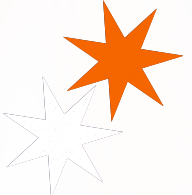
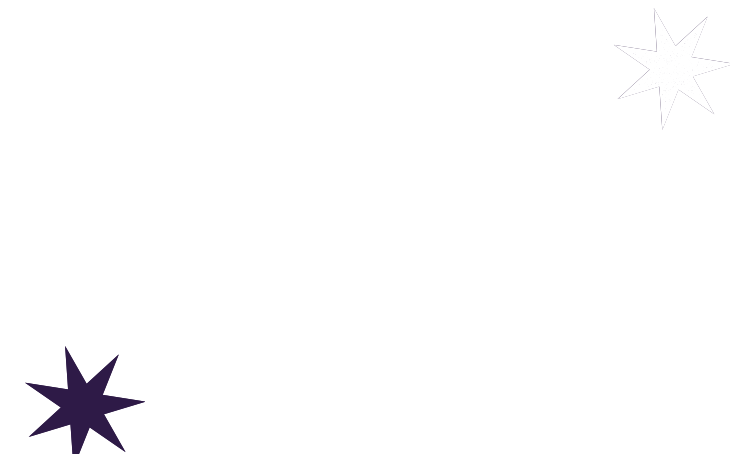


STAR Accreditation



Standards, Training, Achievement, and
Recognition



Overview

Goals

- ★ Ensure chapters meet high standards in operations, leadership, and member development
- ★ Align Clemson's values with organizational values
- ★ Enhance Accountability and Transparency
- ★ Measure Continuous Improvement
- ★ Allow for standard expectations to be set for all organizations
- ★ Align with Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards

Overview

Fraternity and Sorority Life's STAR Program evaluates chapters across four key areas, assigning points for compliance and achievement. Chapters earn an overall Star Ranking based on their total points, reflecting their commitment to organizational standards and values

Categories

- ★ Administration: Focuses on operational compliance and organizational accountability. Think of this as the “Have to Do’s and Have to Have’s”
- ★ Wellbeing: Prioritizes member safety and personal development through both chapter, council, and office programming.
- ★ Membership Experience: Focuses on chapter leadership and member development with a programmatic focus
- ★ Community and Belonging: Focuses on member experiences that enhance community belonging and brotherhood/sisterhood within the chapter

Star Ranking

Chapters receive an overall Star Ranking based on their total points

*points have been adjusted for the fall semester:

- 1 Star: 0–39 points
- 2 Stars: 40–49 points
- 3 Stars: 50–59 points
- 4 Stars: 60–69 points*
- 5 Stars: 70–75 points*

*Eligible for Chapter of the Year at the FSL Awards

Chapters may receive a max total of 5 bonus points for their score

Star Ranking - Beginning Spring '27

Chapters receive an overall Star Ranking based on their total points:

- 1 Star: 0–39.9 points
- 2 Stars: 40–59.9 points
- 3 Stars: 60–79.9 points
- 4 Stars: 80–89.9 points*
- 5 Stars: 90–100 points*

Chapters may receive a max total of 5 bonus points for their score

*Eligible for Chapter of the Year at the Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards

Categories

Administration

The Administration category allows all other areas of the Clemson Standards of Fraternal Excellence and Leadership to function effectively.

This category emphasizes organizational accountability, transparency, and consistent communication between chapters, governing councils, inter/national organizations, and the university.

Clear administrative expectations ensure that fraternity and sorority chapters operate within defined parameters that support student safety, leadership development, and institutional trust.

Administration

- Chapter has written information regarding national risk management policies, national code of standards, and all academic requirements and shares them with the chapter members annually **1 point**
- Chapter submits semesterly roster updates by due date **(2 points, 1 per semester) (1 for fall 2026)**
- Chapter submits annual officer contact update **1 point**
- Has at least one chapter advisor **1 point**
- Attends all Chapter President's Meetings **(6 points, 1 per meeting) (3 for fall 2026)**

Administration

- Chapter is in Financial and Conduct Good Standing with:
 - University Conduct **5**
 - Council **5**
 - Headquarters **5**
- Participates in recruitment or intake process at minimum once a calendar year **1**
- TigerQuest Re-Registration **1**
- Membership Cards Signed **1**
- Chapter submits Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards by the deadline provided by the FSL office **2 (NA for fall 2026)**

Wellbeing

The Well-Being category centers student safety, health, and holistic development as foundational conditions for learning, community, and belonging

Chapters are set up to create a culture of care and accountability. Some examples of high-impact activities within this category include chapter-wide participation in hazing prevention programs, officer attendance at Risk Ready (harm prevention) training, and proactive submission and coaching around new member education plans.

Participation benchmarks ensure that learning extends beyond executive leadership to the general membership, reinforcing shared responsibility for safety and wellbeing.

