

2020-2021 Revised Criteria for Awards Frequently Asked Questions

Will these revised criteria roll over to next fraternal year?

No. These revised criteria will apply to the 2020-2021 fraternal year only.

How is the 20% membership quota reduction calculated?

Find your *current* quota on [Officers Online](#). Take that number and multiply by 0.80. This is your *adjusted* membership goal. When necessary, round numbers using standard practice. For example: 5.1 through 5.4 round to 5 and 5.5 through 5.9 round to 6. A simple table of “current” and “adjusted” quota numbers is posted at [KofC.Org/Star](#) and on [Officers Online](#).

Will the adjusted quota numbers be updated on Officers Online?

No. The [Officers Online](#) portal cannot be updated with the adjusted quota numbers. There is, however, a simple table of “current” and “adjusted” quota numbers posted at [KofC.Org/Star](#) and on [Officers Online](#). Revised Star Tracker reports will be available to State Deputies.

Will councils that achieve 200% of their *adjusted* net gain quota earn Double Star Council?

Yes. Councils that attain Star Council status and achieve 200% of their adjusted membership net gain quota will receive the Double Star Council Award. If councils achieve 300% of their adjusted net gain quota, they will receive the Triple Star Council Award.

How is credit for the two required Fraternal Benefit Seminars determined?

Councils that promote and participate in an approved Fraternal Benefit Seminar after March 1 will receive double credit and automatically qualify for the Founder’s Award. Councils that promoted and participated in one approved seminar prior to March 1 need to participate in one additional seminar to qualify for the Founder’s Award.

How are Fraternal Benefit Seminars reported to the Supreme Council?

After promoting and participating in a Fraternal Benefit Seminar the council completes the [Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form \(#11077\)](#) and submits it to their General Agent within 30 days of the event. The General Agent must sign the form and submit to CouncilGrowth@KofC.Org. No other methods will be accepted. All forms are due at the Supreme Office by June 30.

How can my council hold a Fraternal Benefits Seminar when we do not have a field agent assigned?

Councils without a field agent assigned to them should contact their General Agent. He will arrange for a seminar.

Can more than one council participate in the same Fraternal Benefits Seminar?

Yes. General Agents may hold one large seminar for multiple councils. If a council adequately promotes and participates in the event, they may submit the [Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form \(#11077\)](#) to their General Agent within 30 days of the event. All forms are due at the Supreme Office by June 30.

Is there a minimum number of participants required to attend a Fraternal Benefit Seminar?

No. There is not a minimum number of attendees required, however, councils must report their active promotion of the seminar.

What are the new Columbian Award requirements?

Councils must earn 10 program activities or credits: two each in the Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, and two additional program activities among the four categories. There are no longer any “Required Programs”. Featured programs count for two program activities or credits, so long as [Featured Program Minimum Requirements](#) are completed.

Will Featured Programs still count as two activities toward the Columbian Award?

Yes, Featured Programs still count for two program activities or credits, so long as [Featured Program Minimum Requirements](#) are completed. Depending on the number of featured programs a council successfully completes, it's possible to complete the Columbian Award with fewer than 10 total events.

Will virtual/remote programs count for the Columbian Award?

Yes, virtual/remote programs will be counted in the same manner that they would have been if conducted completely in person. Please note that hybrid events should only be counted once (not as both an in person AND virtual/remote event).

Do councils still need to submit certain forms to qualify for the Star Council award?

Yes. Councils must submit the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) and the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728).

Do councils still need to be Safe Environment compliant to qualify for the Star Council award?

Yes. Councils in the U.S. and Canada must be fully compliant with applicable Safe Environment requirements.

Will similar reductions in membership and insurance goals be applied to the Star District Award as well?

Yes. Star District requirements for 2020-2021 have been adjusted to reflect the revised Star Council criteria. The revised Star District requirements are as follows:

1. Membership Growth – The district reaches 70% of *combined adjusted* council membership quotas.
2. Insurance Promotion – The Founder's Award is earned by every council within the district
3. At least one council in the district must earn the Star Council Award
4. The district deputy must submit two *District Deputy Semiannual Reports* (#944) for each council.

The quotas listed on Officers Online cannot be updated. Adjusted district quotas will be emailed to District Deputies shortly.

Will there be any adjustment to the Star Assembly Award?

Yes. The membership quota for the Star Assembly Award has been reduced by 20%. If you know your current quota, take that number and multiply by 0.80. This is your adjusted membership goal. When necessary round numbers using standard practice. For example: 5.1 through 5.4 round to 5 and 5.5 through 5.9 round to 6. If you do not know your current quota contact your District Master.

The following Star Assembly requirements have not changed:

- Earn the [Civic Award](#)
- Enter the [To Be A Patriot](#) competition
- Publish a monthly newsletter for assembly members from July 2020 thru February 2021
- Submit the *Report of Officers Chosen for the Term* (#186)
- Submit the *Annual Assembly Audit Report* (#1315)
- Submit the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728)