



NACURH

2025 Award Bid Guide

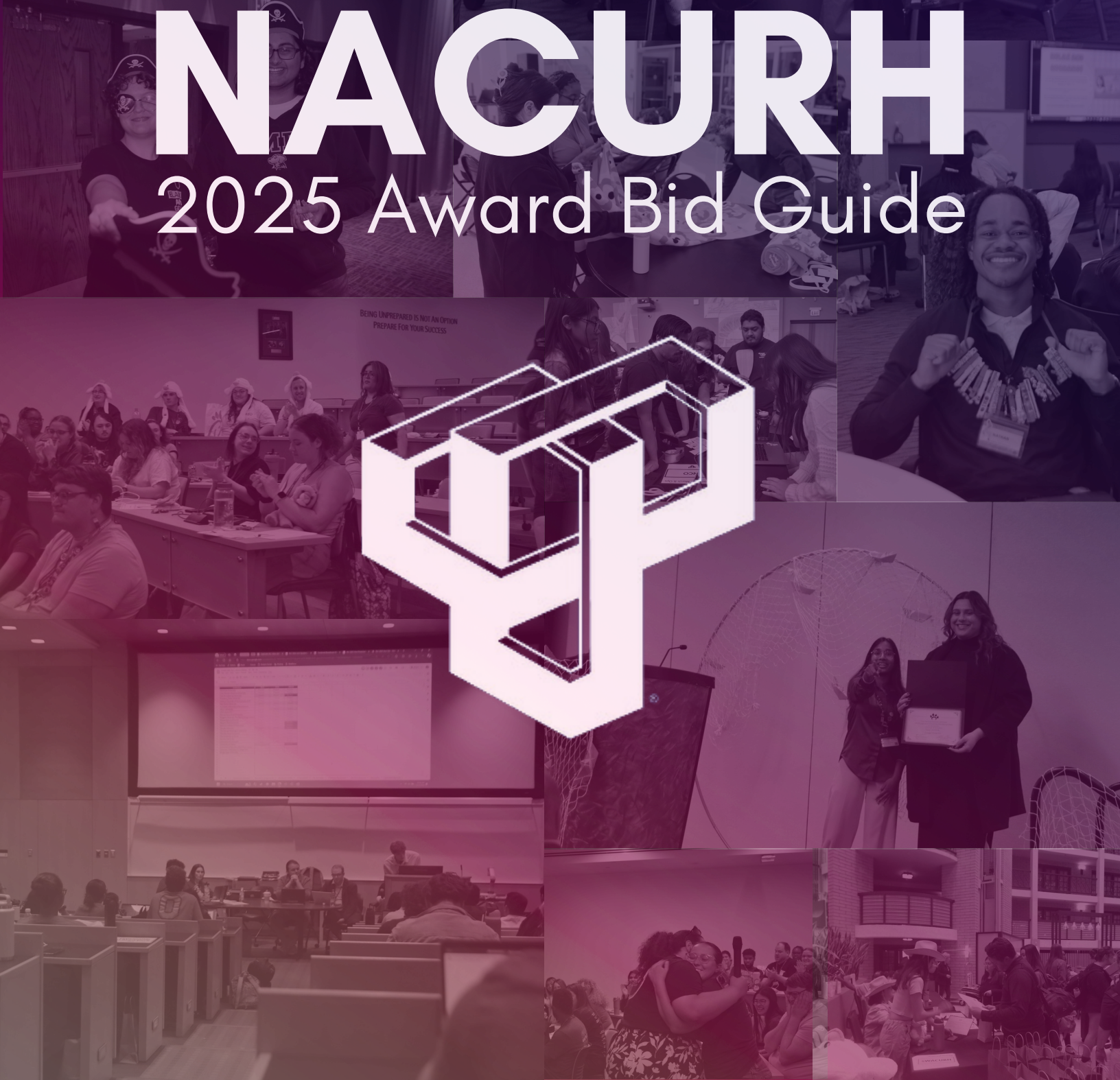


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GENERAL BIDDING INFO

Institutions submitting bids for individual awards must have been selected as the regional nominee. These awards include:

- NACURH Distinguished Service Award
- NACURH First Year Experience Award
- NACURH Hallenbeck Lifetime Service Award
- Outstanding NRHH Member of the Year Award
- NRHH Lifetime Service Award
- NACURH NCC of the Year Award
- NACURH RHA President of the Year Award
- NRHH President of the Year Award
- NACURH Student of the Year Award
- NACURH Dr. Valerie Averill Advisor of the Year Award
- Dr. Jen O'Brien NRHH Advisor of the Year Award

Any affiliated institution or chapter in good standing with NACURH, Inc. is eligible for school and chapter awards, which include:

- NACURH Outstanding Advocacy Initiative of the Year
- NACURH RHA Building Block of the Year
- NACURH School of the Year Award
- NRHH Building Block Chapter of the Year
- NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year

SUBMISSIONS

- Only affiliated institutions and chapters in good standing with NACURH are eligible to submit bids for and be selected for NACURH Awards.
- All bids must be submitted at www.nacurh.org/submit by 11:59 PM Hawaiian Standard Time on **April 18, 2025**. Bids must be less than 20MB. Bids over 20MB will not be accepted. - Late bids will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Upon successful submission of a bid, the submitter will receive an email confirmation. - If you are having trouble uploading bids through the submission link, please email the NACURH Bidding email at bids@nacurh.org for troubleshooting.

