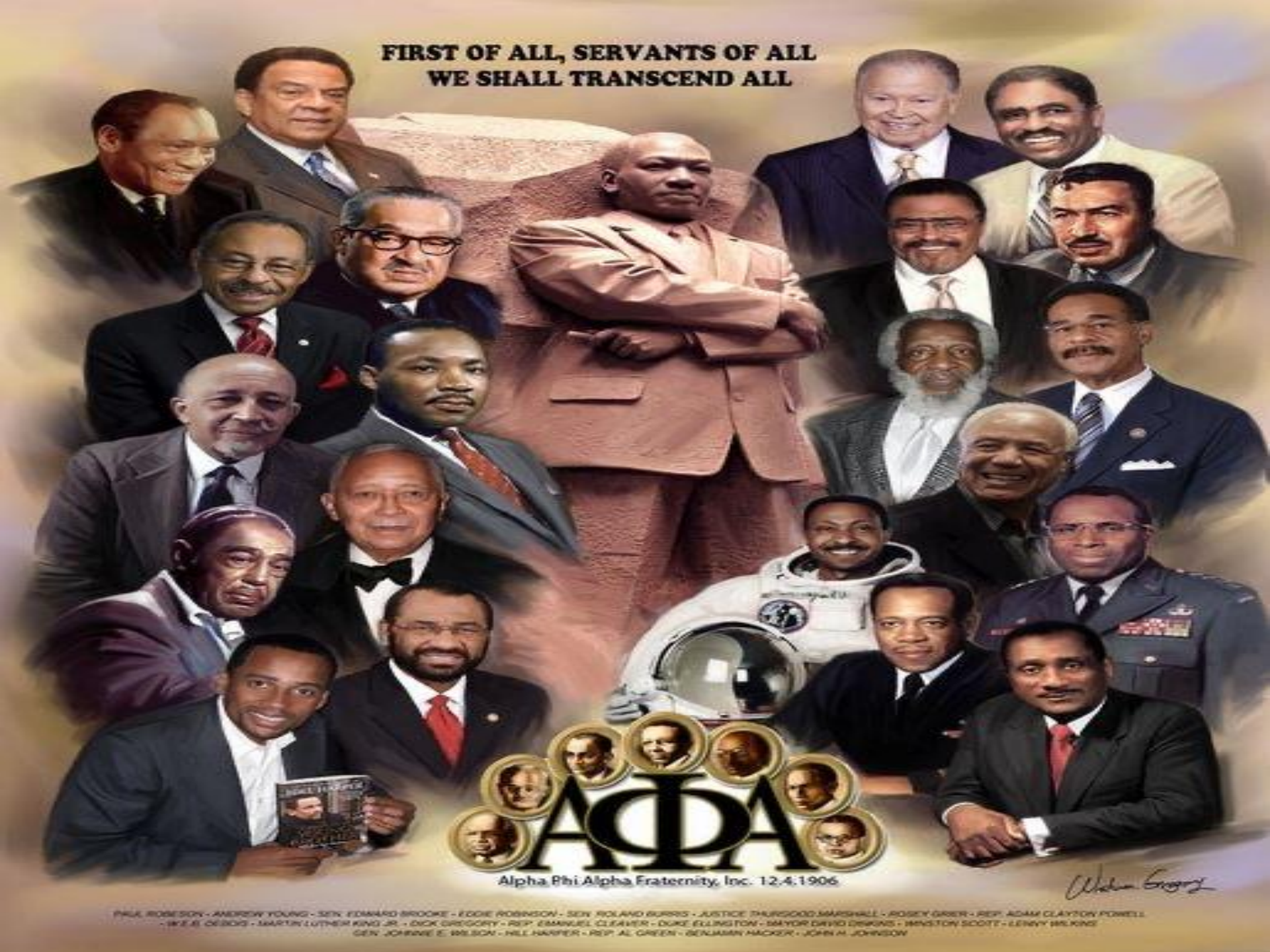

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WE SHALL TRANSCEND ALL
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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 12.4.1906
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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Texas Council of Alpha Chapters

Awards & Achievement Competition Overview



Presented by

Bro. Tommy D. Duncan III
Chair, Awards & Achievement Committee

Awards & Achievement Competition

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. established Convention Awards to:

- **Boost Alpha activity and involvement**
- **Promote outreach and service to the community**
- **Promote cooperation and collaboration**
- **Increase and encourage academic excellence**

TCAC Awards & Achievement

Priorities & Expectations

- Ensure all Awards Competitions have chapters competing
- Highlight and celebrate the work Alpha is doing on our campuses and communities across the District
- Ensure five or more (5+) brothers or chapters are competing in all competitions
- Produce Winners (1st Place) at Regional and General Conventions!!

Awards Committee Responsibilities

Display Awards

- Brother of the Year
- Chapter of the Year
- Charles H. Wesley Award
- Best Scrapbook

Group Competitions

- College Scholars Bowl
- Hobart Jarrett Debate
- Step Show Competition

Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Competition

Miss Old Gold & Black Scholarship Competition



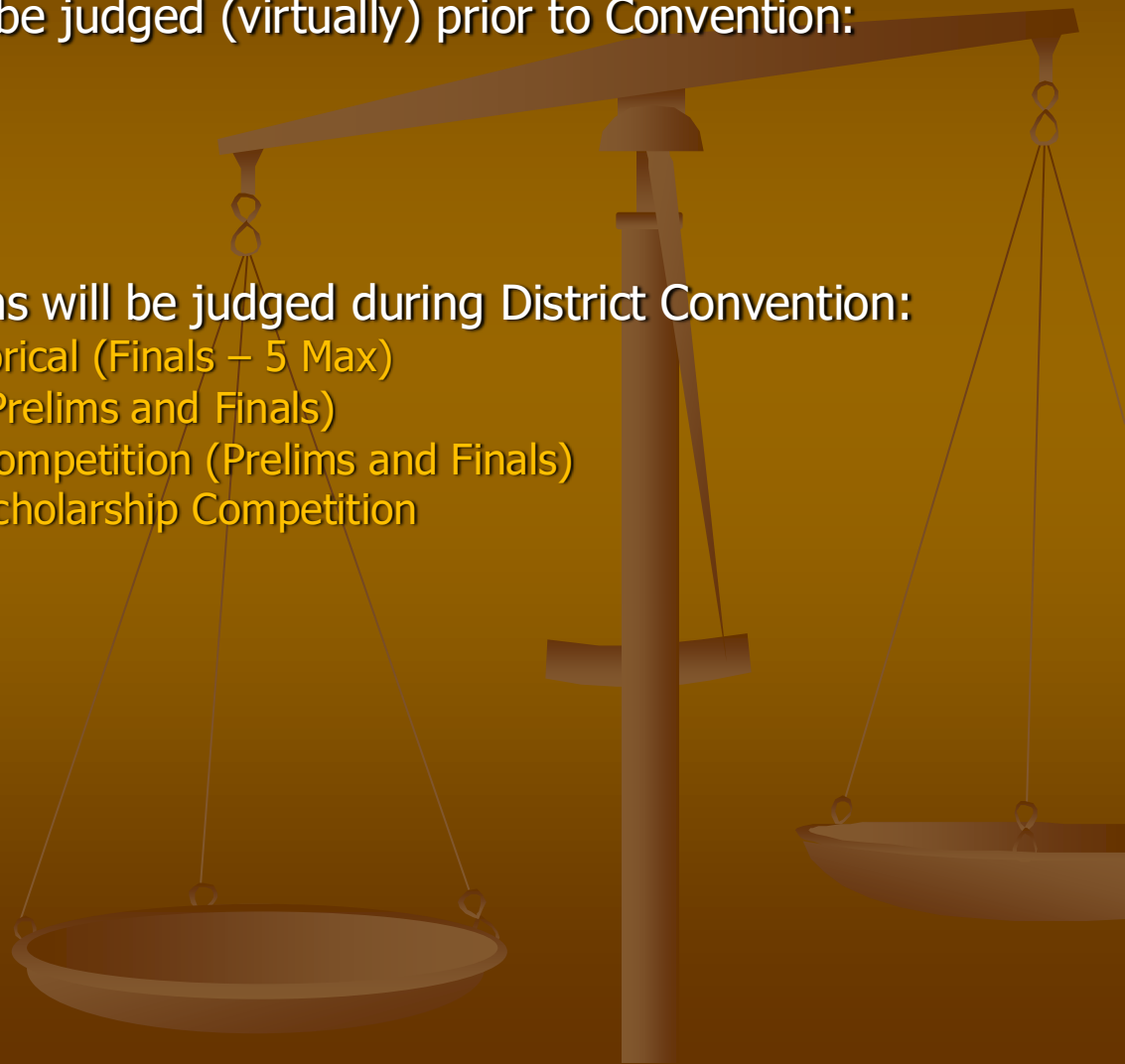
General Guidelines

- Brothers competing must be financially active and in good standing
- Chapters competing must be in good standing
- Chapter's full delegate strength must be registered and certified at the Convention
- All brothers competing must be registered and in attendance (on site) at the Convention



