

ACE

ANNUAL CHAPTER EXPECTATIONS



UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina

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Introduction

The Annual Chapter Expectations Program (ACE) was developed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) to establish clear expectations for chapter operations, inspire the growth and development of the community, and evaluate the quality of fraternity and sorority chapters at the University of South Carolina (USC). To promote transparency within our fraternal community, results of this program are published on the OFSL website, social media, Guide to FSL, and other promotional materials. Potential new members and their families are encouraged to review the results prior to joining.

Fraternities and sororities at USC are expected to reach the minimum expectations set forth in this document. Fraternities and sororities will experience requirements that are above and beyond those of other registered student organizations. OFSL will provide training, aid, and resources for all fraternal organizations to meet the ACE requirements. Organizations not achieving minimum expectations will work in conjunction with OSFL to create plans for improvement and future success. OFSL will coordinate check-ins to assist the organization president and advisors in determining their progress to becoming a chapter of excellence. Additionally, OFSL will conduct an annual ACE review each fall term. Organizations will turn in proper documentation for review on their achievement of these expectations each year.

Program Outline

Scoring

The following areas will be evaluated and scored annually:

1. Programming and Development	280
2. Service and Philanthropy	120
3. Academics	100
4. Chapter Operations	250
5. Excellence (Bonus Points)	250
Total	1000

Opportunities may arise throughout the year for bonus points to be available. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will announce these opportunities and how to obtain the points in a timely fashion.

Due Date

The chapter submission is due using the online form by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.

Late Policy

There will be a 50-point deduction for each day the chapter submission is late. The deductions will continue to accrue until the submission is received.

Designation Criteria

951 - 1000 of possible points	Exceeds Expectations with Distinction
851 - 950 of possible points	Exceeds Expectations
750- 850 of possible points	Meets Expectations
Below 749 of possible points	Does Not Meet Expectations

Forms

All forms can be found on the [Forms](#) page of the FSL website, under Annual Chapter Expectation.

- Chapter ACE Submission – Submitted throughout the year
- End of Semester – Submitted at the end of each semester

Performance Improvement Plan

Chapters that fall under 749 points (Does Not Meet Expectations designation) will work with OFSL to develop a performance improvement plan. When chapters do not meet minimum standards, the following plans will be enacted:

- Year 1: Chapter president and chapter advisor(s) will meet with OFSL coach to develop a performance improvement plan to meet minimum standards that is shared with inter/national headquarters representative(s).
- Year 2 (consecutive): Chapter leadership, chapter advisor(s), and inter/national headquarters representative(s) will meet with OFSL coach to discuss the previous years' ACE performance, goals for the next year's ACE cycle, the chapter's relevancy to the community, and to create a performance improvement plan to meet minimum standards.
- Year 3 (consecutive): An Organization Review Committee, comprised of the Assistant Dean of FSL, Director of the Leadership and Service Center, Dean of Students, respective council president, and an alumni/a representative from the respective council, will review the organization's status on campus as a registered student organization based on a chapter presentation and review of chapter operations. Included in the review process will be the creation of a performance improvement plan.

Designated Alternates / Program Substitution

In the case that a specific officer required to attend a program is unable to attend, such as chapter president for the Leadership Summit, the chapter may select a designated alternate to attend in their place.

If no designated alternate is available due to a conflicting inter/national program of similar content, such as an executive board attending a regional conference during the Elevate Conference, the chapter can request the inter/national program be substituted for ACE credit. These requests must be made in writing in advance to the OFSL chapter coach. Please note that chapter level programming such as service/philanthropy, social events (i.e. away weekends), new member education, etc., would not count for substitution.