Wellbeing

- 75% of Chapter Membership attended or completed Required Hazing Prevention Programs*
 - Returning Member Hazing Prevention/Risk Reduction Program **6**
 - 1st Year (New Member) Hazing Module **6**
- 75% of New Members attended Bystander Training **4**
- Chapter Officers attended Risk Ready Training **3 (NA for fall 2026)**
- Chapter submit New Member Program Plan and attend coaching session **5**

Wellbeing

- Chapter facilitates or attends and has 75% attendance on at least 3 Health and Wellness programs a year on **(3 points, 1 point bonus for each additional program)**
 - Eating Disorders/Healthy Lifestyles
 - Healthy Relationships
 - Hazing Prevention
 - Mental Health Issues/Stress Management
 - Personal Safety
 - Risk Management
 - Drug/Alcohol Use
 - Self Esteem
 - Sexual Responsibility
 - Men's/Women's Issues
 - Other (must be approved by Council Advisor)

One event required for fall 2026

Membership Experience

The Engaged Learning category positions fraternity and sorority membership as a educational experience that complements the classroom. This category emphasizes leadership development, reflective practice, and skill-building that prepare students for life beyond Clemson.

Chapters demonstrate engaged learning through intentional leadership development opportunities such as officer transition workshops, recruitment and intake training, chapter coaching sessions, and participation in campus leadership initiatives like the Center for Global Engagement and Learning.

Member Experience

- Hold at least one Recruitment/Intake Training or Program during the calendar year **1**
- Conduct an Officer Transition Workshop annually **2**
- Chapter has at least one new member be nominated or participate in CGEL per year **2**
- Chapter conducts annual Membership Experience Survey **2 (NA for fall 2026)**
- Attends Chapter President Retreat **3**
- Attends Chapter Coaching 1:1s **(6 points, 1 per meeting) (3 for fall 2026)**
- Chapter provides members academic support plans or resources **1**
- Chapter GPA at or above All Women's or All Men's Average **(2 points, 1 per semester)**
- Chapter Service Hours of 5 per member per semester **(2 points, 1 per semester)**
- Chapter hosts 1 hands-on service or philanthropy event per semester **(4 points, 2 per semester)**

Membership Experience

- Chapter attends or facilitates and has 75% attendance on 3 Education Programs a year on: **(3 points, 1 point bonus for each additional program)**
 - Career or Professional Development
 - Academics
 - Brotherhood/Sisterhood
 - Organization Skills/Time Management
 - Financial Management
 - Spirituality/Faith Issues
 - Inclusion and Belonging
 - Alumni Experience after Graduation
 - Other (must be approved by Council Advisor)
- One event required for fall 2026**

Community and Belonging

The Community & Belonging category focuses on fostering inclusive communities where students experience connection, mattering, and shared purpose. This category reinforces Clemson's commitment to cultivating welcoming environments that support student retention and sense of belonging.

Expectations within this category encourage collaboration across councils through co-sponsored events, intentional alumni engagement, and non-alcoholic brotherhood and sisterhood programming. These activities promote relationship-building across difference while strengthening chapter identity and support networks.

These experiences support leadership identity development, intergenerational mentorship, and deeper integration into the Clemson community.

Community and Belonging

- Co-sponsor two events with a chapter from a different council per term. Events can include academic workshops, educational programs, and non-alcoholic social events. **(4 points, 2 per event) (1 event for fall 2026 for 1 point)**
- Alumni Engagement
 - Host an Alumni Function sponsored by the undergraduate chapter during the calendar year **2** - AND/OR-
 - Create an annual Alumni Newsletter **1**
- Chapter Hosts one Non-Alcoholic Brotherhood/Sisterhood Event per semester **(4 points total, 1 bonus point per extra event) (1 event for fall 2026 for 2 points)**
- Hosts one Chapter Retreat for General Membership per year **2**
- 75% of members are involved in at least one campus program or organization **1**

Accountability

Year 1 *Starting After Fall 2027

- ★ If a chapter does not meet the 3-Star Ranking they will be placed on a probationary status and receive additional chapter coaching to ensure they meet the 3-Star Ranking expectation the next year
 - Additional Chapter Coaching would include developing a Chapter Improvement Plan with chapter leadership and a staff member of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office to ensure success and support for the chapter

Year 2

- ★ Failure to reach at least a 3 Star status, would result in continued chapter improvement support as well as chapters losing benefits outlined by the Fraternal Org Agreement including:
 - Access to CR&E Space at the student org discounted rate
 - Eligibility to apply for an allocation from the Student Funding Board
 - Ability to participate in campus sponsored traditions such as Float Build, First Friday, etc.
 - Ability to apply for on-campus housing if a fraternity/sorority housing space becomes available
 - Council initiated loss of privileges (ie; participation in council activities)

Tracking

Tracking

- ★ Submissions and tracking will be executed through the following:
 - Chapter-hosted events, programs, and initiatives will be submitted through our submission form
 - FSL required meetings, trainings, retreats, and activities will be updated by chapter coaches throughout the semester and progress updates will be discussed in chapter coach meetings
 - Meetings with advisors will be tracked by the the advisor