

Choosing the Appropriate OTM Category

Do you know of a person who made a noteworthy contribution to University Housing that should be recognized? How about an outstanding event that just seemed to go beyond the typical program? However, are you just unsure of which OTM category to select for nomination?

There are ten OTM categories to select from:

- Community
- Community Service Program
- Diversity Program
- Educational Program
- Executive Board Member
- First Year Student
- Professional
- Resident Assistant
- Social Program
- Student

Below are some questions to consider and category eligibility guidelines to follow when scripting a nomination. Please keep in mind that OTMs are month specific – that is, events and contributions must have occurred within a particular month.

Community

Who is eligible? A community is a group of individuals that share a sense of belonging with other members of the group and share experiences that bind them together and make them a mutually identifiable group. Examples of a community include: a residence hall floor, an executive board, an entire residence hall building. The members of the group must be affiliated with University Housing.

Questions to consider:

- What brings the group of people together?
- What positive contributions did this community make to enhance the lives of the group members or those around them?
- How does the community interact with other communities?
- What makes the community different from other communities?

Executive Board Member

Who is eligible? Any resident hall student holding an executive or leadership position in ARH, earthwords, Night Games, or hall government (SHARQ, MAYCO, AD, HA, ...)

Questions to consider:

- How does the nominee contribute to the executive board?
- How has the nominee fulfilled and gone above his/her position responsibilities?
- Has the individual grown as a result of being a part of the executive board?
- What contributions did the nominee make to other campus groups?

First Year Student

Who is eligible? Any first year student who lives in a residence hall and has shown leadership or made an outstanding contribution to University Housing. ARH executives, hall government leaders and RAs are not eligible for this award category.

Questions to consider:

- What outstanding contributions did the individual make to University Housing?
- How has this person impacted the residence halls/campus/community?
- What organization and activities was the individual involved in during the month of nomination?
- How does the student recognize and motivate others?

Professional

Who is eligible? Any University faculty or staff member. The nominee cannot be a RA.

Questions to consider:

- How does the individual interact with residents?
- What contributions did the individual make during the month of the nomination?
- How did the nominee impact the students they worked with?
- What interaction did the nominee have with an on campus government or individual organization??
- What other accomplishments merit recognition of this individual?

Programs

Eligibility:

Community Service: to make some sort of contribution

Diversity: to expose residents to a new idea or environment

Educational: to teach residents something

Social: to provide an opportunity for residents to interact with each other

Questions to consider:

- Is the nomination month specific?
- What made the program unique?
- How was the program creative? If it is not a new program, what new twists were added to make the program different from previous years?
- What lasting effect did the program have on residents?
- How was the community affected by the program?
- What did the students learn from the program?

Resident Assistant

Who is eligible? Any Resident Assistant or Community Assistant.

Questions to consider:

- How well does the nominee work with residents and what impact has he/she had during the month of nomination?
- How has the nominee fulfilled and gone above his/her job responsibility?
- What outstanding contributions has the individual made for the hall they work in?
- Are there any specific projects in support of hall government or committees that they have participated in?
- What other activities does the nominee participate in?
- What difficult situations has the nominee dealt with during the month?

Student

Who is eligible? Any undergraduate student who resides on-campus. RAs and Advisors are not eligible for this award. Executive board members may be nominated if they are recognized for their efforts as a student, not an executive board member.

Questions to consider:

- What outstanding contributions did the individual make to University Housing?
- How has this person impacted the residence halls/campus/community?
- What organization and activities was the individual involved in during the month of nomination?
- How does the student recognize and motivate others?