Competition Workflow

- Register for Awards Competition on TCAC website by October 31, 2026
- Display competitions will be judged (virtually) prior to Convention:
  - Brother of the Year
  - Chapter of the Year
  - Charles H. Wesley
  - Best Scrapbook
- The following competitions will be judged during District Convention:
  - Belford V. Lawson Oratorical (Finals – 5 Max)
  - College Scholars Bowl (Prelims and Finals)
  - Hobart Jarrett Debate Competition (Prelims and Finals)
  - Miss Old Gold & Black Scholarship Competition
  - Step Show



62nd TCAC Convention Awards Finalists
Convention Winners

- College Brother of the Year – LeXavier Richey, Eta Mu, University of Houston
- College Chapter of the Year – Eta Mu, University of Houston
- College Scrapbook - No Entry
- Alumni Brother of the Year – Frederick Roberts, Epsilon Tau Lambda, Prairie View
- Alumni Chapter of the Year – Alpha Sigma Lambda, Dallas
  (1st Place at Southwestern Region Convention & General Competition)
- Alumni Scrapbook – Rho Nu Lambda, Carrollton
- Charles H. Wesley – Sigma Gamma Lambda/Tau Tau, Katy, Houston Christian U.
  (1st Place at Southwestern Region Convention & General Competition)
- College Scholars Bowl – Pi Omicron, Texas A&M University
- Hobart Jarrett Debate – Tau Tau, Houston Christian University
- Belford V. Lawson Oratorical – Jordan Smith-Acquah, Zeta Chi, UT Arlington
  (1st Place at Southwestern Region Convention)
- Step Show – Delta, Huston- Tilotson University
- Brother with Highest GPA – Max Edwards, Eta Mu, University of Houston
- Chapter with Highest GPA – Eta Mu, University of Houston
- Miss Old Gold & Black – Alexis Winston, Pi Omicron, Texas A&M University
  (1st Place at Southwestern Region Convention)

Awards Competitions



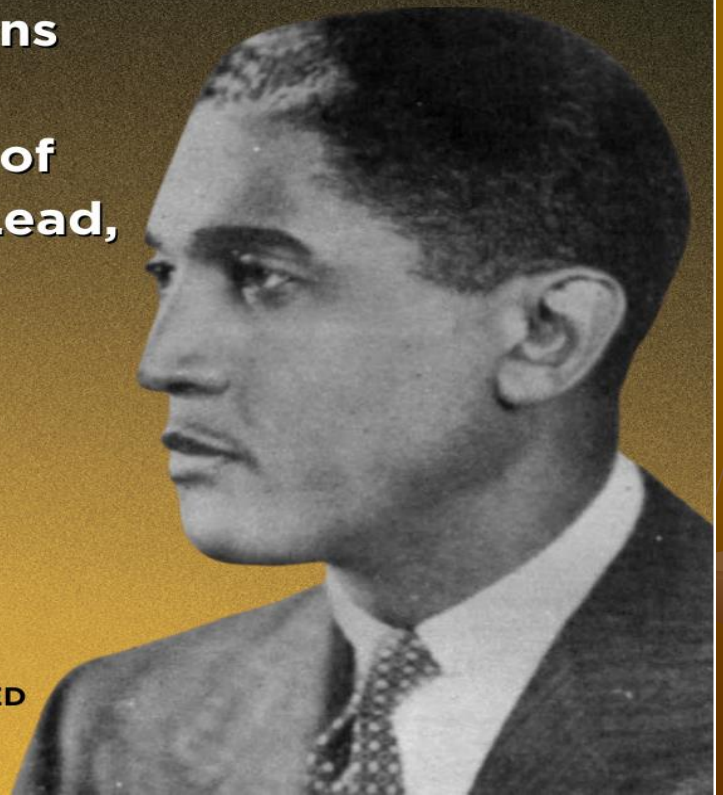
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2027 THEME

BELFORD V. LAWSON

ORATORICAL *Competition*

"When Conflict Turns Critical: The Responsibility of Young Black Men to Lead, De-Escalate, and Transform Their Communities"



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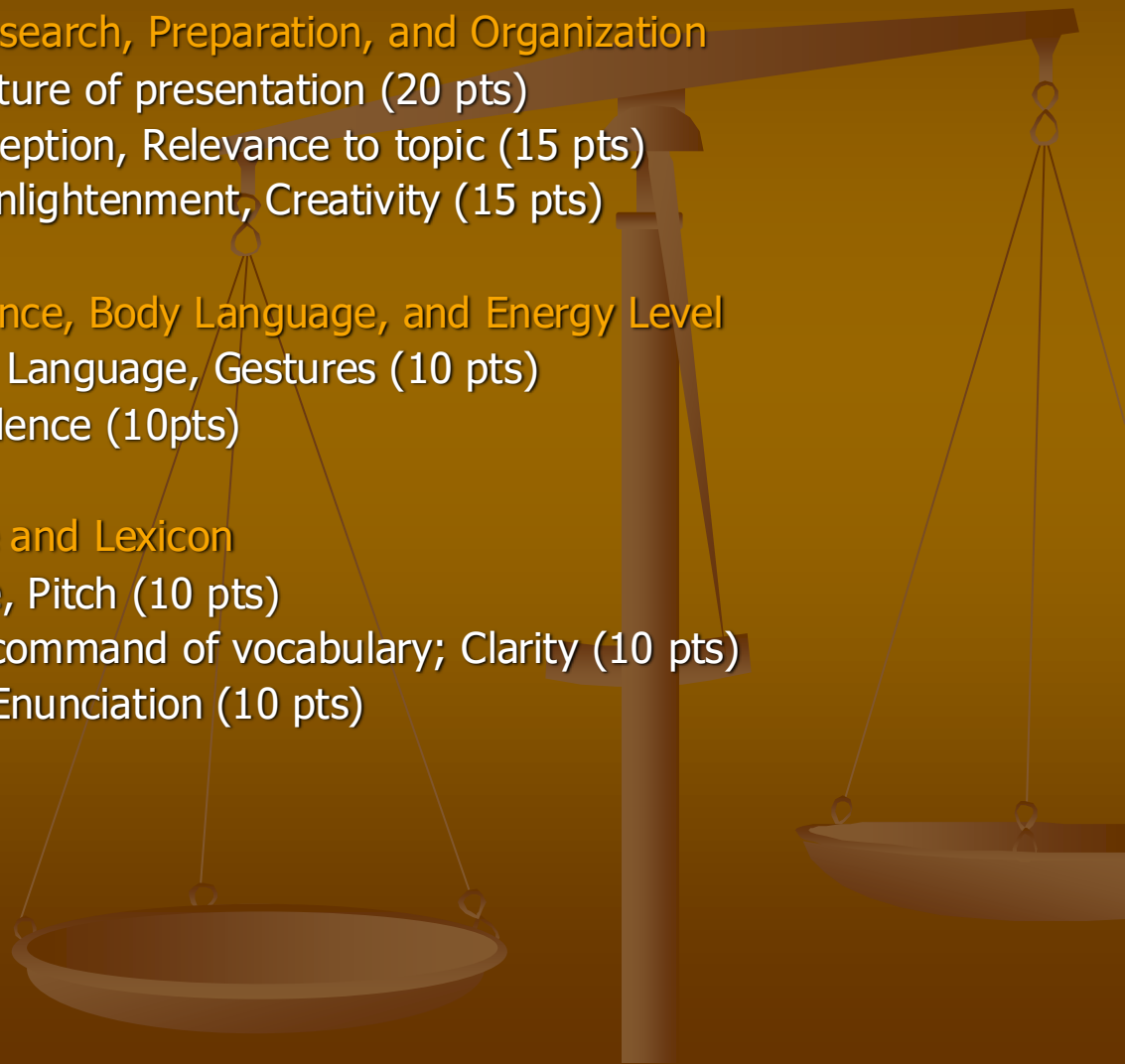
Belford V. Lawson Oratorical

- 5 – 7 minutes of persuasive oral presentation at College Brother Luncheon

- Content & Evidence (50 pts) – Research, Preparation, and Organization
  - Speech Development – Structure of presentation (20 pts)
  - Effectiveness – Audience Reception, Relevance to topic (15 pts)
  - Speech Value – Originality, Enlightenment, Creativity (15 pts)

- Delivery (20 pts) – Physical Presence, Body Language, and Energy Level
  - Physical Presentation – Body Language, Gestures (10 pts)
  - Manner – Enthusiasm, Confidence (10pts)

- Language (30 pts) – Use of Voice and Lexicon
  - Voice - Modulation, Cadence, Pitch (10 pts)
  - Appropriateness – Choice & command of vocabulary; Clarity (10 pts)
  - Correctness - Grammar and Enunciation (10 pts)



Belford V. Lawson Oratorical

- Bro. Tommy Duncan – **Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Competition**
  - tduncaniii@att.net
  - 972-743-7003



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2027 THEME

HOBART S. JARRETT

DEBATE
Competition

"Has Black leadership in America effectively advanced democracy and justice in a rapidly changing society?"