Programming and Development (280 pts. Total)

1. Leadership Summit (20 points)

A two-day overnight retreat for chapter presidents and council leadership designed to onboard officers to the community, build cross-council relationships, and conduct strategic planning for the councils and community overall. In order receive full points, officer must complete Plaid modules before attendance.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter had the president, or designated alternate, attend the entire summit.
 - ii. Due Date: Hosted January 9-10, 2026
 - iii. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

2. Elevate Conference (20 points)

A half-day leadership conference designed to prepare and equip new officers to manage and lead their chapters by attending sessions from campus partners across USC.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter had all required officers, or designated alternates, attend.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter had half of required officers, or designated alternates, attend.
 - iii. 5 points – Chapter had at least one officer, or designated alternate, attend.
- b. Due Date: Hosted January 31, 2026
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

3. Student Anti-Hazing Summit (20 points)

A one-day leadership conference designed to prepare and equip officers on hazing prevention and student organization culture change. Chapters should send either their chapter president, new member educator, or member development chair.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapters with 50 members or less send one officer; chapters with over 50 members send two officers.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter had half of required officers, or designated alternates, attend.
- b. Due Date: Hosted March 22, 2026
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

4. Leadership Development Workshops (40 points)

The Leadership Development Workshop series will provide several opportunities for chapter officers to expand on topics pertinent to their responsibilities in their role. Topics will rotate on a semester-to-semester basis but will be announced prior to the start of each semester.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Chapter had required officers, or designated alternates, attend 4 of the 6 workshops.
 - ii. 30 points – Chapter had required officers, or designated alternates, attend 3 of the 6 workshops.
 - iii. 20 points – Chapter had required officers, or designated alternates, attend 2 of 6 workshops
 - iv. 10 points – Chapter had required officers, or designated alternates, attend 1 of 6 workshops
- b. Due Date: November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

5. Event Planning Workshops (40 points)

Workshops designed to educate chapter officers on policies and best practices for event planning. There will be a baseline session as well as other topic areas including hosting safe house parties, events in high traffic areas, and tailgate preparation.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Chapter had both president and risk management/social, or designated alternates, attend both base Spring and Fall workshops and 2 of the 3 additional sessions.
 - ii. 30 points – Chapter had both president and risk management/social, or designated alternates, attend both base Spring and Fall workshops and 1 of the 3 additional sessions.
 - iii. 20 points - Chapter had both president and risk management/social, or designated alternates, attend both base Spring and Fall workshops.
 - iv. 10 points - Chapter had both president and risk management/social, or designated alternates, attend one of the base Spring or Fall workshops.
- b. Due Date: November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

6. New Member Launch (20 points)

A presentation providing an overview of the history and significance of the USC fraternal community, information on the four councils and OFSL, and encouraging new members to consider personal responsibility with social engagement.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter had 70% of overall new members attend.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter had 50% of overall new members attend.
- b. Due Date:
 - i. CPA – Hosted after Bid Day in the Fall semester
 - ii. IFC – Hosted on Bid Day in both the Fall and Spring semesters
 - iii. CGC & NPHC – Hosted at the end of both Fall and Spring semesters
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

7. Chapter Programming: Inter/National Program (20 points)

Chapters should attend a program provided by their inter/national organization. Programs can be either in-person or virtual, including online modules. Examples include harm reduction education, organization education, leadership development, etc. *NOTE – This category does not include attending a regional/national conference which is a separate category.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter attended a program and had at least 70% of members in attendance
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter attended a program but had less than 70% of members in attendance.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter Program Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

8. Chapter Programming: Harm Reduction Program (20 points)

Chapters should host at least one (1) harm reduction program per semester on topics including: alcohol/substance abuse, bystander intervention/interpersonal violence, or hazing. The programs must be presented by university staff, inter/national staff, or an expert in the field. *NOTE – A chapter officer presenting does not count.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter hosted a harm reduction program with 70%-chapter attendance in both the Spring and Fall semesters.

