



# OAK CIRCLE UNDERGRADUATE GIVING CLUB

“Conserving the Heritage Handed Down to Us” – Taken from DU Ritual

## OBJECTIVES

1. To educate undergraduates on the purpose, goals and activity of the Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation (DUEF)
2. To establish a culture of lifelong annual giving to the DUEF

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why does the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club exist?**

The DUEF believes that *Building Better Men* for a global society is a worthy endeavor. However, meeting the increasing demand for high-quality leadership programs and services requires more DU members, parents and friends of DU to support the DUEF annually—including DU undergraduates! The undergraduates who benefit from the Foundation’s programming today will be the leaders of tomorrow. The Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club was created to give our young men an opportunity to give back.

### **What is the Oak Circle Scholarship Endowment and what does it support?**

The Oak Circle Scholarship Endowment was created to provide individual scholarships to undergraduate members. Gifts to the Oak Circle go into a permanent endowment fund that provides annual scholarships to DU educational programs. The DUEF 4% spending policy determines the pool of scholarship dollars that are given out each year, and Oak Circle Scholarship recipients are chosen annually from the scholarship applicants by the Oak Circle Scholarship Committee. Most importantly, **100% of every gift to the Oak Circle** is used to provide educational programming to the undergraduates—both this year and for years to come!

### **How do undergraduates join the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club?**

Any undergraduate who gives \$18.34 or more to the Oak Circle Scholarship Endowment is a member of the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club for that fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). The Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club is an **annual** giving club, and undergraduates are encouraged to join each year while in college. Contributions can be made via credit card online at **<https://www.deltatau.org/oak-circle>**.

### **What happens after I graduate? Can I still join the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club?**

The Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club is for undergraduates only. However, Delta Upsilon always needs alumni to give back to the Fraternity with their time (as volunteers) and with their treasure (by making annual contributions to the Annual Loyalty Fund). Every year, the Foundation publishes an Annual Report that recognizes our loyal donors based on multiple giving club levels. It is the Foundation's goal to transition members of the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club into loyal Annual Loyalty Fund donors after becoming alumni upon graduation. We hope you respond when you hear from the DUEF as an alumnus.

### **If I am an alumnus or friend of DU, how can I help with the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club?**

The more alumni and friends of DU we have serving as advocates for the Foundation, the better the Foundation will be at advancing the mission of the Fraternity. Alumni and friends of DU can help with the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club by (1) ensuring undergraduates understand the importance and purpose of the DUEF and (2) by encouraging students to join the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club annually.

### **How can I do my part as an undergraduate to advance the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club?**

Remember, the two objectives of the Oak Circle are to educate undergraduates on the Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation and to start them on the path of giving back annually. If you want to take an active role in advancing the Oak Circle, you should start by asking yourself these questions:

- ✦ Are you a member of the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club? Do you encourage others to join as well?
- ✦ Can you articulate the purposes of the DUEF and the Oak Circle Scholarship Fund?
- ✦ Does your chapter provide quality, annual education to each associate member class on the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club and the DUEF?
- ✦ Does your chapter set a goal for membership in the Oak Circle? Do you strive to surpass the membership results from the previous year?

These are just a few things to consider when thinking about the best way to promote the Oak Circle Undergraduate Giving Club in your chapter.