

Guidelines

Western's Fraternalist of the Year Award

Purpose

The Fraternalist of the Year Award is an honor presented by Western Fraternal Life to recognize an individual within the lodge system who, through example and accomplishment, provided outstanding volunteer service to his or her lodge, society and community during the past year.

Eligibility

- The nominee must be a member in good standing of Western Fraternal Life.
- Society Home Office staff and other individuals compensated by the society as employees are not eligible to receive the award.
- Nominees of any age are eligible.
- The award can be won only once by an individual. However, a lodge is eligible to nominate an individual nominated previously, but not selected as a Fraternalist of the Year.

Description of Award

- The Board of Directors will choose the winner at a board meeting and will present the award to the honoree at a meeting determined by the District Director.
- The honoree will be highlighted in the *Fraternal Herald* and their information and photo placed on Western's website until the next year's candidate is chosen. He or she will also be featured on Western's Facebook page, Twitter and our blog.
- The honoree's name will be included on a plaque at the Home Office.

Program Procedures

A Fraternalist of the Year application is included on the following pages. It may be emailed, faxed, or mailed in. All nomination forms must be postmarked by **May 1**.

Incomplete entries or entries postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

Please mail to:

Fraternal Department
Western Fraternal Life
1900 First Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Email to: wflains@wflains.org

Fax to: 319-363-8806

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Nominee Information

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address/city/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ (Spouse's Name) _____ Widowed _____

Occupation: _____

Lodge Number, City and State: _____

Submitter's Information

Submitter's name: _____ Title or Position: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Statements

Please review the following three categories and provide your responses with attached sheets labeled A, B, and C.

- A. **SOCIETY LEADERSHIP:** Describe your nominee's involvement in the past year in the society's local, regional, state, national, or international governance. This would include service as an officer, board member, and/or committee member at any level.
- B. **SERVICE TO OTHERS:** Describe how nominee has provided significant volunteer service in the past year to his or her community or participated in outreach programs and environmental activities on the local, state, or international level. (Examples: Participation in church groups, mentoring programs, school or community activities, disaster relief efforts, community or service groups, or involvement with other fraternal organizations.)
- C. **INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP:** Describe how this nominee has been a leader or an innovator during the past year. (Examples: Engaged cross-generational participation in an event or activity, updated an old annual activity to make it more relevant, saw a need and created a program to address it, etc.).

Materials are due May 1. You can email, fax, or mail your application and materials to us at the contact information below. For questions, call Western's Fraternal Department at 877-935-2467.

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