TIMELINE

- **April 18, 2025 at 11:59PM HST** | Bids due at www.nacurh.org/submit
- **April 25, 2025** | Bids returned with any policy violations notated
- **April 30 , 2025 by 11:59 PM HST** | Email final revised bids to bids@nacurh.org
 - *Only policy violations may be corrected. Changing other content will result in disqualification of a bid.*

RESOURCES

1. Policy Books

- All bid criteria for awards can be found in the [*NACURH Policy Book*](#) and the [*NRHH Policy Book*](#). The criteria in policy will be used for judging. While much of the information for bids is included in this guide, it is not exhaustive. We encourage you to read through policy for specific criteria for every award.

2. Checklists

- Checklists have been provided in this guide directly pertinent to the successful submission of each particular bid. Feel free to use this resource as you put your bid(s) together.

3. [Bid Archive](#)

- Please utilize the [Bid Archive](#) for inspiration while crafting your bids!

CONTENT

1. Only content that reflects accomplishments from the NACURH 2024 Annual Conference to the NACURH 2025 Annual Conference – defined as from 05/27/24 to 04/18/25 – with the exception of content included for comparison purposes, will be considered.
2. Bids must be created using universal design principles, which is the design and composition of a bid so that it can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by all people, regardless of ability status. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Body type must be 12 point font, or larger.
 - Bid documents must be 8.5x11 and in portrait format.
 - Text must be placed on solid color backgrounds or in solid color text boxes on decorative backgrounds.
 - Designs must be universally colored
 - **Images must have image descriptions – alt text is no longer accepted (please see example on page 34)**
 - Bids must be screen reader accessible
 - All pages counting toward the page limit must have page numbers on them.
3. **Title page, table of contents page, citation page, and regional letters of support are not included in the page count.**
4. Bids may not include links or references to materials outside the bid (i.e. embedded audio, animation, video, QR codes, etc.)
5. All bids must be submitted in PDF format.
6. Themes for any and all bids must be culturally appropriate and aware (i.e. being conscious of how bid themes, graphics and language affect and impact individuals), inclusive, accessible to all individuals, and not bring offense to any group(s) of persons. Please note that NACURH reserves the right to request edits of any bids that do not meet the aforementioned standards. Consultation is available if there are questions on themes for any bids. Please email bids@nacurh.org for any inquiries.

TITLE PAGES

Title pages must include the following:

- Award Name
- Nominee Name (Individual, Institution, or Chapter)
- Institution (If different from nominee's name)
- Region Name
- NACURH 2025

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Letters of support must occupy the same page size as if placed in the bid as text.
- Multi-page letters of support cannot be resized to fit more than one sheet on a page.
- Regional letters of support shall be limited to one page and are not included in the page count. **All other letters of support count toward the page count for the bid.**

CITATIONS

- A citation page must be included if copyrighted material is used in bid (all content not created by bidding school or altered by at least 20% must be cited)
- Citations follow the format: Title of content piece [page number on which content piece appears]: Source Name (Source URL if applicable.)
 - Example: NACURH Links Logo [pg. 2]: NACURH, Inc. (nacurh.org/branding)

ACCESSIBILITY | NACURH ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE

- Don't make text any smaller than 12pt font.
- Use accessible Sans Serif Fonts like Open Sans (examples of accessible fonts are listed in the above accessibility guide)
- Avoid having similar text and background colors.

PICTURE ACCESSIBILITY

- Ensure your bid is screen reader accessible.
- **All images must have an image description.**
 - Image descriptions, also known as captions, further clarify what is happening in an image (**please see page 34 for an example**).
 - Image descriptions must be visible to all readers. Please note that as of the 2024 Annual Conference, alternative text is no longer accepted for picture accessibility.

COMBINING DOCUMENTS RECOMMENDED SERVICES

- [Canva](#) (for creating bids)
- [CombinePDF](#) (for adding letters of support)



INDIVIDUAL Award Criteria



NACURH

Distinguished Service Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NACURH Awards Selection Committee, the NACURH Distinguished Service Award recognizes distinguished student leadership while serving NACURH, its affiliates, and member schools over a several year period. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11 Article I, Section 2) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Outlines accomplishments of the nominee for each year of involvement in residential leadership
- Letters of Support
 - Letter of support from a full-time professional-level advisor or residence hall staff member
 - Letter of support from a resident directly impacted by the nominee
- Bid is no longer than sixteen (16) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus-level involvement, goals, and accomplishments
- Regional and NACURH level involvement, goals, accomplishments, and participation in services
- Attendance and participation in leadership conferences
- Recognition received through awards
- Impact and legacy on the campus, regional, or NACURH levels

ELIGIBILITY

- Any individual who has been an enrolled student during the year of nomination and who has lived in a residence hall is eligible for this award. Only content that reflects accomplishments made by the nominee while living in on-campus housing will be considered.

NACURH FIRST YEAR Experience Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by a Committee of Coordinating Officers, the NACURH First Year Experience Award recognizes the outstanding contributions of a first year student. This award encourages involved first year students to remain active in leadership positions and to continue improving the residence hall environment on campus. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 2) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Outlines the nominee's plan to return to the residence halls
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From a full-time professional-level advisor, graduate-level advisor, or residence hall staff member
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus-level accomplishments and involvement.
- Regional and NACURH level accomplishments and involvement.
- Academic honors.
- Community involvement.
- Motivation for involvement in residential leadership.
- Goals and objectives.
- Personal and professional growth and development through experiences.
- Plans and goals for the nominee's future in residential leadership.

ELIGIBILITY

- Only students in their first year living in a residence hall, or who have just completed their first year within sixty (60) days of the Annual Conference, are eligible for this award.