- ii. 10 points – Chapter hosted a harm reduction program with 70%-chapter attendance in either the Spring or Fall semester.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter Program Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

9. Chapter Programming: Health and Wellness Program (20 points)

Chapters should attend or host at least two (2) health and wellness programs per semester on topics including: bystander intervention, healthy relationships, and mental health/suicide prevention. The programs are presented by university staff from Healthy Carolina and are offered multiple times per semester and can be requested as in chapter presentations from campus partners. *NOTE – A chapter officer presenting does not count.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter has at least 50% of members attend two of the offered training sessions.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter has at least 25% of members attend two of the offered training sessions.
- b. Due Date: Trainings will be hosted throughout the calendar year.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter Program Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

10. Campus Involvement (20 points)

Chapter members should be involved in other organizations on campus that can be found on Garnet Gate. Involvement includes other registered student organizations (RSO), activities affiliated with the university (athletics, bands, cheerleading/dance, etc.), and campus employment (ex. Resident Assistant, Campus Recreation, Russell House, Supplemental Instruction, Student Success Center, Career Center, etc.). *NOTE - Officer positions in your own chapter and participation in intramurals do not count.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter had at least 50% of members involved in another organization on campus in both the Spring and Fall semesters.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter had at least 50% of members involved in another organization on campus in either the Spring or Fall semester.
- b. Due Date: Reading Day each semester
 - i. Spring – 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026

- ii. Fall – 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the End of Semester Form

11. Cross Council Exchange (10 points)

This is an opportunity for chapter members to learn more about what the four governing councils do and how they can work collaboratively by discussing similarities and uniqueness of our community members.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 10 points – Chapter has the required number of members attend the event.
 - 1. Chapter size <50 members – 1 member attends
 - 2. Chapter size 50+ members – 2 members attend
- b. Due Date: April 1, 2026
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

12. Collaboration: Chapter Within Council (10 points)

Chapters should collaborate on programming with fraternity/sorority chapters within their council (ex. NPHC chapter partnering with another NPHC chapter). Programs can include, but not limited to, educational programming, a joint service or philanthropy event, an alcohol-free social event, etc. *NOTE - partnering with another organization for Homecoming, Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks, or Greek Week; alcohol events; or simply participating in a philanthropy event of another organization where you were not a co-host; do not count.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 10 points – Chapter hosted a program with another chapter within their council.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter Program Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

13. Collaboration: Chapter From Another Council (10 points)

Chapters should collaborate on programming with fraternity/sorority chapters from another council (ex. CPA chapter partnering with an CGC chapter). Programs can include, but not limited to, educational programming, a joint service or philanthropy event, an alcohol-free social event, etc. *NOTE - partnering with another organization for Homecoming, Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks, or Greek Week; alcohol events; or simply participating in a philanthropy event of another organization where you were not a co-host; does not count.*

- a. How to earn points:

- i. 10 points – Chapter hosted a program with a chapter from another council.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter Program Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

14. Collaboration: RSO or University Office (10 points)

Chapters should collaborate on programming with other registered student organizations (ex. Green Greeks, Relay for Life) or university offices (ex. CSE, SAPE, SAVIP). Programs can include, but not limited to, educational programming, a joint service or philanthropy event, an alcohol-free social event, etc. *NOTE - simply participating in a philanthropy event of another organization where you were not a co-host does not count.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 10 points – Chapter hosted a program with an RSO or university office.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter Program Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

Service and Philanthropy (120 pts. Total)

Community service is defined as “hands-on service to an organization, cause, or community.” Examples include volunteering at the humane society, working at a food bank, highway cleanup projects, and serving as a reading buddy at an elementary school. In order to earn community service hours, a member must give time rather than funds or items.

Philanthropy is defined as “raising money [or in-kind donations] through an activity or fundraising that supports a charitable cause” and differs from community service. Purchasing items to donate, donating items, or donating money is a philanthropic act, not community service.

Participating in or attending a philanthropy event does not count as community service, but time spent performing an essential function can be counted (ex. handing out water during a race, crowd management, checking people in, etc.).