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Hobart Jarrett Debate

Purpose:

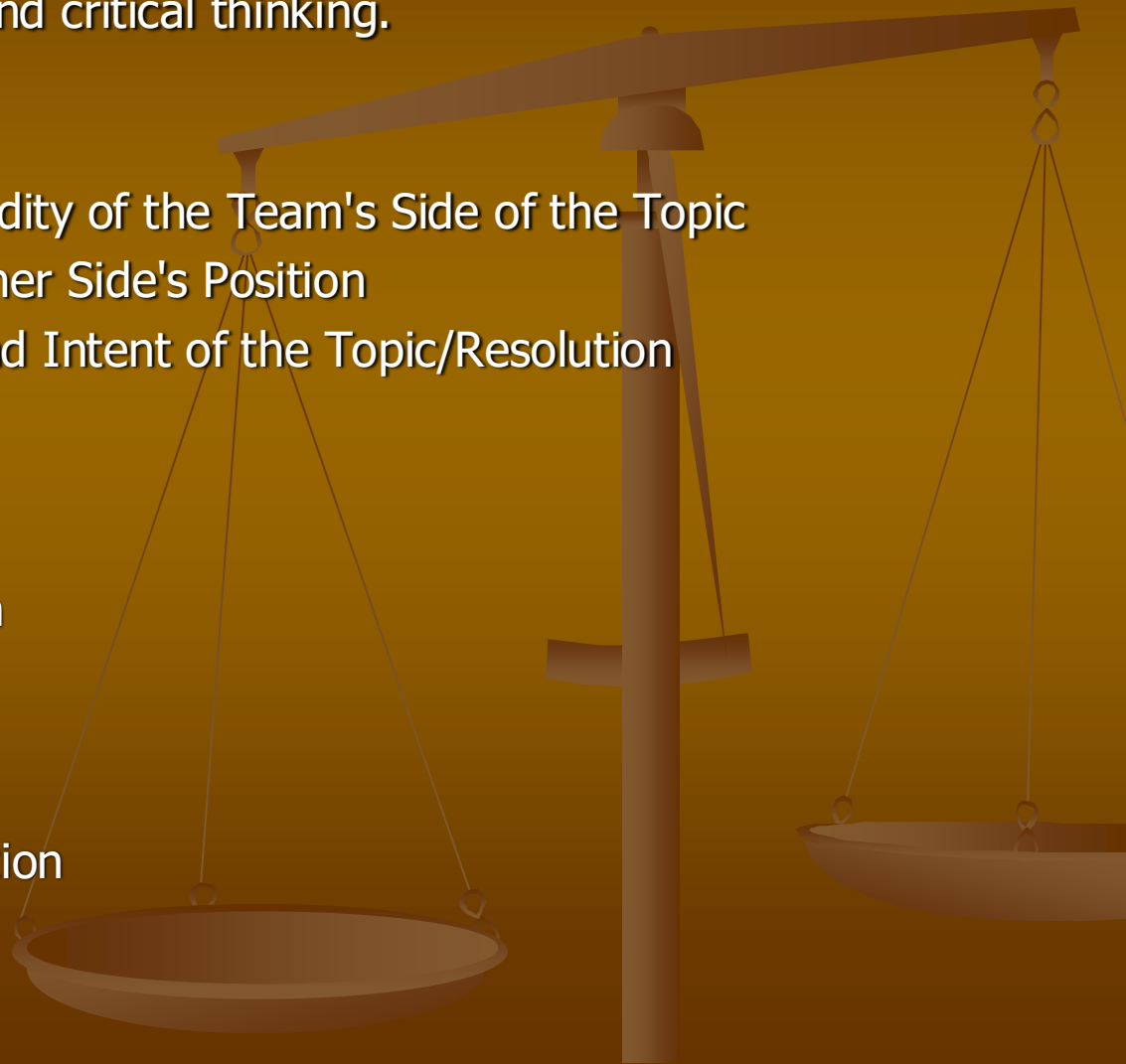
Develop skills within College Brothers in research, argumentation, persuasion, oral & written communication and critical thinking.

Dual Burdens of Proof:

1) Prove the Validity or Invalidity of the Team's Side of the Topic
2) Directly Clash With the Other Side's Position
3) Debate the Main Issues and Intent of the Topic/Resolution

Evaluation Criteria:

- Analysis & Synthesis
- Persuasion & Argumentation
- Reasoning & Logic
- Use of Credible Evidence
- Organization & Refutation
- Oral Delivery & Communication



Debate Competition

- Bro. Jarrick Brown – **Debate Competition**
  - jarrickbrown@gmail.com
  - 409-338-9077



College Scholars Bowl

Purpose: Provide a public forum for College Brothers to demonstrate their academic and intellectual knowledge and skills. The Scholars' Bowl also promotes individual and team competitive spirit while reinforcing mutual cooperation.

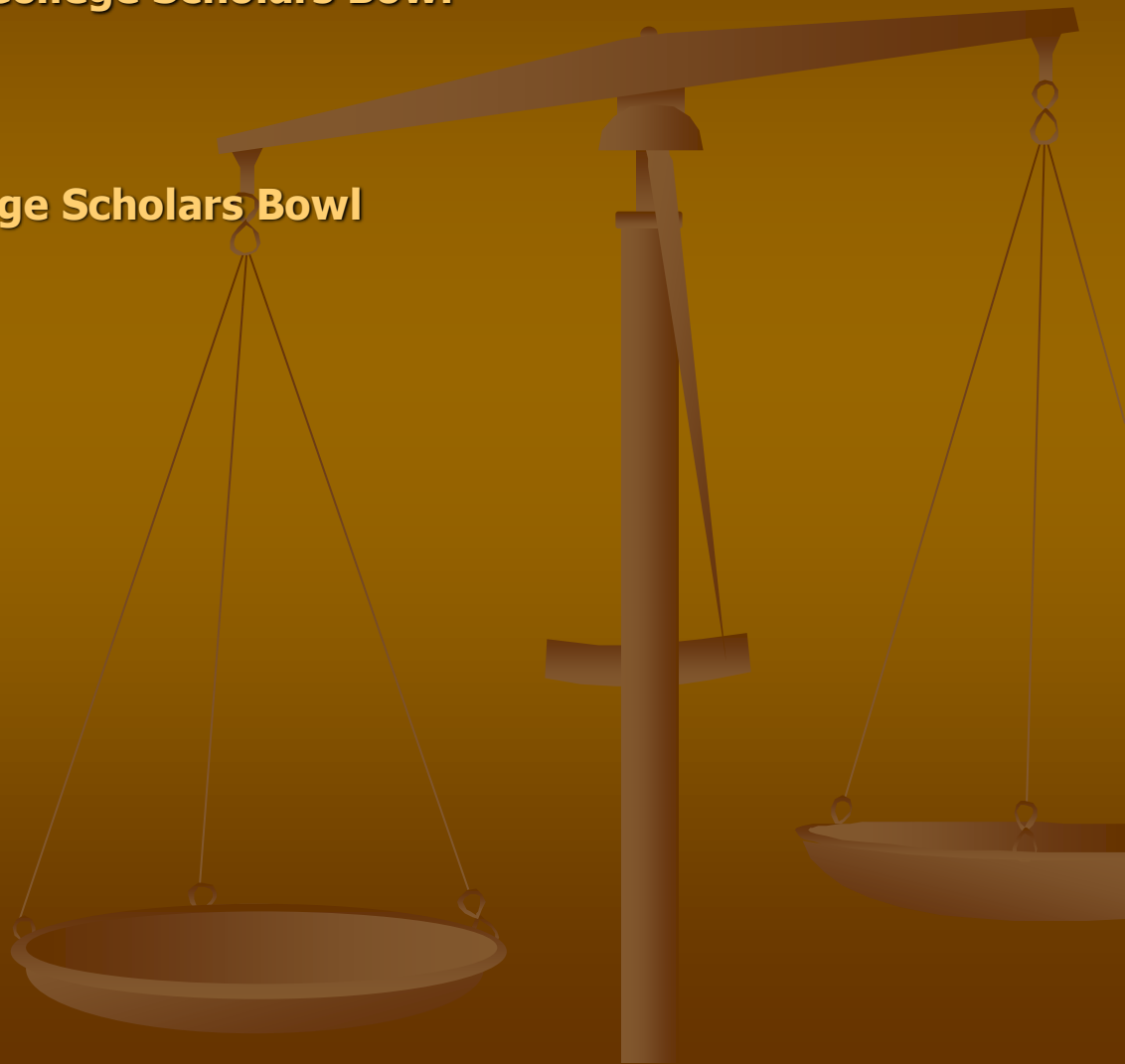
Topics:

- Alpha Phi Alpha History
- World History
- World Literature
  African Diaspora
- Visual/Performing Arts
- Science
- Medicine
- Sports
- Spirituality and Religion
- Current Events



College Scholars Bowl

- Bro. Frederick Roberts – **College Scholars Bowl**
  - esquireroberts8@gmail.com
  - 979-221-8430
- Bro. Herb Thomas – **College Scholars Bowl**
  - herbthomasvi@yahoo.com
  - 281-750-6953



Step Show Competition

- Step show 8 – 15 minutes
- Minimum of 5 and maximum of 14 on step team (not including extras)

Evaluation Criteria

- Originality/Creativity
- Precision
- Showmanship
- Appearance/Uniform
- Overall Performance
- Use of Technology

Deductions

- Profanity
- Less/Over Time Limit
- Demeaning Greek Orgs or women



Step Show Extravaganza

- Bro. Tommy Duncan – **Step Show**
  - tduncaniii@att.net
  - 972-743-7003



Miss Old Gold & Black

- The Miss Old Gold & Black Scholarship Competition is an event whose primary purpose is to highlight and foster the inextricable connection between success and etiquette amongst young women.