NACURH HALLENBECK

Lifetime Service Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NACURH Awards Selection Committee Named after Dr. Dan Hallenbeck, former NACURH Advisor, the NACURH Hallenbeck Lifetime Service Award recognizes outstanding and continuous service to NACURH by a full-time housing or student affairs professional. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article 1, Section 2) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - Letter of support from a student/students directly impacted by the nominee.
- Outline all professional roles held by the nominee.
- Bid is no longer than sixteen (16) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus level role, goals, achievements, and long-term impact
- Regional and NACURH level involvement, achievements, contributions, and participation in services.
- Recognition received through awards.
- Attendance and participation in leadership conferences.
- Roles and contributions in housing or student affairs professional organizations.

ELIGIBILITY

- Only full-time housing or student affairs professionals with more than ten (10) years of full time professional-level experience are eligible for this award.

OUTSTANDING NRHH Member of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NRHH National Board of Directors, the Outstanding NRHH Member Award recognizes outstanding service to NRHH and NACURH by an individual who has been directly affiliated with both organizations as a member of NRHH. Refer to the NRHH Policy Book (Title 6, Article III) for specific information on the Outstanding NRHH Member of the Year Award.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Chapter Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - Must explicitly state the nominee is in “good standing” as defined by the institution and must be from a professional university official
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus-level role, goals, and accomplishments
- Regional-level goals, involvement, and accomplishments
- Attendance and participation in regional and NACURH conferences
- Participation in regional and NACURH services and correspondence
- Participation in regional and NACURH-level leadership experiences and opportunities
- Participation in regional and NACURH-level business
- Development of connections between the campus level and the regional and NACURH levels
- Recognition received through awards

ELIGIBILITY

- Active member of an affiliated chapter in good standing with NACURH
- Must be an NRHH voting member for the entire academic year of nomination
- Must not have served as a chapter president during the year of nomination

NRHH LIFETIME Service Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NRHH National Board of Directors, the NRHH Lifetime Service Award recognizes outstanding and continuous service to NRHH. This award is not meant to be an annual presentation, rather for exemplary service to NRHH. Refer to the NRHH Policy Book (Title 6, Article III) for specific information on the NRHH Lifelong Member of the Year Award.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Chapter Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - The bid must include a letter of support from a student/students directly impacted by the nominee.
- The bid must outline all professional roles held by the nominee.
- Bid is no longer than sixteen (16) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Leadership role(s), goals, achievements, and long-term impact.
- Regional and NACURH level involvement, achievements, contributions, and participation in services.
- Recognition received through awards.
- Attendance and participation in NACURH and Regional conferences.
- Contributions to the National Residence Hall Honorary.

ELIGIBILITY

- Only NRHH Lifelong members with greater than five (5) years of post-graduation experience are eligible for this award.
- The nominee's experience must include demonstrated experience working within NRHH

NACURH NCC of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NACURH Awards Selection Committee, the NACURH NCC of the Year Award recognizes outstanding service to NACURH and its affiliates by an individual who has been directly affiliated with the organization as an NCC. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article 1, Section 2) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From a full-time professional-level advisor, graduate-level advisor, or residence hall staff member
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus-level role, goals, and accomplishments
- Regional-level goals, involvement, and accomplishments
- Attendance and participation in regional and NACURH conferences
- Participation in regional and NACURH services and correspondence
- Participation in regional and NACURH-level leadership experiences and opportunities
- Participation in regional and NACURH-level business
- Development of connections between the campus, regional, and NACURH levels
- Recognition received through awards

ELIGIBILITY

- Only individuals who have served as an NCC or equivalent as prescribed by the constitution of the host institution's governing body within the Affiliation Year are eligible for this award. Only content that reflects accomplishments from NACURH Annual Conference to NACURH Annual Conference, with the exception of content included for comparison purposes, will be considered.

NACURH RHA PRESIDENT of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by a Committee of Coordinating Officers, the NACURH RHA President of the Year Award recognizes outstanding service to a campus organization, NACURH, and its affiliates by an individual who has been directly affiliated with the organization as an RHA president. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 2) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From a full-time professional-level advisor, graduate-level advisor, or residence hall staff member
 - From a student representative of the residential housing organization over which the nominee presides
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Service to residential housing organization, including delegation, communication, goal setting, and execution of goals
- Connections formed with the nominee's board and the residential housing community
- Demonstration of leadership, motivation, enthusiasm, and creativity
- Success or growth of the organization
- Recognition received through awards
- Regional and NACURH-level involvement
- Attendance and participation in leadership conferences

ELIGIBILITY

- Only individuals who have served as an RHA President or equivalent as prescribed by the constitution of the host institution's governing body within the Affiliation Year are eligible for this award. Only content that reflects accomplishments from NACURH Annual Conference to NACURH Annual Conference, with the exception of content included for comparison purposes, will be considered.

NRHH PRESIDENT of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NRHH National Board of Directors, the NRHH President of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding service of a NRHH Chapter President at an affiliated school who has had a direct positive impact on their school, region, and NACURH. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 2) for specific information on the NRHH President of the Year Award.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Chapter Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - Must explicitly state the nominee is in “good standing” as defined by the institution and must be from a professional university official
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Service to affiliated NRHH chapter by exhibiting: delegation, communication, goal setting, execution of goals, connection with their executive board, leadership, success or growth of the chapter, and creativity
- Demonstration of commitment to NRHH values
- Recognition through awards: campus, regional, and NACURH services
- Participation in campus, regional, and NACURH services for the benefit of NRHH
- Representation of NRHH on the campus and at regional and NACURH conferences

ELIGIBILITY

- Chapter must be in good standing with NACURH
- Nominee must have completed an entire term as president as prescribed by the constitution of the host institution’s governing body, or who have just completed a full-term within sixty (60) days of the Annual Conference.