1. Community Service Event (40 points)

Chapters should host at least one community service event each semester. Events can be one-time or recurring but should include a significant number of members participating.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Chapter hosted a community service event in both the Spring and Fall semesters
 - ii. 20 points – Chapter hosted a community service event in either the Spring or Fall semester
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form.

2. Community Service Hours (40 points)

Chapters should collect the community service hours completed by their members each semester and report to the total hours to OFSL. See service definition in category above.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Chapter averaged 5 service hours per member in both the Spring and Fall semesters.
 - ii. 20 points – Chapter averaged 5 service hours per member in either the Spring or Fall semester.
- b. Due Date: Reading Day each semester
 - i. Spring – 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026
 - ii. Fall – 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2026

- c. Submission: Chapter submits the End of Semester Form

3. Philanthropy Event (40 points)

Chapters should host a philanthropy event at least once each semester.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Chapter hosted a philanthropy event in both the Spring and Fall semesters
 - ii. 20 points – Chapter hosted a philanthropy event in either the Spring or Fall semester
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form.

Academics (100 pts. Total)

1. Chapter GPA (50 points)

Chapters should be focused on the academic success of their members. The chapter GPA is calculated each semester after finals including both active members and new members.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 50 points – Chapter earned above a 2.75 average GPA in both the Spring and Fall semesters.
 - ii. 25 points – Chapter earned above a 2.75 average GPA in either the Spring or Fall semester.
- b. Due Date: End of Spring and Fall semesters
- c. Submission: Data pulled by OFSL

2. Chapter Academic Plan (50 points)

The chapter should have an overall academic plan for the year which utilizes at least three (3) strategies. The strategies could include, but not limited to: 1) Academic workshops or programming; 2) non-university academic resources; 3) incentive programs; and 4) academic mentor programs. *NOTE – this is asking how the chapter supports the overall academic success of the organization, not just those individual members on academic probation.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 50 points – Chapter submitted three (3) academic strategies
 - ii. 25 points – Chapter submitted two (2) academic strategies
 - iii. 15 points – Chapter submitted one (1) academic strategy
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form.

Chapter Operations (250 pts. Total)

1. OFSL Coaching (40 points)

Chapters have OFSL coaches who provide support and advice on the ACE program and chapter operations. Chapter presidents should meet with their OFSL coach at least twice per semester.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Chapter president met with OFSL coach twice in the Spring and twice in the Fall semester.
 - ii. 20 points – Chapter president met with OFSL coach twice in the calendar year.
 - iii. 10 points – Chapter president met with OFSL coach one time in the calendar year.
- b. Due Date: End of each semester
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

2. President and Advisor Meeting (30 points)

Advisors can provide guidance and support to the chapter through fostering development of the chapter and the members. Advisors should meet with the chapter president at least twice per semester.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 30 points – Chapter president and advisor met twice in the Spring and twice in the Fall.
 - ii. 15 points – Chapter president and advisor met twice throughout the calendar year.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form.

3. Transition Meeting and Document Review (40 points)

Effective transitions are crucial for the success of an organization. The outgoing and incoming president should meet with their chapter advisor and OFSL coach to formally transition. Meeting will include full review of all transition documents provided by outgoing chapter leadership.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Outgoing and incoming president met with chapter advisor and OFSL chapter coach
- b. Due Date: After chapter elections

- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL and Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form.

