



Application for International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi

Serving as the Sigma Chi Fraternity International Sweetheart provides a unique opportunity for a female student to visit campuses throughout North America, meet hundreds of undergraduates and alumni, participate in enjoyable and educational events, and contribute to and benefit from several positive experiences that provide opportunities for educational and personal growth.

The undergraduate representatives at this year's Grand Chapter, which will take place from June 26 to 29, 2025, in Aurora, Colorado will elect the 39th International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Each undergraduate chapter is strongly encouraged to nominate its sweetheart as a candidate for this prestigious honor and role as the 2025-2027 International Sweetheart. Regardless of whether your sweetheart is selected, your nomination packet will be a tribute to the many ways she has affected your members, and something she will cherish for a lifetime.

A note from Jordan Garrett, 2023 to 2025 International Sweetheart

Congratulations on your election as a Sigma Chi Sweetheart and thank you for everything you've done for the Fraternity so far! Serving as a chapter sweetheart is such a gift and was my favorite part of college. I will cherish my time as a Sweetheart for a lifetime. Your nomination alone speaks to the impact you have made in the undergraduates' lives. Through your service as a chapter sweetheart, you have earned the brothers' love and respect as they now believe you are worthy of representing their brotherhood internationally. From one Sweetheart to another, thank you for the time, dedication, and love you have poured into Sigma Chi.

I am overjoyed to welcome you into the journey of an International Sweetheart applicant. Serving as an International Sweetheart is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If elected as the next International Sweetheart, you will hold the responsibility of representing the Fraternity as its female ambassador and speaking on behalf of sweethearts across North America. You will shake hands with brothers and sweethearts from all walks of life and discover the true brotherhood within the Fraternity. My life has been impacted in unimaginable ways by the people I've encountered and the relationships I've built during my term. Even when you don't think possible, you will gain an ever greater appreciation for Sigma Chi by observing its values in action and watching the way it shapes men through and beyond their undergraduate years. Having the opportunity to positively impact so many people is incredibly rewarding. Most of all, in the next two years you will grow, learn, push yourself, and ultimately love this fraternity in ways you've never dreamed of.

As an International Sweetheart, you are given a platform to promote philanthropic endeavors you hold close to your heart. During my term, I emphasized the Fraternity's partnership with the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Together, we expanded the Sweetheart Challenge and sought to inspire more chapters to amplify their Derby Days efforts. It has been one of my greatest joys to serve as an ambassador for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. It's my very favorite responsibility in this role, consistently strengthening my love for Sigma Chi. No matter what philanthropic endeavors she chooses to support, the International Sweetheart will be greatly impactful.

As you fill out the application, I encourage you to be yourself. Your chapter nominated and trusted you for a reason. Your personal experiences will be your greatest strength. Be intentional and share your unique story. If elected as the next International Sweetheart, you will frequently find yourself in a position where your voice is listened to, and embracing your comfort zone is a usual occurrence. You will have the chance to speak about your passions and beliefs, and the Fraternity will be eager to listen. An experience like this is hard to come by. I am so delighted I get to share it with you! I will be here for you every step of the way, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions about the position, my experience, or the application. Serving in this role has truly been so impactful and I cannot wait to share more with you throughout your application process! Congratulations on taking your first step towards internationally representing the Fraternity we adore.

Jordan Garrett
2023-2025 International Sweetheart
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Elected Term and Expectations

The International Sweetheart will serve for a two-year term. Throughout that period, she will be expected to travel to a number of chapters, provincial and international events including the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop from July 30-August 3, 2025, and Grand Chapter from June 26-29, 2025. She will also have the opportunity to share in numerous optional events such as province workshops, chapter anniversaries, leadership retreats, and sweetheart balls. A more detailed description of the International Sweetheart's role has been provided with this application. Brothers and sweethearts are encouraged to review this document before submitting an application to ensure that the candidate will be excited and able to fulfill her responsibilities if elected.

International Sweetheart Educational Grant

Thanks to the generosity of several alumni brothers and former International Sweethearts, the 2025 to 2027 International Sweetheart will receive a special educational grant. The fund provides the International Sweetheart with a \$5,000 scholarship for each of the two years of her term that she is enrolled at an accredited educational institution.

Eligibility

Each nominee must fulfill the following requirements:

1. She must be a registered full-time student on March 1, 2025, at the nominating chapter's school or, if such has only a male student body, from a nearby college, university or finishing school; and
2. The nominee must have been elected as the chapter sweetheart by the members of the nominating active chapter.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Finalists are chosen on the basis of campus and Sigma Chi activity, general achievements, community service, academic performance, character, personality and public speaking abilities. Candidates are further encouraged to have a firm understanding of the values and ideals that the Fraternity embodies.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations must be submitted by email to awards@sigmachi.org by end of the day on March 1, 2025.

All nominations must be submitted in a single Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat .pdf file. Any pictures, documents, or transcripts that have to be submitted should be scanned and inserted into the nomination document. **All pictures for the application must be submitted as jpg files.** (*Please note:* To ensure fairness, paper applications sent to International Headquarters by mail will not be accepted.) If you are having any difficulties submitting your application materials, please contact Barb Sara at 847-425-4443, or email awards@sigmachi.org.

The application must include the following items and strictly adhere to the page limitations provided:

Page	Item
1	Cover page including the candidate's name, nominating chapter, and university
2	Candidate Information: college program and anticipated graduation date, current and summer address, phone numbers, and email address
3	One color picture of at least 500kb displaying the head and shoulders of the
4	A formal, written letter from the chapter, indicating why its members have nominated their sweetheart for the role of International Sweetheart
5-6	Candidate's resume
7 ¹	Candidate's educational transcript
8	Letter of recommendation from a Sigma Chi alumnus

¹ We understand that transcripts may be more than one page; thus, the page restriction for this item does not apply.

9	Letter of recommendation from a non-Sigma Chi
10-11	<p>A formal, written letter by the candidate to the International Sweetheart Selection Committee answering the following question:</p> <p><i>Please compile a personal statement telling us why you are applying for the position and, if selected, what your ambitions are for the 2025 to 2027 term of office. Your statement should be no more than two pages, single-spaced in 12-point font, and should give selection committee members insight into your unique character and personality that your other supporting materials do not.</i></p>
12-14	Three additional color pictures of the candidate's choice. (Note: Please select pictures that portray the candidate's unique personality, interests, friends, family, or community involvement. i.e. the candidate with the chapter, at a campus event; or, if she has traveled abroad, an image depicting a memorable experience; etc.)

SELECTION PROCESS

The International Sweetheart Selection Committee will review all applications received by the March 1, 2025, deadline that adhere to the previously stated requirements. The committee will select three finalists who will attend the 2025 Grand Chapter from June 26-29 in Aurora, Colorado, at which our new International Sweetheart will be chosen. Your chapter will be notified of the committee's decision no later than May 1, 2025. All travel and lodging expenses for the finalists will be paid by the Fraternity. The new International Sweetheart will be selected by a vote of the undergraduate chapter delegates during a special session at Grand Chapter. The official crowning will occur at the Grand Chapter Sweetheart event.

At Grand Chapter, the candidates will have the opportunity to meet all of the brothers in attendance. They will have a chance to attend social functions, meetings, and events that will allow them to speak with all of the voting delegates. Further details will be provided to the three finalists before Grand Chapter.

QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to awards@sigmachi.org, or call Barb Sara 847-425-4443.