

International Achievement  
Week Committee  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Graduate Omega Man of the Year Award  
Application

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## Award Application

1. **Graduate Omega Man of the Year Award** The Graduate nominee should be a Brother who has made significant contributions to his Chapter, his District and on the International level of the Fraternity. This nominee should also be one who has made significant contributions to his community. Additionally, Nominees must have served in a manner above and beyond the ordinary participation levels necessary to implement programs and projects. Nominees should be involved in leadership roles regarding the organization, planning and implementation of programs and projects *i.e. Hold Chapter/District/International office, and/or Committee Chairman Role.* Nominee's Chapter and District must support ALL Fraternity Mandated Programs.

Additionally, the nominee must be financial at the Chapter, District, and International levels during the immediate year prior to the award and the year of the award. The exception would be if he were not a member of the Fraternity in the prior year.

## Graduate Omega Man of the Year Award Scoring Criteria

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The General Criteria are:

1. Contributions to Omega on the Chapter, District and International Levels **60 Points**  
With leadership roles and activities clearly documented.  
  
Chapter Level: 15 points  
District Level: 15 points  
International Level: 15 points  
Leadership Roles: 15 points
2. Contributions to humanity as a citizen and loyal Brother **20 Points**
3. Fraternity/Community Honors, Awards and Recognitions at the Chapter, State, District and International Levels **20 Points**

### Criteria Summary Form Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## International Achievement Awards

General rules for completing this form:

1. The application must be 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 one 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 **Five** (5) 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. Brothers nominated must be in good standing with the Fraternity. **Signatures on Graduate Omega Man of the Year application indicates Chapter participation in All Mandated Programs.**

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

Graduate Omega Man of the Year

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

Nominee's Name:

DONATIEN W. NORWOOD  
First Middle Last

Control Number: 004061460

Street Address: 9217 Sandy Creek Road

City/State/Zip Code: Fort Washington, Maryland 20744

Chapter Name/District: Gamma Pi / Second

Location of Chapter: Capital Heights, Maryland

1. List Achievement and Contributions that the nominee has made which have a **Chapter or Local** significance or impact. Contributions / achievements should be specifically stated and have supporting documentation. Be sure to list Leadership roles taken. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

*Documentation: Entries for this section should pertain to events that took place during the fiscal year under consideration. Brother is required to be financial at all levels, and must not be expelled/suspended or on probation.*

Bro. Don Norwood was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Gamma Pi Chapter in May of 2011. His commitment to Omega was evident from the beginning. By May 2013, Bro. Norwood was a life member, #6885. Since his initiation, he has been an active member of Gamma Pi, serving on numerous committees including Achievement Week, Constitution and Bylaws, Mardi Gras, Project ENRICH, Protocol, Scholarship, Social, Social Action, and Talent Hunt. He served as chairman of the Hospitality Committee for FY 2012 and 2013. With the Project ENRICH college preparatory program, he served as the Team Leader for the 2014 graduating class from their sophomore year (Fall 2011) through their senior year (spring 2014). He also served as chairman of the Senior Citizen Banquet event from 2012 through 2016.

Within a short period of time, Bro. Norwood began to serve Gamma Pi as an elected chapter officer. He was elected as Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal (AKRS) for FY 2015 and FY 2016 and Keeper of Records and Seal for FY 2017 and FY 2018. As the Chapter KRS he has represented Gamma Pi at all Corridor I, district, and international fraternity meetings and conferences. His dedication, commitment, and service to Gamma Pi resulted in him being chosen as chapter 2018 Omega Man of the Year.

For FY 2019, Bro. Norwood was elected Vice Basileus (VB) for Gamma Pi. In this position, his major responsibilities were to supervise the functioning of all chapter committees; however, he continued to be a participating member of the Achievement Week, Budget, Mardi Gras, and Talent Hunt committees. Additionally, during this year as VB, due to the Basileus having to deal with personal issues and situations, Bro. Norwood on numerous occasions had to step in and fulfill some of the duties of the Basileus position in order to keep the chapter on course. His commitment and dedication to Omega were the driving forces behind his over-whelming service to Gamma Pi.

2. List Achievements and Contributions that the candidate has made which have **District or Regional** significance or impact. Service/ Contributions / achievements should be specifically stated and have supporting documentation. Be sure to list Leadership roles taken. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

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Bro. Norwood's service to Omega has also been evident at the district level. He has served on the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Audit Committee for FY 2017 FY 2018, and Fy 2019. He took part in the Committee's monthly conference calls and participated in the auditing process of the District Conference. Bro. Norwood served on the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Scholarship Committee for FY 2017, FY 2018, and FY 2019. Again, he took part in the Committee's monthly conference calls and participated in the scholarship application grading process.

For FY 2019, Bro. Norwood joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Budget Committee, participating in monthly committee conference calls and assisting the committee chair, as needed, in preparing the District's 2020 budget.

During FY 2019, he attended Corridor I meetings, the fall and winter District Council meetings, the District Conference in Delaware, and the 2019 Shirtsleeve Conference in Philadelphia. At the FY 2019 District Conference in Philadelphia, Bro. Norwood was recognized as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District's Omega Man of the Year.

3. List Achievements and Contributions the candidate has made which have **National or International** significance or impact. Contributions/achievements should be specifically stated and have supporting documentation. Be sure to list Leadership roles taken. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

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Bro. Norwood has recently become a member of the International Ways & Means Committee, led by Bro. Bleu Colquitt, after the 81<sup>st</sup> Grand Conclave in New Orleans. His skills in project management, organizational and planning experience were deemed relevant for this committee. The Chair asked Bro. Norwood to lead a sub-committee directed at social media. This sub-committee was tasked with understanding the fraternity's social media footprint and developing strategies to utilize social media to improve the fraternity's corporate sponsorship opportunities. Additionally, Bro. Norwood attended the 2019 Leadership Conference held in Atlantic City, NJ.

4. List Community Honors, Awards and Recognitions that specifically identify contributions that the nominee has made to humanity as a general citizen.

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Professionally, Bro. Norwood is a principal at GHT, Limited, the largest MEP Engineering firm in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. In his position, he leads the electrical engineering department of the company's interior design studio. He also oversees projects up to \$1 million of billings for this \$16 million company on a yearly basis. He manages projects with a goal of maximum efficiency, and he is respected for his approach to project challenges that are focused on swift, effective solutions. With over 3 decades of electrical engineering design experience, he has been recognized as a sustainable design leader by the U. S. Green Building Council as a LEED accredited professional. His clients have included Gump law firm, Facebook, Google, and International Monetary Fund.

Bro. Norwood is a leader in his Christian community at the Ebenezer AME church where he serves in the men ministry. He is an avid motorcyclist and a leader in the local DMV motorcycle community. At the request of his pastor, he combined the two interests by creating the church's Anointed Horseman Motorcycle Ministry, traveling around the country and spreading the word of Christ to fellow motorcyclists.

**Signature Page 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bro. Roland L. Byrd** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(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:** \_\_\_\_\_