4. Strategic Plan (50 points)

Chapters should develop a strategic plan to guide their efforts. Training on strategic planning is provided in the Plaid AboveBoard modules, during the Leadership Summit, and a facilitator guide will be provided to chapter presidents. Strategic plans should include the mission and vision of the organization, a complete SWOT analysis, and a strategic plan using the G.O.S.T. model. Additionally, chapters will need to submit the summer strategic plan document before August 1, 2026 to receive full points.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 50 points – Chapter provides a strategic plan and complete summer strategic check in form by deadline.
 - ii. 25 points – Chapter provides a strategic plan with two of the three required components and complete summer strategic check in form by deadline.
 - iii. 15 points – Chapter provides a strategic plan with one of the three required components and complete summer strategic check in form by deadline.
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026 and summer strategic plan by Saturday, August 1, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter emails strategic plan and summer strategic plan to OFSL coach

5. Risk Management Plan (40 points)

Each chapter should submit a Risk Management & Crisis Plan outlining policies and procedures to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of members and guests during all activities. The plan should identify risks, detail prevention and emergency response steps, include member training requirements, and outline ongoing review and improvement processes. Chapters should align their plans with headquarters' policies, bylaws, university rules, and all applicable laws, tailoring them to their specific operations at the University of South Carolina.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 40 points – Chapter provides a risk management plan by deadline.
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter emails risk management plan to OFSL coach

6. Conduct Good Standing (30 points)

Chapters should be in good conduct standing with the university and their inter/national organization.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 30 points – Chapter is in good conduct standing in both the Spring and Fall semesters.
 - ii. 15 points – Chapter is in good conduct standing in either the Spring or Fall semester.
- b. Due Date: End of the Spring and Fall semesters
- c. Submission: OFSL will verify good standing

7. Organization Contact Update (10 points)

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 10 points – Chapter submitted an updated officer contact sheet, using the approved template, in both Spring and Fall semesters by the deadline.
 - ii. 5 points – Chapter submitted an updated officer contact sheet, using the approved template, in either Spring or Fall semester by the deadline.
- b. Due Date: Reading Day each semester
 - i. Spring – 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026
 - ii. Fall – 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the End of Semester form

8. Chapter Roster Update (10 points)

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 10 points – Chapter attends Roster Day in both the Spring and Fall semester to submit chapter roster updates.
 - ii. 5 points – Chapter attends Roster Day in either the Spring and Fall semester to submit chapter roster updates.
- b. Due Date:
 - i. Spring – Tuesday, April 28, 2026
 - ii. Fall – Friday, December 4, 2026
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

Excellence (250 pts. Total)

1. Chapter Programming: Inclusive Excellence (30 points)

Chapters should host education for their members on inclusive excellence. Chapters can cultivate inclusive excellence by helping members deepen their understanding through both educational opportunities and lived experiences. These programs should empower students to actively apply inclusive excellence in their leadership, decision-making, and community engagement. The chapter should have 70% of members in attendance. The program must be presented by university staff, inter/national staff, or an expert in the field. NOTE – A chapter officer presenting does not count.

a. How to earn points:

- i. 30 points – Chapter hosted an inclusive excellence program with 70%-chapter attendance.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

2. Mental Health First Aid Training (20 points)

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis.

This is recommended for a designated mental health chair.

a. How to earn points:

- i. 20 points – Chapter had at least one member attend a training
- b. Due Date: Trainings will be hosted throughout the calendar year.
- c. Submission: Attendance tracked by OFSL

3. Regional/National Event (20 points)

Chapters should be engaged with their inter/national organization by sending at least one representative to attend a regional or national leadership event.

a. How to earn points:

- i. 20 points – Chapter sent a representative to a regional or national leadership event.

- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026.
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

4. Community Service Hours (20 points)

Chapter exceeded the average service hours per member of their council during the calendar year. *NOTE – See Civic Engagement section for what counts as community service.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter exceeded the average service hours per member of their council by 6 hours in the calendar year.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter exceeded the average service hours per member of their council by 4 hours in the calendar year.
 - iii. 5 points – Chapter exceeded the average service hours per member of their council by 2 hours in the calendar year.
- b. Due Date: Reading Day each semester
 - i. Spring – 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026
 - ii. Fall – 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the End of Semester Form

