

# **PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** The Program Of The Year (POY) award recognizes outstanding student implemented active programming. The award was created in an effort to recognize the high level of initiative and professionalism that exists on the student level.

**Eligibility:** Each hall, the Jardine Apartments, and Smurthwaite is allowed to submit one nominee for this award. K-State ARH and LAC NRHH may nominate one program presented by their organization. The OTY bid must be submitted online at <http://bids.nrhh.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 2007 to the Leadership Banquet of the current school year. The nominated Program Of The Year may be social, educational, or diverse in nature. However, social programs must include some indication of how the program was also educational regarding student leaders or students in general. The educational impact will be an important consideration in the Program Of The Year bid.

**Required Criteria:**

1. Program must be a student-implemented program. (i.e. residents, RA/MA staff, community staff, HGB, resident's council, etc.).
2. Breadth of the program (i.e. floor, hall, residence hall wide, community wide, campus wide, etc.).
3. The bid shall be up to but not more than twenty (20) 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.
4. The OTY bid shall have at least one letter of recommendation (i.e. professional staff, 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.
5. OTY bids may also include additional information with their program of non-written media (i.e. multimedia, photos, publications, etc.).
6. The bid must have a "blurb" submitted online at <http://bids.nrhh.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.

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Recommended criteria, but not required:

The following areas of consideration and questions should be addressed when submitting an application for the award:

1. Relatedness to on campus students

- For whom is the program designed?
- How does it relate to residence hall setting or community setting?
- Is it practical and applicable to other residence hall or community settings?
- What were the goals of the program?

2. Proven effectiveness

- How successful was the implemented program?
- How was the evaluation of the program or concept carried out?
- How was the program marketed?

3. Creativity and uniqueness

- How new is the concept of the program in dealing with general residence hall or community programming?
- How unique is the program in presentation style – new twists to old concerns (not to be judged on the uniqueness of the program to a particular campus, residence hall system, or community)?
- How were the program costs met?
- What methods were used in developing the program (research, questionnaires, interviews, etc.)?
- What was the level of student input and involvement?
- Did students conceive the program?
- How many students were involved in the actual planning and implementation of the program?
- Who benefited from the program?
- Presentation of the information.
- Correct grammar and spelling, neat, concise, clear, and readable?
- What strategies would you use for presenting this program at MACURH or NACURH?

Selection:

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