- This pageant spotlights the young women's poise, self-confidence, communication skills, intelligence, and beauty.



Miss Old Gold & Black Scholarship Competition

- Chapter must compete in at least two (2) of the following core competitions to be eligible for the Miss Old Gold & Black Scholarship Competition
  - Brother of the Year
  - Chapter of the Year
  - Charles H. Wesley
  - Belford V. Lawson Oratorical
  - John Hope Franklin College Scholars Bowl
  - Hobart Jarrett Debate
  - Step Show



- Chapter is financially responsible for contestant's participation at District Convention Competition
  - Transportation
  - Hotel
  - Food
  - Incidentals

- District owns financial responsibility for transit, lodging, and fees for TCAC Miss Old Gold & Black competing at the Southwestern Region Convention

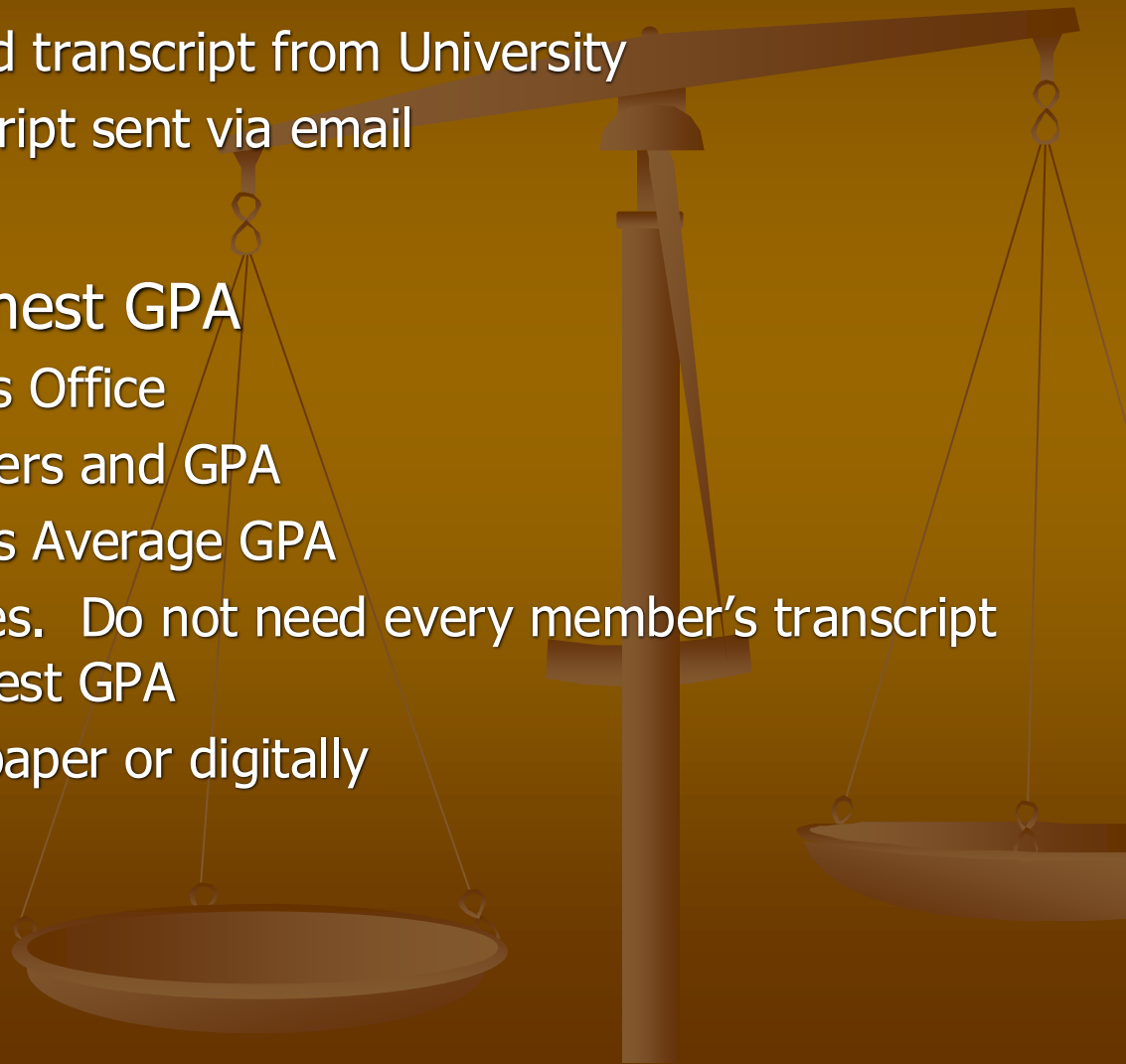
Miss Old Gold & Black

- Bro. Hindolo Bongay – **Miss Old Gold & Black Competition**
  - hindolobongay94@gmail.com
  - 318-308-7070



Brother/Chapter w/Highest GPA

- Brother with the Highest GPA
  - Copy of official, sealed transcript from University
  - Official copy of transcript sent via email
- Chapter with the Highest GPA
  - Letter from Registrar's Office
  - List all chapter members and GPA
  - Shall include Chapter's Average GPA
  - Should be 1 or 2 pages. Do not need every member's transcript for Chapter with Highest GPA
  - Can be submitted in paper or digitally



