

Script for presentation of Alpha Phi Omega recognition certificate

This is a suggested script for use in presenting the Alpha Phi Omega Recognition Certificate at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Girl Scout Gold Award recognition event, etc. The specifics of the script can be adapted such that the Fraternity's BSA connections are emphasized in BSA presentations and de-emphasized in non-BSA presentations.

Recognition events for Eagle Scouts, Gold Award recipients, etc., usually include a wide variety of participants including family and friends, Scout leaders, government officials, and other community leaders. Many will have brief presentations, so it is important to coordinate with those who are conducting the event and to plan for a short presentation (typically 2-3 minutes at most, unless a longer presentation is specifically requested). The primary intent is to recognize the award recipient and to increase awareness of Alpha Phi Omega among those present at the ceremony.

You are encouraged to modify this script to reflect the specific situation. Avoid using acronyms (including "APO") and try to avoid using fraternity specific terminology ("Section 28", "Region 12", etc.). Do not assume that people are familiar with fraternities. If one of the troop or community leaders or one of the recipients' relatives is an Alpha Phi Omega Brother, feel free to acknowledge them. Please read through the script several times prior to the ceremony to prepare and include appropriate local information, especially the text in italics or in parenthesis.

If you are a registered volunteer for the same program as the recipient (that is, the recipient is a Boy Scout and you are a Boy Scout volunteer), wear your full uniform with APO insignia. If you are not a registered volunteer, please wear formal business attire with APO insignia. We recommend you bring some APO literature with you. Some may be given to the recipient afterwards as an encouragement to join APO. You may also be asked by others about APO and this would be a good opportunity to pass this information on to others.

Script:

Hello. Thank you for inviting me to be with you today. I am here representing Alpha Phi Omega, the National Service Fraternity. In Alpha Phi Omega, I volunteer as

_____.
(the Advisor to the chapter at Big State Univ. / the alumni working with chapters throughout western Wyoming / etc.).

The Fraternity is based on the principles of Scouting [or "of the Boy Scouts of America"]. We have more than 350 chapters on college and university campuses across the United States, including chapters at _____
(list one or two local or prominent schools with chapters).

[Acknowledge fraternity members present].

Our chapters conduct a wide variety of community service projects, including support for [local Boy Scout and Girl Scout and Camp Fire] councils. *(The chapter at Big State University ran the Merit Badge University / Klondike Derby / etc. that Troop 99 participated*

in last year). Our chapters are run by the student members, so leadership development is an important component of the Fraternity programs.

Based on our involvement and background with Scouting, we appreciate the significance of the (*Gold Award / Eagle Scout Award / etc.*), and its emphasis on leadership and community service.

I am proud and pleased to recognize _____ (*name of recipient*) achievement with this certificate from our Fraternity. Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors! [Shake hands with recipient].

Thank you again for inviting me to share this *afternoon / evening* with you.

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