

MU BETA PSI, NATIONAL HONORARY MUSICAL FRATERNITY, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
The Major Christian D. Kutschinski Award for Outstanding Chapter

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The Alumni Association will consider the presentations of the Major Kutschinski Award at each annual Convention meeting. This does not mean that the award will be presented each year. If the Alumni Association determines that no Chapter has undertaken activities during the previous year which merit the honor of the award, there will be no presentation for that year.

When presented, the award will go to the Mu Beta Psi Chapter that most successfully promotes the goals of the Fraternity during the previous year, including those set out in the Fraternity's Articles of Incorporation.

The goals listed in the National Constitution are:

To honor those outstanding men and women who have devoted their time and efforts to the musical organizations at the educational institutions of the respective Chapters.

To stimulate interest in the musical organizations at the education institutions of the respective Chapters.

To advance music to its proper place as an educational subject.

To actively promote fellowship among musicians everywhere.

Other types of Chapter activities that will be considered appropriate for consideration are:

Programs which promote the values of music to the community, in general.

Contributions to the University or local school, such as sheet music, instruments, and scholarship contributions.

Chapter-initiated service to the Community or University which promotes music (such as performances at local hospitals or rest homes, music programs in local parks, music instruction provided by Chapter members at schools, etc.)

Fellowship among musicians in the community or who visit the area for events, such as receptions for an orchestra after a performance.

Extraordinary efforts to promote Mu Beta Psi (i.e. Expansion efforts).

Activities that will not be considered for the award, though they are extremely valuable to the reputation of the Fraternity and to the individual Chapters are:

Regular University or Community service projects such as ushering for concerts, or preparation for regular University sponsored events (set-up and take-down at department concerts).

Activities which are not related to music.

Social activities within the Chapter.

Fund-raising activities for the Chapter-this award is designed to honor ALTRUISTIC activities.

Activities of individual Brothers unrelated to Chapter Activities-this awards is designed to honor CHAPTER activities.

The Alumni Association will consider reports of Chapter activities published in "The Clef", or other Fraternity publications which are provided to the Association; as well as information provided directly by a Chapter wishing to be considered for the Award.

A Chapter wishing to promote its eligibility for the Kutschinski Award should provide a cover letter including a brief description of appropriate activities, along with a statement by the beneficiary of the activity. Provide an original of each supporting statement under the signature of an appropriate officer and on the letterhead of the organization, which received the benefit of the activity. For example:

Recognition of a performance at a local school would come from the Principal, on School stationary.

Other materials, such as newspaper reports of an event (the entire page the article is printed on), programs, etc. will help establish the activities eligibility and benefit.

Remember that the Kutschinski Award will not necessarily be presented every year. The Alumni Association will consider all activities about which information is provided and will honor a Chapter if that Chapter's activities are appropriately outstanding.

Please send all materials in support of your Chapter's candidacy for the Kutschinski Award to the Secretary of the Alumni Association. Your materials must received by the Secretary by January 31st if you wish these materials to be reviewed at the National Convention. Mailing materials in late January or holding them for presentation at Convention may mean that the Alumni will not have time to give the materials the consideration they deserve.

Address your questions to the Secretary of the Alumni Association or to any Alumni Association officer you may know. Additional information may be available on the Alumni Association website.