NACURH STUDENT of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NACURH Awards Selection Committee, the NACURH Student of the Year award recognizes outstanding service to NACURH and academic success and achievement by an individual who has been directly affiliated with the organization as a residential student. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 2) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From a full-time professional-level advisor or campus staff member
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Academic success, achievements, and honors
- Campus level leadership involvement, goals, and achievements
- Regional and NACURH level leadership involvement, goals, and achievements
- Roles and contributions in campus, regional, national, or international academic honoraries or organizations relevant to the nominee's area of academic focus
- Attendance and contributions to academic or leadership conferences

ELIGIBILITY

- Any student living in a residence hall, that has not served as an NCC, NRHH President, or RHA President during the year of nomination is eligible for this award.

NACURH DR. VALERIE AVERILL

Advisor of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NACURH Awards Selection Committee, the NACURH Dr. Valerie Averill Advisor of the Year Award recognizes outstanding service by an advisor of a residence hall student leadership group. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 2) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- The bid must include the position description for the nominee's advisor role.
- Letter(s) of Support
 - A student representative of the residence hall student leadership group that the nominee advises.
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Nominee's approach to advising and advising style
- Nominee's experience advising students and groups through challenges
- Campus level involvement, goals, and achievements as an advisor
- Regional and NACURH-level involvement as an advisor
- Recognition received through awards
- Training and certifications by campus, regional, national, or international organizations

ELIGIBILITY

- Only housing or student affairs professionals or graduate students who serve in an advising capacity for a student leadership group with a primary focus in the residence halls are eligible for this award.

NACURH DR. JEN O'BRIEN

NRHH Advisor of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the National NRHH Board of Directors, the Dr. Jen O'Brien NRHH Advisor Of the Year Award recognizes outstanding service by an advisor to a NRHH chapter. Only housing or student affairs professionals who serve in an advising capacity for a NRHH chapter are eligible for this award.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Chapter Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- The bid must include the position description for the nominee's advisor role.
- Letter(s) of Support
 - Must include a letter of support from a student representative of the NRHH Chapter
- Bid is no longer than eight (8) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

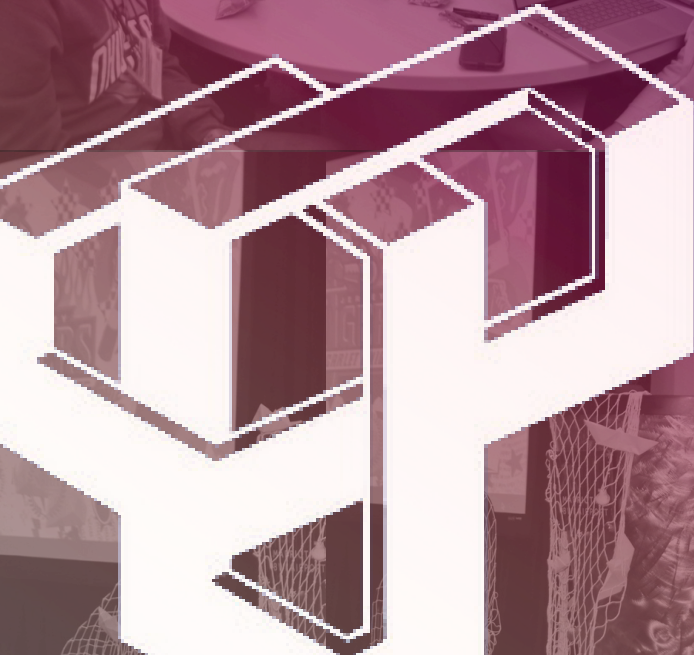
- Nominee's approach to advising and advising style.
- Nominee's experience advising students and groups through challenges.
- Campus level involvement, goals, and achievements as an advisor.
- Regional and NACURH-level involvement as an NRHH advisor.
- Recognition received through awards.
- Training and certifications by campus, regional, national, or international organizations.

ELIGIBILITY

- Only housing or student affairs professionals or graduate students who serve in an advising capacity for a student leadership group with a primary focus with NRHH are eligible for this award.
- Only content that reflects accomplishments from NACURH Annual Conference to NACURH Annual Conference, with the exception of content included for comparison purposes, will be considered.
- The nominee for this award may not also be considered for the Advisor of the Year award.



SCHOOL & CHAPTER Award Criteria



NACURH OUTSTANDING Advocacy Initiative Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by a committee of Coordinating Officers, the NACURH Outstanding Advocacy Initiative Award recognizes a student-initiated commitment to advocating for their residents. Advocacy is defined as, but not limited to, any change occurring as a result of student influence leading to an increased safety, awareness, acceptance, or contribution on a campus or community-wide level. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 3) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From a representative of the organization or group that initiated the advocacy initiative
 - From a full-time professional or graduate-level advisor, residence hall staff member, or administrator
- Bid is no longer than sixteen (16) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Introduction
- Campus and organization needs and characteristics relevant to the area of advocacy
- Origin of advocacy initiative
- Method of identifying the area of advocacy for this initiative
- Organization's approach to and support of this advocacy effort
- Level of student involvement in the advocacy initiative
- Goals
 - Organization goals for the initiative
 - Level of student involvement in goal creation
 - Measurable results of goal achievement
 - Goals not achieved by the advocacy initiative

- Implementation
 - Step-by-step process for the execution of this initiative
 - Detailed timeline of the initiative
 - Initiative budget requirements and uses
 - Level of student, group, and professional involvement in initiative implementation
 - Degree to which advocacy efforts met the needs of the student population
- Evaluation
 - Evaluation methods and tools
 - Successes and failures of the initiative
 - Level of student participation in the initiative
 - Short- and long-term impact of the advocacy initiative and campus Publicity and
 - Publicity and notoriety received from the initiative
 - Conclusion
 - Organizational achievement and growth as a result of the initiative
 - Suggestions for improvement in future initiatives
 - Suggestions for implementing similar initiatives at different institutions

ELIGIBILITY

- Any student-initiated advocacy initiative by an affiliated institution in good standing with NACURH is eligible for this award.

