

# **FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE AWARD**

**Purpose:** The First Year Experience (FYE) Award recognizes the outstanding contributions of a first year student over the course of a year. The award encourages involved first year students to remain active in on campus leadership positions.

**Eligibility:** Each hall, the Jardine Apartments, and Smurthwaite is allowed to submit one nominee for this award. The OTY bid must be submitted online at <http://bids.nrh.org> on or before:

*9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008*

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 from August 2008 to the Leadership Banquet of the current school year.

## **Required Criteria:**

1. Nominees must be students of freshman status or in their first year of college in good academic standing at Kansas State University and must live on campus (i.e. living in a residence hall, Smurthwaite, or Jardine).
2. The nominee cannot write his/her own award bid.
3. Involvement in floor, hall housing, or community programs is required (i.e. floor government, HGB, K-State ARH, LAC NRHH, hall programming, judicial boards, campus and community projects, committee work, etc.).
4. 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.
5. The OTY bid shall have at least one letter of recommendation (i.e. advisors, 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.
6. The bid must have a "blurb" submitted online at <http://bids.nrh.org> before 9 P.M. on March 26, 2008. 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.
7. A digital image of the nominee must also be submitted online before 9 P.M. on March 26, 2008.

## **Recommended criteria, but not required:**

1. What has been the nominee's community involvement?
2. What types of recognition has the nominee received through awards on the floor, hall, campus, community, regional, and national level?
3. Have any honors been received by the nominee (i.e. academic, leadership, service, etc.)?
4. Has the nominee had any involvement at the regional or national level (i.e. program presentations at conferences, meetings attended, spirit, etc.)?
5. What has been the nominee's participation in regional or national conference or delegations?
6. Personal testimonies are encouraged.

**Selection:** The award recipient will be determined from among the nominees and will be recognized and receive an award at the 2008 Leadership Banquet.