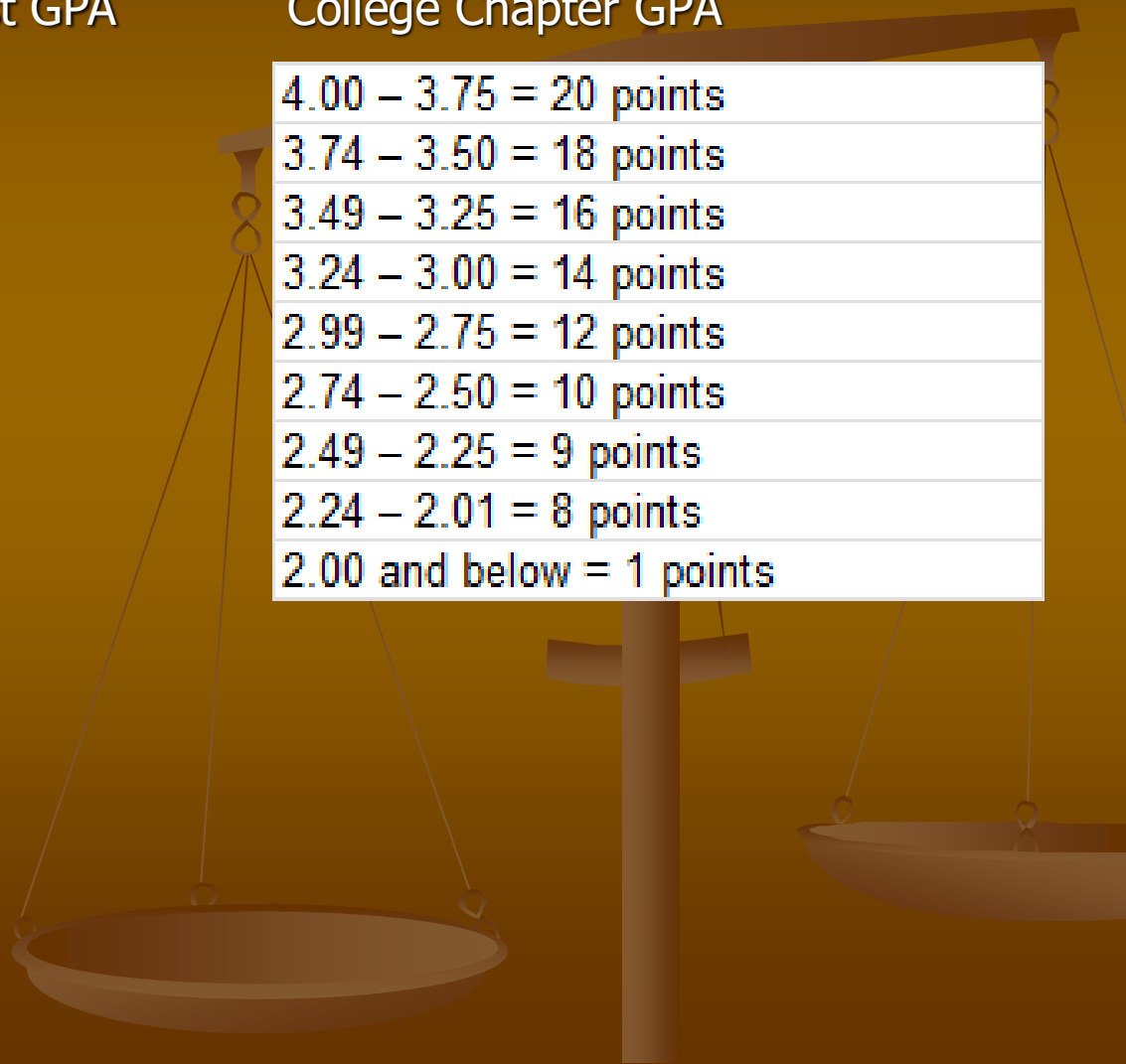
Rubric for GPA Competitions

College Brother with the Highest GPA

4.00 – 3.75 = 15 points
3.74 – 3.50 = 14 points
3.49 – 3.25 = 13 points
3.24 – 3.00 = 12 points
2.99 – 2.75 = 11 points
2.74 – 2.50 = 10 points
2.49 – 2.25 = 9 points
2.24 – 2.01 = 8 points
2.00 and below = 0 poin

College Chapter GPA

4.00 – 3.75 = 20 points
3.74 – 3.50 = 18 points
3.49 – 3.25 = 16 points
3.24 – 3.00 = 14 points
2.99 – 2.75 = 12 points
2.74 – 2.50 = 10 points
2.49 – 2.25 = 9 points
2.24 – 2.01 = 8 points
2.00 and below = 1 points



Brother & Chapter GPA

- Bro. Tommy Duncan – **Brother & Chapter with Highest GPA**
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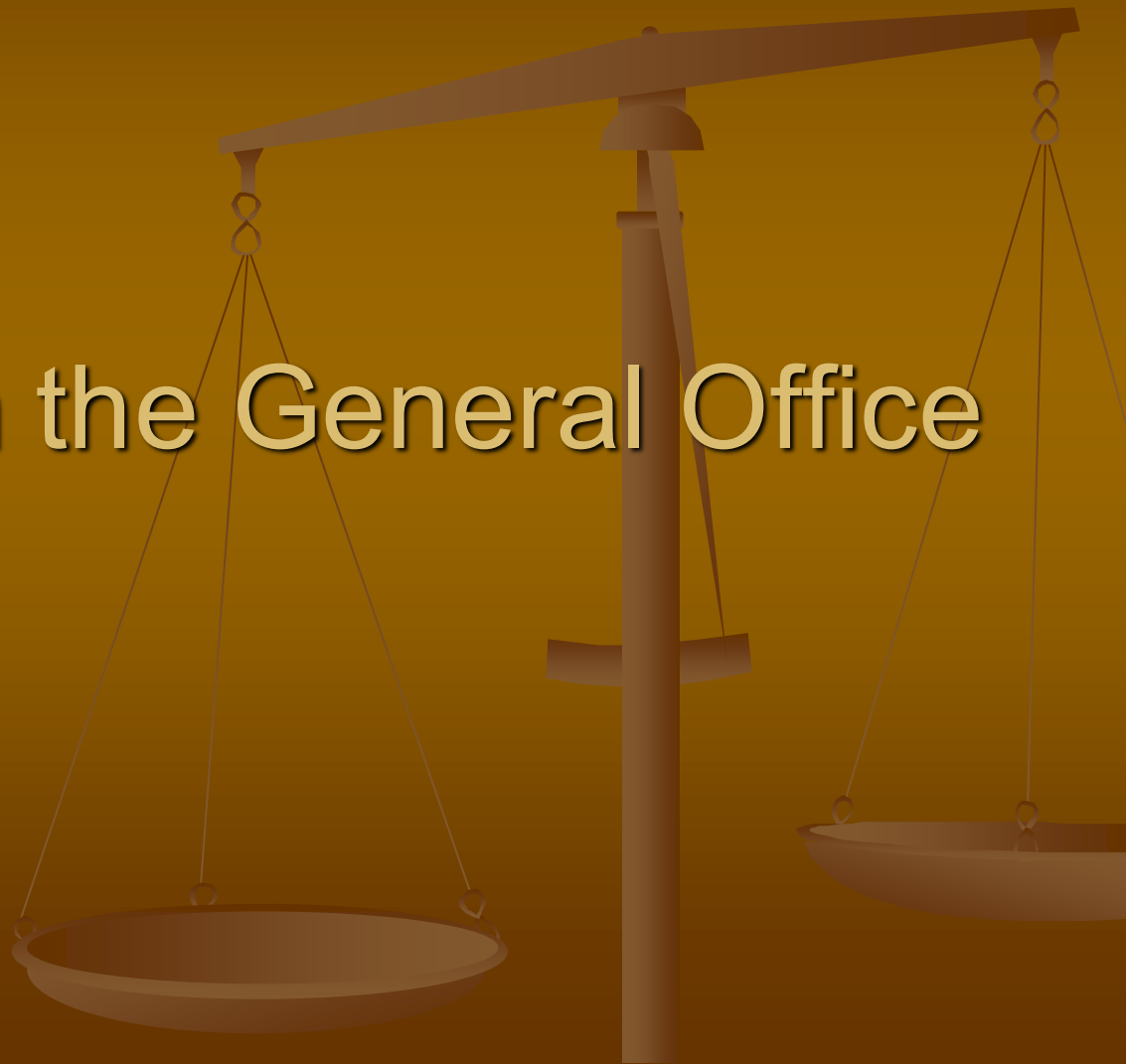
Display Competitions



Guidelines for Display Competitions

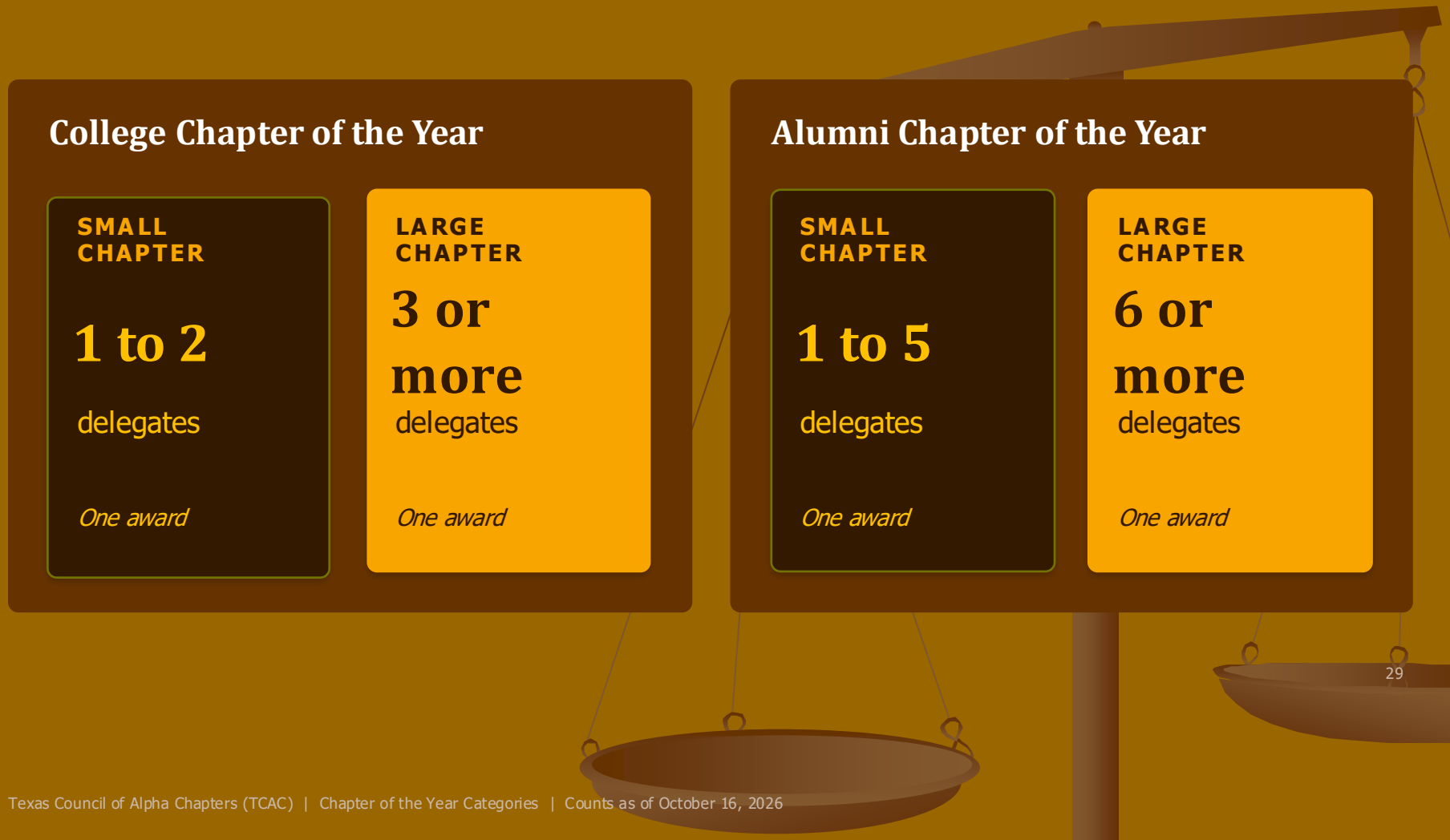
- Brother of the Year, Chapter of the Year, and Charles H. Wesley
  - 10 minute virtual interview with judges
    - 7 minutes to present
    - 3 minutes to respond to judges questions
  - 100% Digital presentation deck (e.g. PowerPoint, PDF, Canva, etc.)
  - Secure digital file folders will be created for each chapter competing
  - Digital content will be uploaded into file folders on District's Google Drive
  - Information from prior to current convention (Except Scrapbook)
  - One brother or team per chapter for each competition
  - New – 50 page limit on presentation deck (General Awards Standard)
- Displays are to be neatly organized to ensure easy navigation for judges
  - Presentation Theme
  - Table of Contents with pagination
  - Snapshots of plaques, medals, trophies, articles, etc.
  - MP4 video may be used in lieu of live presentation to judges
  - Presentation should be easy to navigate and self guided in finding essential info.
  - Strong emphasis (scores) on completing all of Fraternity's National Programs
- Best Scrapbook Competition
  - Historical Narrative of Chapter Accomplishments since inception
  - Stand Alone Document (No judges interview)
- Prior Convention Presentations archived on TCAC Website!