NACURH RHA BUILDING BLOCK of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NACURH Board of Directors, the NACURH RHA Building Block of the Year Award recognizes an RHA that has made significant steps in the development of their organization. The award is designed to honor the RHA that displays tremendous effort and improvement in their residence hall environment from the previous academic year to the present. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 3) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Nominee Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Includes demonstrable comparisons between the previous and current academic years in all criteria.
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From a professional staff member at an Assistant Director level (or equivalent) or higher of the institution's Housing or Residence Life department.
- Bid is no longer than twenty (20) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus Level (65%)
 - Purpose & Goals
 - Achievement of organization purpose
 - Goals and objectives of the organization
 - Measurable results of goal achievement
 - Structure
 - Structure of organization, executive officers, and membership
 - Changes in and improvements to organization structure
 - Resident Involvement
 - Recruitment methods and achievements.
 - Role of residents in developing the organization's vision, goals, and objectives
 - Role of residents in activities and achievements of the organization
 - Programming, Initiatives, and Accomplishments
 - New and traditional programs, including challenges and result

- Development of new initiatives, including challenges and results
 - Program and initiative evaluation tools
 - Other accomplishments and successes
- Challenges
 - Challenges faced by the organization and results
- Communication
 - Communication with residents
 - Communication with NRHH Chapter (if one exists) and other organizations on campus
 - Communication with residence hall staff and administration
- Budget
 - Source, structure, and use of organization budget
 - Budget growth, changes, and improvements
- Regional Level (25%)
 - Regional Conferences
 - Representation at regional conference in and out of boardrooms
 - Impact of conference attendance on organizational growth and campus level achievement
 - Regional Communication
 - Communication with regional representatives and institutions
 - Impact of regional communication on organizational growth
 - Involvement in regional projects/initiatives/committees
 - Level of involvement in regional projects/initiatives/committees
 - Impact of involvement on organizational growth
- NACURH Level (10%)
 - NACURH Annual Conference
 - Representation at the NACURH Annual Conference in and out of boardrooms
 - Impact of conference attendance on organizational growth and campus level achievement
 - NACURH Communication
 - Communication with NACURH representatives and institutions
 - Communication with the NCO
 - Participation in NACURH projects/initiatives/committees
 - Impact of NACURH communication on organizational growth
 - NRHH (if a chapter exists)
 - Relationship between RHA and NRHH Chapter
 - Impact of NRHH Chapter on organizational growth

ELIGIBILITY

- Any RHA at an affiliated institution in good standing with NACURH is eligible for this award.

NACURH SCHOOL of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NACURH Board of Directors, the NACURH School of the Year Award is the highest honor member schools can attain. The award recognizes outstanding achievements on the campus level by a residence hall organization and affiliated groups, as well as contributions on regional and NACURH levels. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 3) for general bid eligibility and submission requirements.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Includes demonstrable comparisons between the previous and current academic years in all criteria.
- Letter(s) of Support
- From a professional staff member at an Assistant Director level (or equivalent) or higher of the institution's Housing or Residence Life department.
- Bid is no longer than thirty (30) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus Level (45%)
 - Purpose & Goals
 - Achievement of organization purpose
 - Goals and objectives of the organization
 - Measurable results of goal achievement
 - Structure
 - Structure of organization, executive officers, and membership
 - Benefits of the organizational structure on achievements.
 - Resident Involvement
 - Recruitment methods and achievements
 - Role of residents in developing the organization's vision, goals, and objectives
 - Role of residents in activities and achievements of the organization
 - Programming, Initiatives, and Accomplishments
 - New and traditional programs, including challenges and results
 - Development of new initiatives, including challenges and results

- Program and initiative evaluation tools
 - Community service and community partnerships
 - Benefit of residential community from programs, initiatives, and accomplishments.
 - Resident perception of benefits from programs, initiatives, and accomplishments.
 - Other accomplishments and successes
- Communication
 - Communication with residents.
 - Communication with NRHH Chapter (if one exists) and other organizations on campus.
 - Communication with residence hall staff and administration.
- Budget
 - Source, structure, and use of organization budget.
 - Budget growth, changes, and improvements.
- Regional Level (30%)
 - Regional Conferences
 - Representation at regional conference in and out of boardrooms.
 - Regional Communication
 - Communication with regional representatives and institutions.
 - Involvement in Regional Projects/Initiatives/Committees
 - Level of involvement in regional projects and initiatives.
 - Involvement and achievements in regional committees.
 - Regional Awards
 - Bids submitted for regional awards.
 - Regional award recognition and achievement.
 - Regional OTM submissions and success.
 - Hosting
 - Hosting a regional officer
 - Hosting a regional conference
- NACURH Level (25%)
 - NACURH Annual Conference
 - Representation at the NACURH Annual Conference in and out of boardrooms.
 - Impact of conference attendance on organizational growth and campus level achievement.
 - NACURH Communication
 - Communication with NACURH representatives and institutions.
 - Participation in NACURH projects/initiatives/committees
 - Impact of NACURH communication on organizational growth.
 - NACURH Awards
 - Bids submitted for NACURH awards.
 - NACURH award recognition and achievement.
 - NACURH OTM submissions and success.

