

# **RESIDENT ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR**

Purpose: This award is designed to recognize the outstanding and continuous service of a Resident Assistant (RA) to Housing and Dining Services and its member halls and organizations, and the communities in which the nominee has lived over the course of the year.

Eligibility: Each residence hall staff team and Jardine staff team may have one nominee. Strong Complex is considered one staff team. The OTY bid must be submitted online at [nrhh.ksu.org/otys](http://nrhh.ksu.org/otys) on or before:

*9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2007*

All OTY bids must be submitted online in PDF form. In addition, two (2) unbound copies of the written bid must be delivered to the Putnam Hall front desk on or before:

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The award shall be judged based upon the time period of one year, from Leadership Banquet to Leadership Banquet, but information should pertain to the 2005-2006 school year.

Required Criteria:

1. Nominee must be currently serve as a Resident Assistant at the time of nomination.
2. The nominee cannot write his/her own award bid.
3. Nominee must be a student in good academic standing at Kansas State University.
4. The bid must show how the nominee has gone above and beyond in the crucial role of enriching the experiences of students in the community through assistance to students, communication with staff and students, and participation in continuing to educate and address the needs of all students in the residence halls and those living on campus.
5. The bid must show how the nominee has provided service to the community (i.e. academics, leadership development, programming, role modeling, etc.).
6. The bid must show how the nominee has interacted with residents and encouraged community development.
7. The bid shall be up to but not more than eight (8) pages. A page is defined as a side with print. Covers and title page are not included in the page count, but dividers are included. The cover page must include the nominee's name, organization, award category, and year. All bids shall contain page numbers.
8. The OTY bid shall have at least one letter of recommendation (i.e. supervisors, on campus living leaders or staff, campus leaders, etc.). Letters of recommendation do not count towards the page count but must be included in the bid submitted online.
9. The bid shall include a thorough RA job description for RAs in that building or complex. This information does not count towards the page count.
10. The bid must have a "blurb" submitted online at [nrhh.ksu.org/otys](http://nrhh.ksu.org/otys) before 9 P.M. on March 28, 2007. This should not include why the nominee should win in the category. It should recognize their accomplishments throughout the past year. The description can be 100 words or less.
11. A digital image of the nominee must also be submitted online before 9 P.M. on March 28, 2007.

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Recommended criteria, but not required:

1. What has been the nominee's involvement in floor, hall housing, or community programs (i.e. floor government, HGB, K-State ARH, LAC NRHH, hall programming, judicial boards, campus and community projects, committee work, etc.)?
2. What are the nominee's abilities in additional RA roles including Administrative Responsibilities, Helping Roles, Role Modeling, Programmer/Educator, and Student?
3. In what ways has the nominee address issues that were pertinent to their community and how did they determine those issues?
4. Give specific examples of how the nominee has handled difficult situations that arose in the community.
5. Has the nominee completed programming with other halls, communities, or the campus?
6. What types of recognition have been received through awards on the floor, hall, campus, community, regional, and national level?
7. Have any honors been received by the nominee (i.e. academic, leadership, service, etc.)?
8. Has the nominee had any involvement at the regional or national level (i.e. program presentations at conferences, meetings attended, spirit, etc.)?
9. What has been the nominee's participation in regional or national conference or delegations?
10. Personal testimonies from residents and fellow RA's are encouraged.

Selection:

The award recipient will be determined from among the nominees and will be recognized and receive an award at the 2007 Leadership Banquet.