom Book).
	Additional Check: Alumni Installation Ceremony was performed <u>both semesters</u> in the year.

Chapter Operations

★ Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 10 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 14 Checks
 Chapter has Bylaws that: Indicate any updates from the past 	Code of Conduct outlines the following items areas in detail (one check per point):
year. Do not conflict with Risk Management Policies. 	New Member EducationRecruitment
Chapter Bylaws have been reviewed in the last year.	ClassroomSocial Events
Chapter has a Code of Conduct outlining expected behavior of all Members that reflects Chi Phi Values.	Philanthropy and Community Service
Chapter submits three yearly goals and three Spring semesterly goals to the National Office by February 1st as well	InterFraternal RelationsNational Programs
National Office by February 1st, as well as three Fall semesterly goals by September 1st. *	Social Media
All goals are quantifiable.	Chapter Bylaws have a specific policy that governs the expectations of social media.
 All goals comply with Chi Phi Risk Management Policies. At least one of the yearly Chapter 	Chapter reflects on all semesterly and yearly goals and includes why the Chapter did or did not meet the goals.
goals must be related to Recruitment.	Chapter has at least 75% attendance at all Officer Webinars.
Chapter goals cover at least two other pillars (other than Recruitment).	Additional Check: Chapter has 100% attendance at all Officer Webinars.
Chapter submits the Greek Life Advisor Template Letter.	Chapter has an internal Judicial Governing Board.
Chapter has at least 50% attendance at all Officer Webinars.	Additional Check: Judicial Governing Board has an outlined process.
	If Chapter has a Judicial Governing Board, it has an active roster.
	Chapter Alpha (or designated officer) attends Alphas Academy.
	Chapter Theta (or designated officer)

attends Thetas Academy.
Chapter sends one delegate to the last Congress.
Additional Check: Chapter sends two delegates to the last Congress.

* For Accreditation 2020, yearly and Spring semesterly goals are NOT required.

Scholarship

★ Chapter completes all of the following:	★ ★ = 5 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 7 Checks
Previous term or cumulative Chapter GPA is a 2.70 or above the all-men's average on campus (whichever is lower). *	Previous term Chapter GPA is greater than the all-Fraternity average on campus.
Chapter Bylaws outlines GPA requirements for:	Previous term Chapter GPA is greater than the all-Greek average on campus.
Pledging	Previous term Chapter GPA is greater
Initiation	than the all-men's average on campus.
Member in good standing	Previous term academic rank among IFC Fraternities on compute in the ten quartile
Voting in Chapter Meeting	Fraternities on campus in the top quartile OR ranked first.
	Chapter utilizes an Academic Program.
	 Additional Check: Program utilizes campus resources to help members improve their academic performance, rather than only relying on additional study hours. Additional Check: Program identifies 'steps to take' to support Brothers who are not meeting academic requirements. Additional Check: Program utilizes an incentive/reward-based system to improve members' academic standing.
	Chapter has a functioning Scholarship/Academic Committee.
	Chapter introduces academic and campus resources in the New Member Process.

* Based on a collegiate 4.0 scale, rounded to the nearest hundredth if necessary.

Community Relations

★ Chapter completes all of the following	★ ★ = 8 Checks ★ ★ ★ = 12 Checks
Chapter has at least 75% of members involved in at least one organization outside of Chi Phi.	Chapter has 100% of members involved in at least one organization outside of Chi Phi.
Chapter averages at least five hours of community service per Brother <u>each</u> <u>semester</u> .	Chapter averages at least ten hours of community service per Brother in the Spring Semester.
 Chapter plans and hosts a Community Service Event with at least 25% Chapter attendance. Chapter attends a Campus Event with at least 25% Chapter attendance. * Chapter provides links to all social media pages (i.e., Facebook, Instagram, Website, Twitter). Chapter social media pages adhere to Chi Phi Electronic Use Policy and Risk Management Policies. 	 Additional Check: Chapter averages at least fifteen hours of community service per Brother in the Spring Semester. Chapter averages at least ten hours of community service per Brother in the Fall Semester. Additional Check: Chapter averages at least fifteen hours of community service per Brother in the Fall Semester. Each member of the Chapter completes at least five hours of community service <u>each semester</u>. Additional Check: Each member of the Chapter completes at least ten hours of community service <u>each semester</u>. Chapter plans and hosts a Community Service Event <u>each semester</u> with at least 25% Chapter attendance.
	Chapter attends a Campus Event <u>each</u> <u>semester</u> with at least 25% Chapter attendance.
	Chapter sponsors or co-sponsors a Campus Event. *
	Additional Check: Chapter sponsors or co-sponsors a Campus Event <u>each semester</u> .
	Chapter hosts a social event <u>each</u>

<u>semester</u> .
Additional Check: Chapter hosts two social events <u>each semester</u> .
Chapter hosts one non-alcohol social <u>per</u> <u>semester</u> .
Additional Check: Chapter hosts two non-alcohol socials <u>per</u> <u>semester</u> .
Chapter has up-to-date information on social media pages.

* A Campus Event is an event which is open to the broader community (institution or local city/town).