- Hosting
 - Hosting a NACURH officer
 - Hosting a NACURH Annual Conference
- NRHH (if a chapter exists)
 - Goals and achievements of the NRHH Chapter
 - Relationship between RHA and NRHH Chapter.
 - Impact of NRHH Chapter on organizational success.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any affiliated institution in good standing with NACURH is eligible for this award

NRHH BUILDING BLOCK of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NRHH National Board of Directors, the NRHH Building Block Chapter of the Year is given to a chapter that shows outstanding growth and development during the year of nomination. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 3) for specific information on the NRHH Building Block of the Year Award.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Chapter Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Includes demonstrable comparisons between the previous and current academic years in all criteria.
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From a professional housing staff member, chapter advisor or RHA President
- Bid is no longer than twenty (20) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus Level
 - Purpose & Goals
 - Purpose of the chapter
 - How the chapter met and/or exceeded it's purpose
 - Goals and objectives of the chapter
 - How the goals and objections were achieved
 - Structure
 - Structure of chapter, executive officers, and membership
 - Changes in and improvements to organization structure
 - Membership
 - How the chapter recruits new members
 - How the chapter's membership has grown
 - How the strategy toward membership has adapted and improved
 - Role members play in the development of the chapter's vision, goals, and objectives
 - Role of Active, Alumni, Early Alumni, and Honorary members in the chapter and how these roles have improved or otherwise changed during the past year

- Programming, Initiatives, and Accomplishments
 - How the chapter has improved in its efforts with respect to campus programming, initiatives, and other achievements and how this improvement is measured
 - New programming or leadership initiatives New recognition programs, services, or awards
 - Expansion and development of existing chapter programs and initiatives
 - Tools the chapter has used to evaluate programmatic efforts
 - How the chapter has demonstrated a commitment to the NRHH values (service and recognition) to its membership and the campus community)
- Advancement & Growth
 - How the chapter has advanced during the past year?
 - How advancement is witnessed by the chapter's membership and campus community
- Challenges
 - Challenges faced by the chapter this year
 - Process for how the chapter addressed challenges and what the results were
 - Challenges the chapter will face in the future
- Communication
 - How the chapter has fostered communication with members, residence hall government, residence hall staff, and administration
- Regional Level
 - Regional Conferences
 - Chapter representation at regional conferences in and out of boardrooms.
 - Impact of conference attendance on chapter growth
 - Regional Communication
 - Communication with regional institutions and chapters
 - Impact of regional communication on chapter growth.
 - Involvement in Regional Projects/Initiatives/Committees
 - Level of involvement in regional projects/initiatives/committees.
 - Impact of involvement on chapter growth.
 - Bids for Regional Awards
 - Regional bids submitted by the chapter
 - How the chapter has improved bid creation and submission during the past year
- NACURH Level
 - NACURH Annual Conference
 - Chapter representation at the NACURH Annual Conference in and out of boardrooms.
 - Impact of conference attendance on chapter growth
 - NACURH Communication
 - Communication with chapters and institutions across NACURH

- Participation in NACURH projects/initiatives/committees
- Impact of NACURH communication on chapter growth
- OTMs
 - How the chapter participates in the OTM program
 - How the chapter met and/or exceeded OTM goals
 - Number of submissions, campus winners, regional winners, and NACURH winners the chapter has
- Other Resources
 - Publications (newsletter, newspaper clipping, online articles, etc.)
 - Has the chapter utilized or written any newsletters throughout the year?
 - Has the chapter received press coverage?
 - Has the chapter developed any guides or resources that have contributed to its success?
- Applications and forms
 - Has the chapter successfully implemented forms for membership, programming, or other initiatives?
- Miscellaneous Resources
 - Does the chapter have any additional resources or materials that are of use to other building chapters?

ELIGIBILITY

- Any affiliated NRHH Chapter in good standing with NACURH is eligible for this award.

NRHH OUTSTANDING Chapter of the Year Award

Selected at the NACURH Annual Conference by the NRHH National Board of Directors, the NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year award is the highest honor an NRHH Chapter can obtain. The award recognizes outstanding achievements of an NRHH chapter on the campus, regional, and NACURH levels. Refer to the NACURH Policy Book (Title 11, Article I, Section 3) for specific information on the NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- Title Page
 - Award Name
 - Chapter Name
 - Institution
 - Region
 - NACURH 2025
- Includes demonstrable comparisons between the previous and current academic years in all criteria.
- Letter(s) of Support
 - From an upper- level professional staff member of the institution's Housing or Residence Life department.
- Bid is no longer than thirty (30) pages in length

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Campus Level
 - Purpose & Goals
 - Purpose of the chapter
 - How the chapter met and/or exceeded it's purpose
 - Goals and objectives of the chapter
 - How the goals and objections were achieved and what was learned in the process
 - Structure
 - Structure of chapter, executive officers, and membership
 - How the structure contributes to the purpose and goals of the chapter
 - Membership
 - How the chapter recruits new members
 - How the chapter's membership is selected
 - How the chapter retains it's member involvement
 - Resources and development the chapter provides it's members

- Role members play in the development of the chapter’s vision, goals, and objectives
 - Role of Active, Alumni, Early Alumni, and Honorary members in the chapter
 - Programming, Initiatives, and Accomplishments
 - Leadership
 - How the chapter has provided leadership and direction in their role in the on-campus community
 - How the chapter’s members demonstrate leadership development and involvement
 - Recognition
 - How the chapter has provided recognition for individuals who have been of outstanding service and who have provided important leadership in the advancement of the residence hall system at their respective school
 - Service
 - How the chapter has provided worthwhile service to the on-campus and surrounding community
 - Advancement & Growth
 - How the chapter has advanced during the past year
 - Challenges
 - Challenges faced by the chapter this year
 - Process for how the chapter addressed challenges and what the results were
 - Challenges the chapter will face in the future
 - Collaboration
 - How the chapter has utilized collaboration to foster benefits for members and the campus community
 - Student organizations, university departments, and/or community partners the chapter has collaborated with
 - Communication
 - How the chapter has fostered communication with members, residence hall government, residence hall staff, and administration
 - Budget
 - Chapter budget and source
 - How the chapter employs it’s financial resources to achieve its purpose and goals
- Regional Level
 - Regional Conferences
 - Chapter representation at regional conferences in and out of boardrooms.
 - Impact of conference attendance on chapter growth
 - Regional Communication
 - Communication with regional institutions and chapters
 - How the chapter has benefited from regional communication
 - How the chapter has participated in regional communication platforms (i.e. chats, forums, reports, etc.)

