

International Achievement  
Week Committee  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



International Citizen of the Year Award  
Application

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# Award Application

**Citizen of the Year** The Citizen of the Year is selected each year from outstanding citizens nominated for unique contributions to humanity. The nominee should be a person of local, regional and International recognition and who are acclaimed by a significant segment of society for outstanding contributions to the welfare of mankind. **Members of the Fraternity are not eligible for the Citizen of the Year Award.**

## Citizen of the Year Award Scoring Scale

### Scoring Citizen of the Year Scoring Criteria

The General Criteria are:

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| 1. Documented service to the community and professional recognition | <b>50 Points</b> |
| 2. Noteworthy achievements during the year in organizations         | <b>30 Points</b> |
| 3. Honors and awards  | <b>20 Points</b> |

**Criteria Summary Form  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
International Achievement Awards**

General rules for completing this form:

1. The application must be comprised of typed responses that are clear, concise, specific, and fully address the topic area. Please carefully read each question before responding. Failure to fully comply with any or all rules **may result in disqualification**.
2. Do not include activities more than once. Enter the activity into the area that it most appropriately supports. Credit will only be given once for entry of an event or activity.
3. All events and or activities listed must be dated reflecting the year of the event or activity. Events or activities that are not dated will not be considered in the scoring.
4. The total application document (not counting this Criteria Summary Form or the attached signature page) **is limited to four pages in length**. The pages can only include text input (no pictures, copies of documents or other such images).
5. Applications **will not be accepted** without the Chapter Basileus and Keeper of Records and Seal signature page validating the content and the good standing of the nominee in their community.
6. **Members of the Fraternity are not eligible for the Citizen of the Year Award.**

Check the category for award consideration to confirm the use of the proper application.  
[A separate form must be completed for each applicant.](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of the Year Award

**Year of Award: November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019**  
(Note: should correspond with the Fraternity's fiscal calendar)

**Nominee's Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Jazz \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_ Lewis \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 2946 Buckthorn Court \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Glenarden, MD 20706 \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Chapter Name/District: \_\_\_\_\_ Gamma Pi/ 2<sup>nd</sup> District \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Prince George's County, Maryland \_\_\_\_\_

1. List contributions or achievements that the candidate has made which have **Local Community** significance or impact. Contributions / achievements should be specifically stated and should be applicable to the year in which the individual was selected for the award at the Chapter level. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

*(Documentation: Entries for this section should pertain to events that took place during the year under consideration. This section applies to any citizen that has demonstrated leadership in the local community).*

Jazz fought to protect full funding for the Prince George's Regional Medical Center and supported legislation that expands funding for mental health treatment and substance abuse aide, including support to rehabilitate those affected by the opioid crisis. Jazz is actively monitoring the Affordable Care Act repeal and replace debate on Capitol Hill to ensure that over 433,000 residents, many of whom live in Prince George's County, do not lose their access to healthcare.

As a community organizer, Jazz learned firsthand talking with small business owners that if their companies grew, they would hire locally and invest in their communities. As such, Jazz is committed to making sure small businesses have what they need to thrive here in Maryland. This includes cutting red tape that holds back small businesses, opening up access to credit, and democratizing our institutions so women, people of color, tribes, and people in rural and urban Maryland can start businesses and get a fair shot at government contracts.

2. List contributions or achievements the candidate has made which have **Regional** significance or impact. Contributions and or achievements should be specifically stated and should be applicable to the year in which the individual was selected for the award at the local Chapter and District level. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

*(Documentation: Entries for this section should pertain to events that took place during the year under consideration. This section applies to any citizen that has demonstrated leadership that extends beyond the community to include regional impact.)*

Jazz is focused on criminal justice reform and economic opportunity to ensure our justice system is fair and that all citizens share in the growth in our economy. Jazz has successfully campaigned and supported the efforts of hard-working Democrats in the state of Maryland and beyond. He currently works as a Senior Policy Advisor for Majority Leader Congressman Steny Hoyer, previously serving as Executive Director of Hoyer's Maryland political organization. During this past Presidential cycle, Jazz also served as the Maryland Political Director for Secretary Hillary Clinton's campaign, where he was responsible for organizing the various party constituencies to support the Stronger Together platform for the country.

3. List contributions or achievements the candidate has made which have **National or International** significance or impact. Contributions and/ or achievements should be specifically stated and should be applicable for /to the year in which the individual was selected for the award at the local Chapter level. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

*(Documentation: Entries for this section should pertain to events that took place during the year under consideration. This section applies to any citizen that has demonstrated leadership that extends beyond the community to include National or International impact.)*

Everyday Marylanders shouldn't have to go out of their way to register to vote and engage in the political process. Data shows that people who vote are more engaged in their local communities, have better job outcomes, and show a greater satisfaction with their surrounding areas. For these reasons, Jazz believes we need to do more to expand voting to communities that are too often shut out, including renters, young professionals, and low-income seniors. Jazz is committed to supporting legislation that would allow automatic voter registration when a resident becomes eligible to register to vote.

The gains of obtaining an education go well beyond a higher paying career and cost shouldn't be a barrier to students willing to do the necessary work. Jazz will do everything within his power to keep the price of college tuition down and expand options to pay for it without burdening students with unbearable debts. This includes expanded access to certifications and apprenticeships as an alternative to the middle class, often accomplished without the debt incurred by the 4-year college.

4. List other attributes or considerations that specifically identify contributions that the individual has made to *humanity as a general citizen*. Provide documentation that addresses the application and implementation of the nominee's respective area of competence.

*(Documentation: Entries for this section should pertain to the nominee's contributions to his local, regional or the International community in the area of professional, civic and religious activities.)*

Jazz's core philosophy is that organized and active communities produce better outcomes for their children's education, their local economies, and their public safety. Jazz represents Maryland's 24th Legislative District, currently serves on the House Judiciary Committee as Chair of the Family Law Subcommittee, and is the Vice-Chair of the Maryland House Democratic Caucus

As a graduate of the public school system and public universities in Prince George's County, Jazz knows firsthand the benefits of quality education. Jazz is committed to forging partnerships between our local labor unions and our public school system and community colleges to create opportunities for more skilled labor jobs post-high school. Jazz knows that students will not live up to their full potential as long as we are handicapping our teachers by forcing them to teach to the test.

Further, Jazz is committed to nurturing the next generation of scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs through record early education funding that will allow Maryland to be a world leader in innovation.

**Must be submitted with each application**

**Note: The signatures of the Basileus and KRS are required below for all awards to confirm that they each read, reviewed and approved the contents of the applications. (Electronic Signatures are Acceptable)**

**Prepared by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – legibly print or type) (Signature) Date

**Chapter Basileus:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – legibly print or type) (Signature) Date

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter KRS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – legibly print or type) (Signature) Date

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_