## OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

TO: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. SUBJECT: Social Action Recognition Criteria

DATE: July 3, 2017

In this report, we establish a fraternal standard for judging Social Action Activity by chapters. The implementation of this standard at the international level will allow our districts and chapters to understand, with clarity, how Omega recognizes and judges Social Action. Following these guidelines is strongly recommended.

The criteria to be used for the determination for International Social Award recipients are listed below:

- 1. In order to be considered the District or International Social Action Chapter of the Year, each chapter must complete, at a minimum, the following seven (7) programs in this section: Achievement Week, Scholarship, Talent Hunt Program, Memorial Service, Reclamation and Retention, NAACP and College Endowment Fund. No points will be given to programs in this section, only a check for completion. Any chapter that fails to complete each of the seven internationally mandated programs will not be given further consideration by the District or International Social Action Committee.
- 2. 25 points for each of the Special Emphasis Programs completed by the Chapter:

Fatherhood Initiative Mentoring

Health Initiatives Voter Registration, Education, and Mobilization

Big Brother-Big Sister Domestic Violence

Mental Health Initiatives Charles Drew Blood Drives

3. 10 points for any new Social Action Program other than mandated or Special Emphasis Programs. An activity is considered a Social Action Activity when the Chapter participates with another organization or independently takes on a project that provides significant support to the community. Mandated or Special Emphasis Programs that are duplicated or performed more than once during the fiscal year should be listed under this section and receive 10 points on a quarterly basis each time the mandated or Special Emphasis Program is performed. Some examples are, but not limited to, the following:

Food and Clothing Drives Boys and Girls Clubs

Thanksgiving Baskets to the Needy Black on Black Crime Workshops

**United Way** Sickle Cell Foundation **Senior Citizen Projects Mentoring and Educational Projects** Campus/City/County Clean-Up Projects National Diabetes Program St. Jude Game Day Give Back Program

**American Cancer Society United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Habitat for Humanity Projects City and State Humanitarian Projects** 

- 4. One (1) point for each \$100.00 donation to any Social Action Project by the Chapter or by another organization in the name of Omega. Proof of documentation would be a letter on company letterhead from the company in which the chapter or brother donated the money or a copy of the annual report indicating the donation. Points for scholarship donations will not be counted in the Social Action Report.
- 5. 10 points for each documented community service award received for work involved in the community by the Chapter or a brother in the Chapter. Proof of documentation can be any of the following: letter written on company letterhead, local newspaper article, electronic newspaper, web-site, magazine article, TV story, or a copy of the annual report indicating service to the community.

All activities, projects, awards, and donations must be clearly listed on the Social Action Report Form. A compact disk (CD), flash drive, or other electronic form is required with documentation of all activities including donations, for example, dates must be listed and appropriate supporting documentation attached.

Parties, dances, or other social activities designed to raise scholarship funds and/or support community organizations will not be considered as a Social Action Activity; however, those events that only involve the Chapter Brothers and their families will not be considered as a Social Action Project or Activity.

Three award categories have been developed based on membership type and size: small graduate chapters (5 to 49 brothers), large graduate chapters (50 brother or more), and undergraduate chapters. Districts will submit the reports from each category to the International Chairman for consideration for the International Social Action Chapter(s) of the Year.