- Involvement in Regional Projects/Initiatives/Committees
 - Level of involvement in regional projects/initiatives
 - Level of involvement in regional committees/taskforces
- Bids for Regional Awards
 - Regional bids submitted by the chapter
 - Has there been an increase in bids submitted since last year?
- NACURH Level
 - NACURH Annual Conference
 - Chapter representation at the NACURH Annual Conference in and out of boardrooms.
 - Impact of conference attendance on chapter growth
 - NACURH Communication
 - Communication with chapters and institutions across NACURH
 - Participation in NACURH/NRHH projects/initiatives
 - Participation in NACURH/NRHH committees/taskforces
 - How the chapter has benefited from NACURH communication
 - OTMs
 - How the chapter participates in the OTM program
 - How the chapter met and/or exceeded OTM goals
 - Number of submissions, campus winners, regional winners, and NACURH winners the chapter has
 - How the chapter uses OTMs to further its purpose and goals
 - Other Resources
 - Publications (newsletter, newspaper clipping, online articles, etc.)
 - Has the chapter utilized or written any newsletters throughout the year?
 - Has the chapter received press coverage?
 - Has the chapter developed any guides or resources that have contributed to its success?
 - Applications and Forms
 - Has the chapter successfully implemented forms for membership, programming, or other initiatives?
 - Miscellaneous Resources
 - Does the chapter have any additional resources or materials that are of use to other building chapters?

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2024 WINNERS & Helpful Tips



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NACURH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

- **Winner: Will Dorroh, University of South Carolina**

NACURH FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

- **Winner: Mark Mekhaeil, University of South Carolina**
 - The NACURH Coordinating Officers Selection Committee believed the bid provided detailed descriptions of the nominee's role in RHA, their work as an NCC, and their leadership on bidding committees, showcasing extensive campus and regional involvement. Personal goals are clearly connected to their leadership work, highlighting a well-rounded and motivated individual. The nominee's dedication to service, enthusiasm, and plans for future growth reflect a strong commitment to both their community and continued development.

NACURH NCC OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Hannah Leibowitz, University of Connecticut**

NACURH STUDENT OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Kimberly Barlock, University of Akron**

NACURH DR. VALERIE AVERILL ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Mariah Neibert, University of Georgia**

NACURH OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY INITIATIVE

- **Winner: Bowling Green State University**
 - The NACURH Coordinating Officers Selection Committee praised the program for effectively empowered students to advocate for themselves through committee task forces and by drafting communication, fostering a sense of ownership and leadership. The initiative clearly outlined tangible outcomes, results, and areas for future improvement, making it adaptable for other campuses. By actively listening to student feedback and addressing welfare concerns, the bid demonstrates a commitment to meeting community needs and promoting positive change.

NACURH RHA PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Claire Hains, University of South Carolina**
 - The NACURH Coordinating Officers Selection Committee believed the bid highlighted the nominee's clear dedication to RHA through detailed descriptions of their goals and the tangible steps taken to achieve them. It also emphasizes their extensive involvement at regional and national levels, showcasing their commitment beyond the campus community. The inclusion of testimonials and measurable impacts reflects the nominee's significant contributions and ongoing efforts to strengthen RHA.

NACURH RHA BUILDING BLOCK OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: University of Georgia**
 - The NACURH Board of Directors praised the bid for its detailed and thoughtful restructuring of the executive board, highlighting changes made to improve functionality and growth for the upcoming year. Reviewers commended the strong focus on collaboration with outside organizations and the effective use of feedback to drive development. The bid showcased clear communication strategies, high levels of regional and national involvement, and replicable developmental tools that emphasized adaptability and resident-focused advocacy.

NACURH SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: North Dakota State University**
 - The bid was praised by the NACURH Board of Directors for its detailed structure, clearly outlining executive board responsibilities, committee roles, and their alignment with organizational goals. They appreciated the extensive regional and national involvement, as well as the thoughtful presentation of challenges and actionable solutions, which provided valuable insight into operational growth. Additionally, the focus on impactful initiatives, resident involvement, and collaborative efforts highlighted the organization's commitment to success and its values.

NRHH LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

- **Winner: N/A**

DR. JEN O'BRIEN NRHH ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Dr. Jen O'Brien, Arizona State University**

OUTSTANDING NRHH MEMBER OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Joshua Outman, Kent State University**
 - The NNBD praised the bid for its strong regional and NACURH involvement, showcasing dedication beyond the chapter level. They also highlighted clear connection to NRHH values and the nominee's demonstrated growth through well-defined goals and accomplishments. The balance between service and recognition efforts and a willingness to take on extra responsibilities, underscored the nominee's commitment to NRHH.

