OUTSTANDING SIGMA OF THE SOUTHERN REGION

A. General Membership OSSR Requirements

1. **Must be an alumni brother in good standing with local graduate chapter.**
2. **Must be nominated by local alumni chapter**
3. **Must be an alumni brother in good standing with state.**
4. **Must be an alumni brother in good standing with the Region.**
5. **Must be an alumni brother in good standing with International Headquarters**
6. **Must have been a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., for at least Five (5) years.**
7. **Must have a strong record of Service to Sigma**
8. **Must complete the application and be approved by his State.**
9. **Must be Present at the Regional Conference at the time of induction**

B. Special Membership

1. **DSC Member relocating to the Southern Region**
2. **Brother is designated as "Outstanding" from previous regions and relocating to the Southern Region**

C. Limitations

1. **Each State may only submit two names for consideration at the Regional Conference**

D. Evidence of Membership

1. **Each brother designated as an Outstanding Sigma of the Southern Region will be presented with a pin and certificate at the time of induction.**

Brother William D. Fails,
President, Outstanding Sigmas of Southern Region

Membership Guidelines

THE OUTSTANDING SIGMAS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONS (OSSR) is the highest honor given to a brother of this fraternity at the Regional Level. This honor is granted to a deserving brother by the members of his State pending approval of the Southern Region's body during their annual Regional Conference. For a member to receive this honor, he must be recommended by his Alumni Chapter, in writing, to his State's OSSR Committee. The following criteria are to be used:

- **REQUIREMENTS**: To be considered for membership into the OSSR, a brother must meet the following requirements:
  - A current financial member of an Alumni Chapter of the Fraternity (Local, State, Regional, and National).
  - A strong Alumni and/or Collegiate leadership record.
  - A strong State leadership record.
  - A strong Regional and/or National leadership record.
  - A minimum of five (5) years of service to the fraternity.
  - Exemplify a strong sense of brotherhood.
  - A strong Professional/Occupational and/ or Community Service record.
  - A letter of recommendation and completed Application Form from the Alumni chapter of which the brother is a member. The application should be typed or printed neatly in ink and must be signed by the local Chapter president and local Chapter Secretary. If submitting for region consideration, the application must be signed by the State (OSSR) Committee Chair and State Director. Attachments are acceptable if needed. Appearance does count toward final Application score.

- **QUALIFICATIONS**: To qualify for membership in this chapter, a brother must be involved in the promotion of, but not limited to, two (2) or more of the following Phi Beta Sigma programs/activities during his tenure as a Sigma Man on an ongoing basis:
  - Bigger and Better Business
  - Education
  - Social Action
  - Sigma Beta Club/S.A.T.A.P.
  - Sigma Shadows' Program

- Sigma/Zeta Relationships
- Giving unquestionable service to the organization as deemed out of the realm of the individual's responsibility but due to his own devotion and commitment to Service and Humanity.
- Any other meritorious service recognized by his Chapter, State, Region, and/or National as being deserving of such honor(s)

- **THE SELECTION PROCESS**:
  - The Alumni Chapter from which the brother is a member must submit a letter of recommendation with a completed application to the State OSSR Committee on or before the designated deadline each year. This application/citation is to be used for STATE AND REGIONAL SUBMISSIONS. If submitting for the State OSSR, the same protocol must be followed as for the Region.
  - The OSSR Committee will make the selection based on the guidelines set by the committee.
  - State members of the Outstanding Sigmas of the Southern Region Chapter will present their candidate at their State Conference for ratification by the State body. Once ratified by the State, the State Outstanding Sigmas of the Southern Region Committee will decide whether to forward the application for Regional Committee consideration.
  - The candidate's letter of recommendation and application will be presented to the OUTSTANDING SIGMAS OF THE SOUTHERN REGION for acceptance and to the State/Regional body for RATIFICATION.

These membership guidelines were prepared and submitted by Brothers Earl Davis and Frazier Mungin on March 26, 1988
This Committee/Award was ratified by the Southern Region in 1988
Application/Criteria Revision Dates:
April 20, 1995
November 22, 2005
April 9, 2022

DATE SUBMITTED_____

OSSR NOMINATION FORM

Personal Data

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street Name or P.O. Box

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Apt No

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Education (attachments may be used if necessary):

Post-Secondary Education Information:

College/University: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Major/Minor: _____ Degree Earned: _____ Year of Completion: _____

Graduate Studies (if applicable):

Institutions(s): _____ City: _____ State: _____

Field(s) of Study: _____

Degree(s) Earned: _____

Occupation/Profession

Current Place of Employment: _____

Industry of Employment: _____

Professional Certification(s)/Year Earned: _____

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Membership Information:

1. Year of Initiation _____
2. Initiated Chapter _____
3. School (if applicable) _____
4. Initiated Chapter City/State _____
5. How long has the applicant been the member of a Chapter(s) in the Southern Region? (Years) _____

6. Position(s) held in Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (attachments may be used if necessary)

   A. Local (Collegiate and/or Alumni): _____

   B. State: _____

   C. Regional: _____

   D. National: _____

7. Which of the following activities has the applicant been actively involved in during his tenure as a Sigma Man? (Please check below A thru F)

   A. Bigger and Better Business: _____

   B. Education: _____

   C. Social Action: _____

   D. Sigma Beta Club: _____

   E. Sigma Shadows' Program: _____

   F. Sigma/Zeta Relationships: _____

   G. Giving/gave unquestionable service to the fraternity as deemed out of the realm of the individual's responsibility, due to his own devotion and commitment to Service and Humanity; Please explain: _____

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8. Why does your Chapter feel the applicant is qualified to become a member of this Chapter? Please explain:

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9. Has the applicant received any recognition or awards for meritorious service from the Chapter, State, Region and/or National? Please list (attachments may be used if necessary).

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10. Has the applicant received any other recognition or awards on a Professional, Occupational, or Community level? Please list (attachments may be used if necessary)

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If submitting for State OSSR Chapter Consideration, the following signatures are required:

Submitted by: _____ Chapter _____

Chapter President (print) _____

Note: If the current Chapter President is up for consideration, the First- Vice President may sign in place of the President

Chapter President Signature _____

Date: _____

If submitting for Region OSSR Chapter Consideration, the following additional signatures are required:

State Committee Chair (print)_____

State Committee Chair (signature) _____

Date: _____

If submitting for Regional OSSR Chapter Consideration, the following additional signatures are required:

State Director Chair (print) _____

State Director Chair (signature) _____

Note: If the current Chapter State Director is up for consideration, the First- Vice State/Region Director may sign in place of the State Director