Update from the General Office



Starting in 2027, each Chapter of the Year award becomes two

Category is set by the chapter's delegate count. Four Chapter of the Year awards will be presented instead of two.



College Chapter of the Year

SMALL CHAPTER

1 to 2

delegates

One award

LARGE CHAPTER

3 or more

delegates

One award

Alumni Chapter of the Year

SMALL CHAPTER

1 to 5

delegates

One award

LARGE CHAPTER

6 or more

delegates

One award

Based on today's counts, 52 chapters fall into four categories

COLLEGE | LARGE

5

chapters
3 or more delegates

COLLEGE | SMALL

20

chapters
1 to 2 delegates

ALUMNI | LARGE

13

chapters
6 or more delegates

ALUMNI | SMALL

14

chapters
1 to 5 delegates



- **College: 25 chapters.** Large College is the smallest field. Only 5 chapters have 3 or more delegates currently. Therefore 20 of 25 chapters are eligible to compete in the small category.
- **Alumni: 27 chapters.** The split is nearly even, 13 Large and 14 Small.

College Chapter of the Year: chapters by category

LARGE | 3 or more delegates 5 chapters

Chapter	Institution	Del.
Eta Gamma	Prairie View A&M University	4
Delta Theta	Texas Southern University	3
Eta Epsilon	University of N Texas	3
Eta Mu	University of Houston	3
Pi Omicron	Texas A&M University	3

Reading this slide

Large College is a field of 5. Four of the five sit exactly at the 3-delegate line, so a change of one delegate moves them to Small.

8 Small chapters have 2 delegates and are one delegate from Large.

SMALL | 1 to 2 delegates 20 chapters

Chapter	Institution	Del.
Alpha Sigma	Wiley University	2
Delta	Huston-Tillotson University	2
Gamma Alpha	Texas College	2
Mu Nu	Texas State University - San Marcos	2
Tau Alpha	Baylor University	2
Tau Tau	Houston Christian University	2
Theta Mu*	Sam Houston State University	2
Zeta Tau	East TX A&M University-Commerce	2
Epsilon Iota	University of Texas - Austin	1
Epsilon Rho	Lamar University	1
Epsilon Sigma*	University of Texas-San Antonio	1
Eta Psi	Texas Christian University	1
Eta Upsilon	Texas Tech University	1
Iota Kappa	Paul Quinn College	1
Iota Mu	Stephen F. Austin State University	1
Sigma Epsilon	Tarleton State University	1
Tau Xi	The University of Texas at Dallas	1
Theta Alpha	Jarvis Christian College	1
Upsilon Mu	Southern Methodist University	1
Zeta Chi	University of Texas - Arlington	1

Alumni Chapter of the Year: chapters by category

LARGE | 6 or more delegates 13 chapters

Chapter	Chapter Seat	Area	Del.
Alpha Eta Lambda	Houston	4048	10
Alpha Sigma Lambda	Dallas	4041	9
Nu Pi Lambda	Arlington	4042	8
Xi Kappa Lambda	Missouri City	4052	8
Beta Tau Lambda	Fort Worth	4042	7
Gamma Upsilon Lambda	Desoto	4041	7
Rho Nu Lambda	Carrollton / Farmers Branch	4041	7
Sigma Gamma Lambda	Katy-Cypress	4050	7
Tau Omicron Lambda	Brazoria County	4052	7
Xi Tau Lambda	North Dallas County	4041	7
Delta Rho Lambda	San Antonio	4047	6
Gamma Eta Lambda	Austin	4046	6
Xi Eta Lambda	The Woodlands	4050	6

SMALL | 1 to 5 delegates 14 chapters

Chapter	Chapter Seat	Area	Del.
Epsilon Tau Lambda	Prairie View	4049	5
Kappa Sigma Lambda	Killeen	4045	4
Nu Sigma Lambda	Tyler	4043	4
Epsilon Epsilon Lambda	Waco	4045	3
Epsilon Phi Lambda	Grapevine	4042	3
Gamma Pi Lambda	Galveston	4052	3
Gamma Tau Lambda	Beaumont	4050	3
Mu Rho Lambda	Longview	4043	3
Omicron Epsilon Lambda	West Texas	4051	3
Pi Alpha Lambda	College Station	4049	3
Pi Theta Lambda	San Antonio	4047	3
Theta Delta Lambda	El Paso	4044	3
Zeta Tau Lambda	Friendswood	4048	3
Tau Pi Lambda	Mount Pleasant	4043	2

College Brother of the Year

- Contribution to Fraternity at all levels (Chapter, Area, District, Regional, National; Delegate, Officer, Committee Service etc.) – 10 pts
- Contributions to College/University Community (Campus Organizations & Activities, Student Government, Pan Hellenic, etc.) – 10 pts
- Demonstrated degree of participation in Alpha National programs, Initiatives, assessments, etc. - 30 pts
- Awards and Achievement by Brother (Note dates and must be within the last 12 months) – 15 pts
- Academic Standing/GPA (Transcript included in deck) – 15 pts
- Innovative chapter initiated programs to address unique needs of local community – 5 pts
- Display (Adherence to the Rules and Appearance) - 10
- Personal Interview with the Judges - 5 pts

College Chapter of the Year

- Contributions to the growth of personal service to the chapter members (Risk Management/IMPD certified, Scholastic/Leadership activities) – 10 pts
- Contributions to the economic development in the community served by the chapter (Donations – T & $ to entities, Service Hours) – 15 pts
- Awards and Achievements by Chapter – 15 pts
- Academic Standing/Chapter GPA – 20 pts
- Demonstrated degree of participation in National programs, projects, etc. – 25 pts
- Innovative chapter initiated programs that address social needs of the local community – 10 pts
- Display (Adherence to Rules and Appearance) – 10 pts
- Personal Interview with judges – 5 pts



College Scrapbook Competition

- Core Content – 60 pts
  - Scholarship/Academic Programs – 15 pts
  - Training & Development – 15 pts
  - Convention Activities – 15 pts
  - National Programs – 15 pts
- Campus/Social Activities – 10 pts
- Public Service – 10 pts
- Theme/Structure/Creativity – 10 pts
- Chronological History – 10 pts

- Display Only
- No presentation
- May support chapter of the year display or stand alone
- Historical archive



Alumni Brother of the Year

- Contribution to Fraternity at all levels (Chapter, District, Regional, National; Delegate, Officer, Committee Service etc.) - 15
- Contributions to Economic Development of Service Area - 10
- Awards and Achievement (Medals, Scholarship, Merit Achievement) – 10
- Years of Active Participation in Fraternity. List with documentation – 15
- Participation in National Programs (Go To High School, Voteless People, BBBS, Project Alpha, Boy Scouts, Brothers Keeper) – 25
- Innovative chapter initiated programs to address unique needs of local community – 10
- Display - 10 pts
- Personal Interview - 5