NRHH PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Carson Morkovic, North Dakota State University**
 - The bid was praised by the NNBD for its strong regional and NACURH involvement, with clear examples of leadership, service, and recognition at multiple levels. The NNBD highlighted impactful testimonials, a commitment to NRHH values, and an emphasis on fostering connections between RHA and NRHH. The nominee's dedication to service initiatives and encouragement of OTM submissions showcased their alignment with NRHH's mission

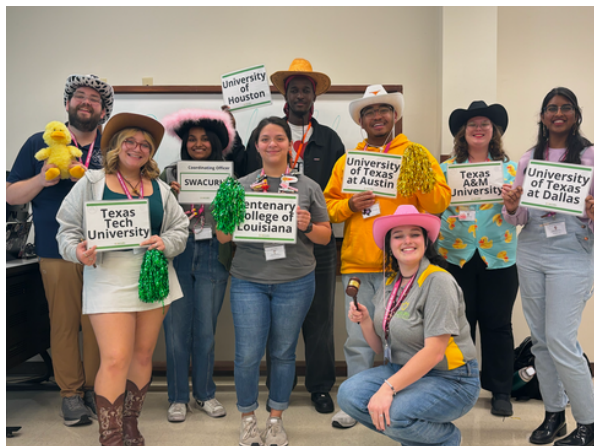
NRHH BUILDING BLOCK OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: University of California, Berkeley**
 - The bid was praised by the NNBD for its clear and intentional goals, supported by detailed explanations of how they were achieved. The NNBD appreciated the leadership initiatives, adaptable programs, and innovative strategies to address challenges, such as preserving institutional knowledge. The emphasis on inclusive and accessible practices, along with strong OTM development through workshops, showcased a thoughtful and impactful approach to NRHH values.

NRHH OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: University of Central Florida**
 - The NNBD praised the bid for its specific and intentional goals, with clear descriptions of how each goal was achieved. The NNBD highlighted the excellent breakdown of executive board roles, committee responsibilities, and membership structure, showcasing strong organization and involvement. The bid demonstrated a clear commitment to recognition and service, with quantifiable accomplishments, innovative tools, and detailed tracking of success.

EXAMPLES OF IMAGE DESCRIPTIONS



Delegates at SWACURH RLC 2024 posing with their placards for a picture.



A delegate posing with their pins at a Regional Leadership Conference.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Only content from 05/27/24 to 04/18/25, with the exception of content included for comparison purposes, will be considered.
- Bids must be created using universal design principles:
 - Body type must be 12 point font, or larger.
 - Bid documents must be 8.5x11 and in portrait format.
 - Text must be placed on solid color backgrounds or in solid color text boxes on decorative backgrounds.
 - Designs must be universally colored
 - Images must have image descriptions
 - Bids must be screen reader accessible
 - All pages counting toward the page limit must have page numbers on them.
- Title page, table of contents page, citation page, and regional letters of support are not included in the page count.
- Bids may not include links or references to materials outside the bid (i.e. embedded audio, animation, video, QR codes, etc.)
- All bids must be submitted in PDF format.
- Themes for any and all bids must be culturally appropriate and aware. Please note that NACURH reserves the right to request edits of any bids that do not meet the aforementioned standards. Consultation is available if there are questions on themes for any bids. Please email bids@nacurh.org for any inquiries.

HAPPY BIDDING!

LOOKING FOR SOME HELP?

We are excited to offer some new opportunities for institutions to learn more about the NACURH award bidding process and engage with members of NACURH Leadership! If you are looking for some insight into the NACURH award bidding process or just want someone to look over a part of your bid to provide some feedback, be sure to stop by!

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

"NACURH Award Selection Insight" Presented by Thomas Winters (IACURH Director)

March 31st: 9PM EST, 8PM CST, 7PM MST, 6PM PST, 4PM HST

"Effectively Conveying Your Topic" Presented by Olivia May (CAACURH ADNRHH)

April 1st: 9PM EST, 8PM CST, 7PM MST, 6PM PST, 4PM HST

"What is a Bid?" Presented by Hannah Leibowitz (NEACURH ADAF)

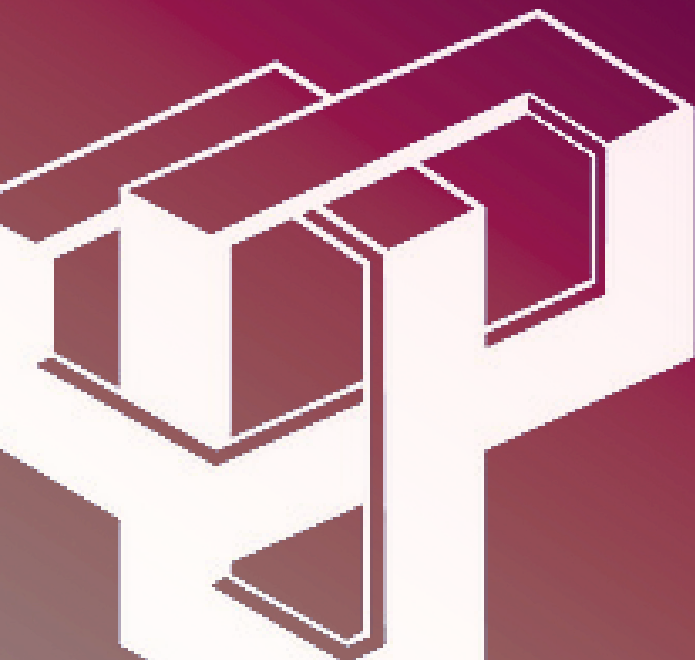
April 3rd: 9PM EST, 8PM CST, 7PM MST, 6PM PST, 4PM HST

"Submitting Awards & Policy Check Reminders" Presented by Lucy Ade (NAN)

April 9th: 9PM EST, 8PM CST, 7PM MST, 6PM PST, 4PM HST

FEEDBACK SESSIONS

April 6th & April 13th: 8PM EST, 7PM CST, 6PM MST, 5PM PST, 3PM HST



Interested in attending? Use the Zoom code below:

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