5. Philanthropic Donations (20 points)

Chapter exceeded the average philanthropic donation per member of their council during the calendar year. *NOTE – See Civic Engagement section for what counts as philanthropy.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter exceeded average philanthropic donation per member of their council by \$15.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter exceeded average philanthropic donation per member of their council by \$10.
 - iii. 5 points – Chapter exceeded average philanthropic donation per member of their council by \$5.
- b. Due Date: Reading Day each semester
 - i. Spring – 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026
 - ii. Fall – 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the End of Semester Form

6. Campus Involvement (20 points)

Chapter excelled in campus involvement with at least 75% of members involved in another organization on campus. *NOTE – See Campus Engagement section for what counts as campus involvement.*

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter had at least 75% of members involved in another organization on campus in both the Spring and Fall semesters.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter had at least 75% of members involved in another organization on campus in either the Spring or Fall semester.
- b. Due Date: Reading Day each semester
 - i. Spring – 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026
 - ii. Fall – 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the End of Semester Form

7. Chapter GPA (20 points)

Chapters should be focused on the academic success of their members. The chapter GPA is calculated each semester after finals including both active members and new members.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter GPA was above their council average chapter GPA in both the Spring and Fall semesters.
 - ii. 10 points – Chapter GPA was above their council average chapter GPA in either the Spring or Fall semesters.
- b. Due Date: End of Spring and Fall semesters
- c. Submission: Data pulled by OFSL

8. Initiate 90% of New Members (15 points)

Chapters should initiated at least 90% of new members. This will be calculated based on total number of students reported as joining and total number of students reported as initiated throughout the calendar year.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 15 points – Chapter initiated at least 90% of new members in the calendar year.
- b. Due Date: End of Spring and Fall semesters
- c. Submission: Data pulled by OFSL

9. Advisory Board (20 points)

Chapters should have an advisory board comprised of at least three volunteers who support the chapter in various aspects of chapter management. Board members can be alumni of the chapter/organization, USC faculty or staff members, and men/women who want to support the chapter. It is not required that these volunteers live in the Columbia Area. These volunteers may not be undergraduate students.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter has an established advisory board of at least three volunteers.
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form.

10. Alumni Event (20 points)

Chapters should host an event targeted for alumni members to engage with the chapter. Examples include a meal, golf tournament, tailgate, etc.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter hosted an alumni event.
- b. Due Date: Within 1 week of completing the program, but no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form. Submission must include a full chapter roster noting which members were in attendance.

11. OFSL Individual Achievement Award Nomination (10 points)

It is important to recognize the amazing individual achievements of our community. Chapters should nominate at least one eligible member for an OFSL Individual Achievement Award.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 10 points – The chapter nominates at least one member for an OFSL individual achievement award.
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Individual Achievement Award Nomination form published on the OFSL website

12. OFSL Chapter Award Nomination (10 points)

It is important to recognize the amazing chapter achievements of our community. Chapters should nominate themselves for an OFSL Chapter Award.

- a. How to earn points:

- i. 10 points – The chapter nominates for at least one Chapter Award.
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter Award Nomination form published on the OFSL website

13. OFSL Scholarship Submission (10 points)

Chapters should have at least one eligible member apply for one of the OFSL scholarships: Fraternity Council Scholarship, Sorority Council Scholarship, and Remembrance Fund/Silver Nickel Scholarship.

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 10 points – At least one member applies for an OFSL scholarship.
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Scholarship application form published on the OFSL website

14. Compassionate Carolina Certificate (20 points)

The Compassionate Carolina Certificate Program offered by Healthy Carolina helps participants grow in their mental health competency to become a mental health advocate at USC. To earn the certificate, a member must attend trainings to earn 20 total points. You may count trainings you have attended since Fall 2020 if you have the date that you attended the training and your attendance can be confirmed.

Complete list of trainings and to register for the certification can be found on the Healthy Carolina [website](#).

- a. How to earn points:
 - i. 20 points – Chapter has one (1) member earn the certificate
- b. Due Date: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026
- c. Submission: Chapter submits the Chapter ACE Submission form.