Alumni Chapter of the Year

- Contributions to the growth of personal service (Risk Management/IMPD certified, Scholastic/Leadership activities, training programs, etc.) - 5
- Contributions to the economic development in the service area - 10
- Awards and Achievements by the Chapter - 20
- Years of Active participation in Alpha at all levels (National, Region, District, Area, Local); Use percentages for younger chapter – 10
- Demonstrated participation in Alpha National programs, projects, etc. - 25
- Innovative chapter initiated programs addressing social needs of community – 15
- Display (Adherence to Rules and Appearance) – 10 pts
- Personal Interview with judges – 5 pts



Alumni Scrapbook Competition

- Core Content – 60 pts
  - Professional Development – 15 pts
  - Training & Devlopment – 15 pts
  - Convention Activity – 15 pts
  - National Programs – 15 pts
- Community/Social Activities – 10 pts
- Public Service – 10 pts
- Theme/Structure/Creativity – 10 pts
- Chronological History – 10 pts

- Display Only
- No presentation
- May support chapter of the year display or stand alone
- Historical archive



Charles H. Wesley Award

- Joint National Programs and Special Projects – 30 pts
- Joint Collaboration on Alpha functions (Founder's Day, B&G Ball) – 20 pts
- Joint Recognition of Progress and Service To and From Chapters (Plaques, Certificates, Letters of Commendation, etc.) - 15 pts
- Joint Chapter Participation at Prior Year's Conferences and Conventions at all levels (District, Regional, General). Documentation should indication joint chapter planning and participation - 10 pts
- Display (Adherence to Rules and Appearance) - 15 pts
- Personal Interview with the judges – 10 pts

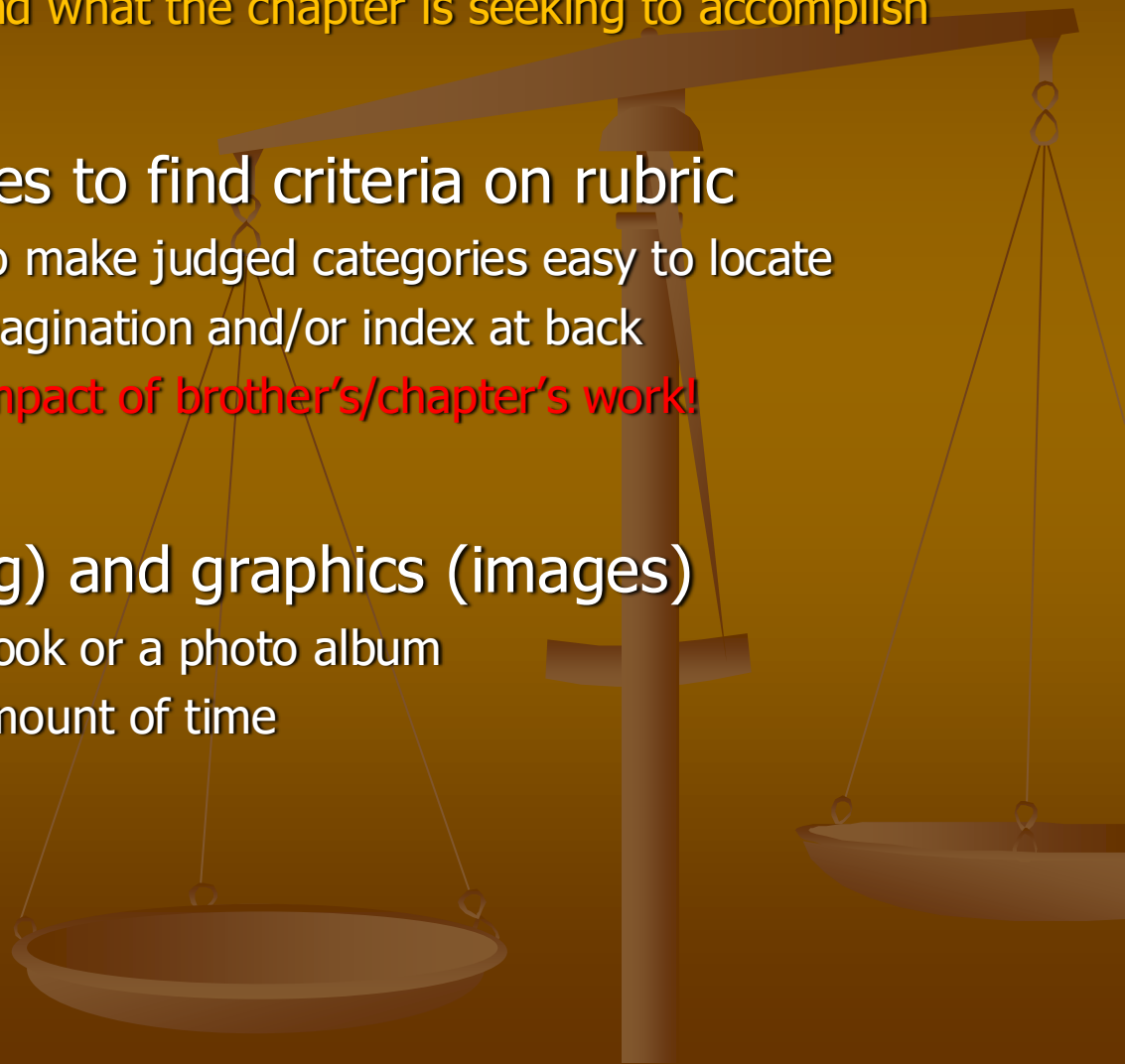
Planning to Win

- Awards Competition Should be in Chapter's Annual/Strategic Plan
  - Chapter Retreat / Planning Process
  - University Requirements (Service Hours) for College Chapters
- Know your Chapter's story (History, Challenges, Direction & Goals)
- Document Your Events
  - Pictures & Videos
  - Program Goals & Strategy for Execution
  - Know Impact
    - Who are you serving?
    - How many brothers engaged?
    - How many people served?
    - Percentages?
- Leverage your resources
  - College & Alumni Chapter Collaboration
  - Partner with D9 Orgs on similar projects and initiatives
  - Partner with other Campus Orgs

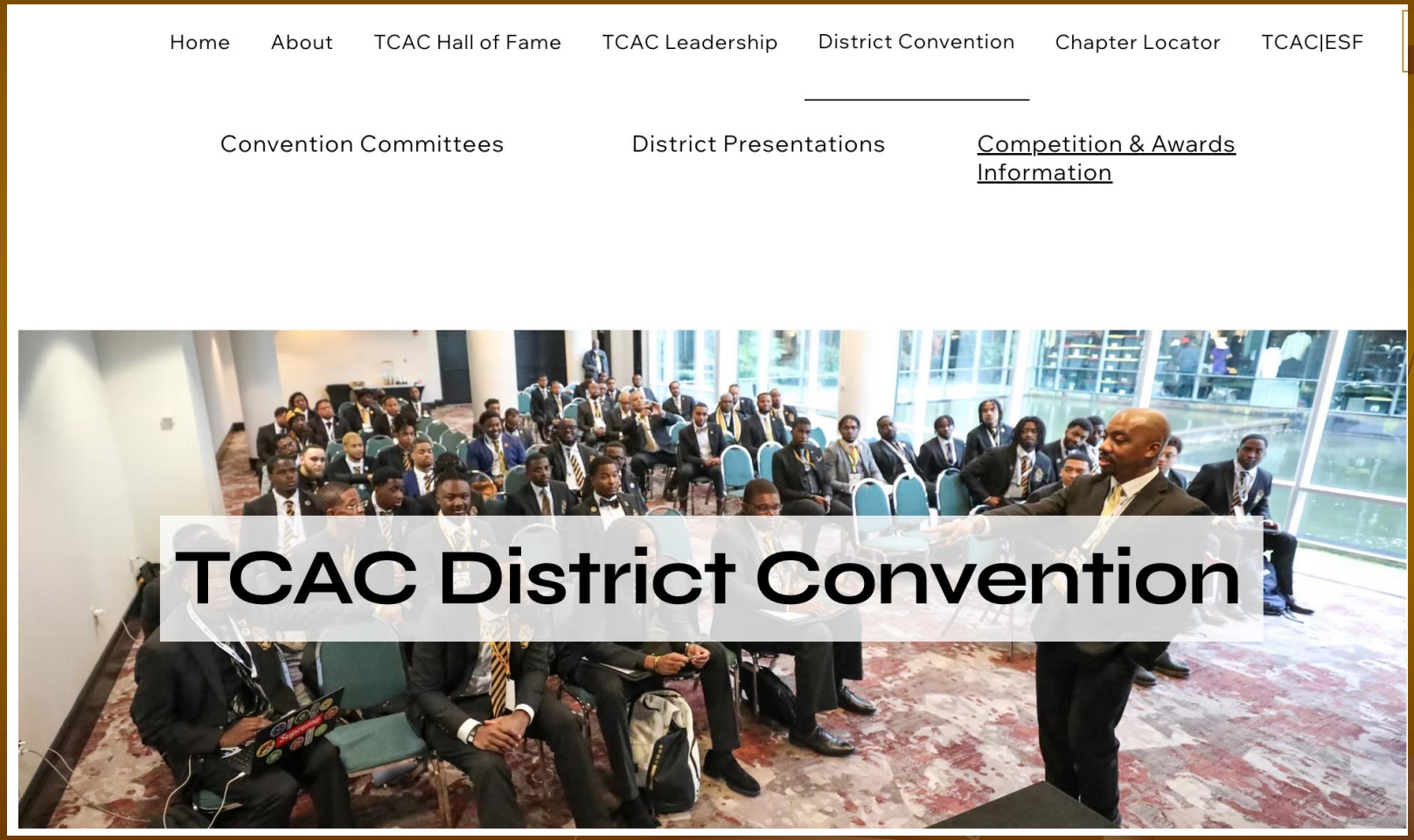


Competing to Win!!

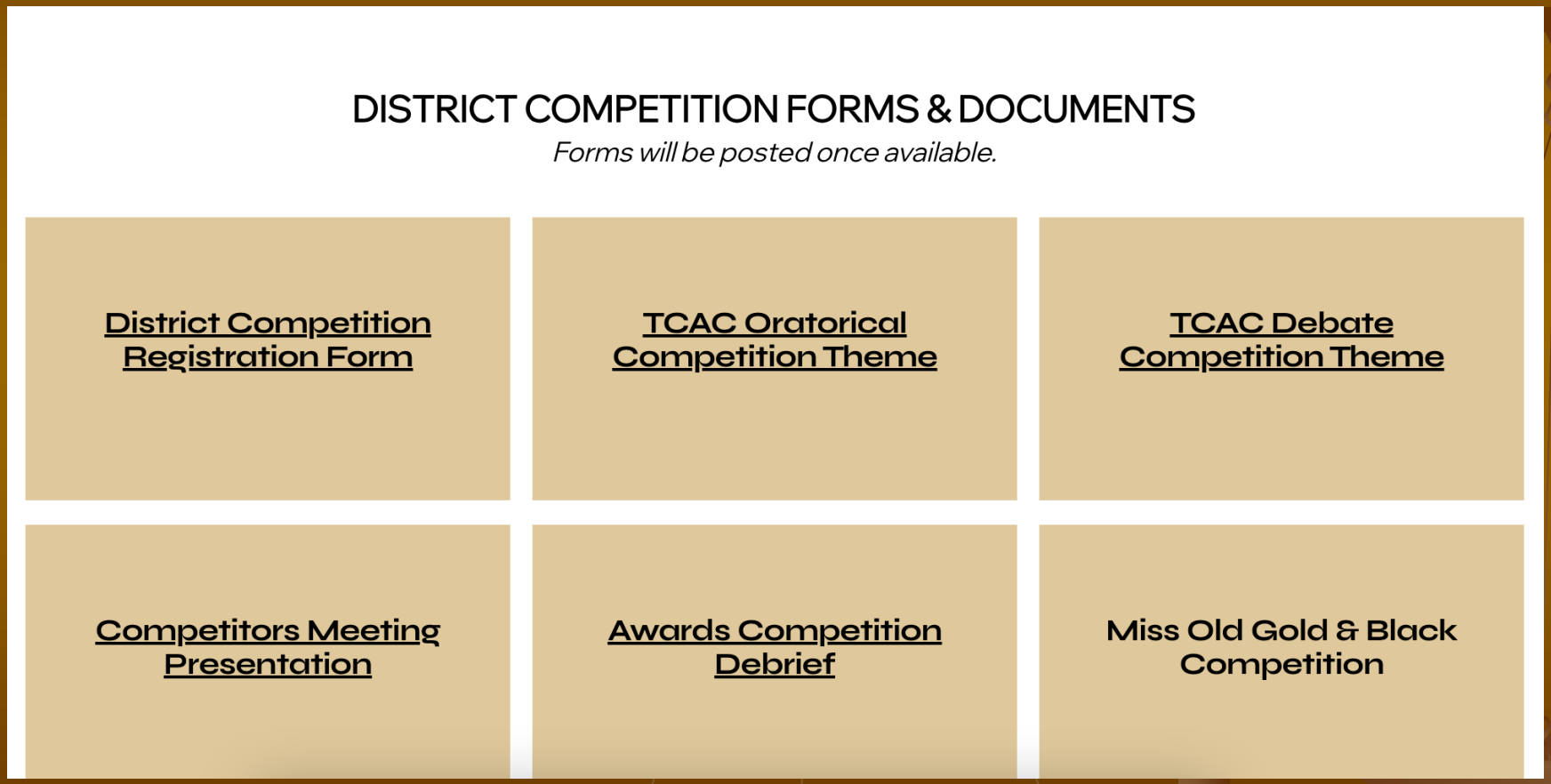
- Organization of Presentation
  - All presentations should be able to stand alone
  - Judges should understand what the chapter is seeking to accomplish
- Make it easy for judges to find criteria on rubric
  - Structure presentation to make judged categories easy to locate
  - Table of Contents with pagination and/or index at back
  - Use Metrics to amplify impact of brother's/chapter's work!
- Balance script (writing) and graphics (images)
  - It shouldn't look like a book or a photo album
  - Judges have a limited amount of time



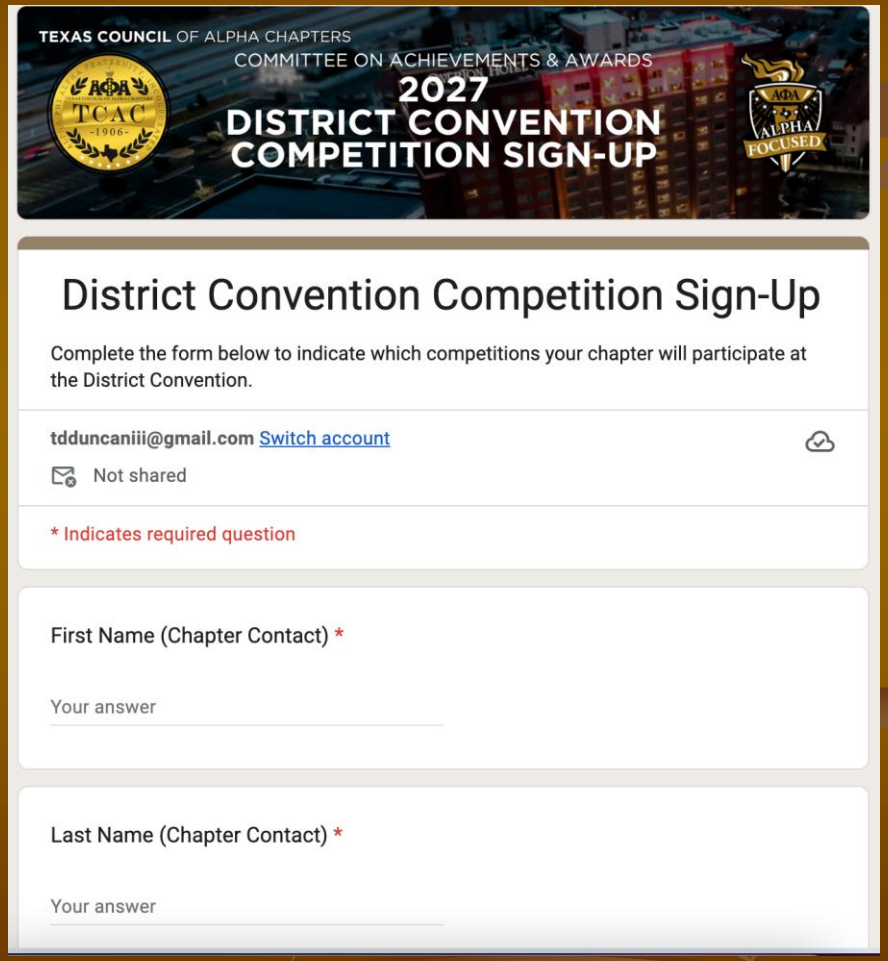
Register for Awards Competition on District Website



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TCAC Awards Calendar

- Saturday, October 17, 2026 @ 10 AM – Competitors Meeting via Zoom
- Saturday, October 31, 2026: Deadline for Chapters to Register for Awards
- Saturday, January 16, 2027: Display Presentations Due
- January 22 – 25, 2027: Display Presentations (Virtual)
  - Brother of the Year
  - Chapter of the Year
  - Charles H. Wesley
  - Scrapbook
- Friday, February 12, 2027 @ TCAC Convention
  - College Scholars Bowl - Preliminary Round
  - Hobart Jarrett Debate - Preliminary Round
  - Miss Old Gold & **Black** Scholarship Competition
  - Step Show
- Saturday, February 13, 2027 @ TCAC Convention
  - Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Finals (College Brothers' Luncheon)
  - College Scholars Bowl - Final
  - Hobart Jarrett Debate - Final



Contact Information

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