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award and scholarship opportunities

Top: Jill Yashinsky, 2007 USA New Professional award recipient. Middle: Natasha Lopeke, 2007 Canadian New Professional award recipient. Bottom: 2006 Mid-Level Professional drive-in conference at Oregon State.

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NWACUHO provides funding for various programs on a regional, national, and international level, including scholarships and reduced rates for conferences and professional development activities, publications, committee work, and recognition. The following is a short list of the many initiatives that are supported by NWACUHO monies:

- Reduced member registration rates for the annual NWACUHO regional conference
- Scholarship funding for attendees at the National Housing Training Institute (NHTI)
- Funding for the “Best of the Northwest” program presentation at the ACUHO-I annual conference
- Hosting of the NWACUHO regional reception at the ACUHO-I annual conference
- Funding for publications such as the New Professionals Handbook and The Soundings
- Funding for NWACUHO website hosting, maintenance and upgrades
- Funding for regional, state, and provincial drive-in workshops
- Funding for Standing Committee work
- Scholarship funding for the “Outstanding New Professional” and “Excellence in Service” annual award recipients
- Funding for the Vennie Gore Scholarship Award recipient
- Partial funding for STARS College participants

STARS college scholarship

Purpose
The ACUHO-I STARS College is an educational program for undergraduate students who are interested in a career in housing and residence life. The STARS College is held as a pre-conference workshop at the annual ACUHO-I Conference each summer. STARS provides opportunities for participants to learn more about the field of housing and residence life as well as gain mentoring from experienced professionals in the field.

What is the Scholarship
NWACUHO has funds set aside to assist an individual once they have been accepted into STARS college. These funds come out of the general operating budget of NWACUHO.

Applicants Will be Considered Upon the Following Criteria

- Must have at least one full year of college left after summer of attendance.
- Must have demonstrated significant interest in housing via involvements and/or jobs during time at college.
- Must participate in "Post-STARS" efforts including: future colleges, discussion lists, marketing, possible STARS College staff involvement.
- Must be willing to pay the registration fee (covers: 3 nights double occupancy, registration materials, and STARS College meal package (includes dinner on Thursday, three meals on Friday, and lunch on Saturday), plus transportation costs to the conference site.
- Must be attend and fully participate in the STARS College

All attendees will be chosen through a blind selection process by the STARS selection committee, which is made up of members of the NWACUHO Executive Committee.

nwacuho best of the northwest award

Purpose
The NWACUHO Best of the Northwest award is given to a presenter(s) at the regional conference that has been voted on through the session evaluation process as the most qualified and relevant to be presented at the National ACUHO-I conference.

What is the Award

- ACUHO-I sponsored hotel accommodations
- NWACUHO sponsored registration
- Travel expenses reimbursement

How Many Presenters Receive the Award Each Year
Each year, one program is the recipient of the award. The two programs that are the runners up are recognized.

Criteria used in judging

- Does it represent the region well?
- What is the overall ranking from participant feedback
- Is the topic something new and unique?
- What time slot was it presented in?

The 1st runner up will be notified should the Best of the Northwest is un-able to attend the national conference.

vennie gore scholarship

Purpose
The NWACUHO Vennie Gore Scholarship is designed to make participation in the annual NWACUHO conference possible for graduate students and first-year professionals who are interested in working in housing and residence life. The scholarship is specifically "need based" to allow new professionals to attend whose personal funding or institutional support would normally prohibit participation.

What is the Award
A $500 needs based scholarship toward attendance at the annual regional conference.

How to be considered

- Complete an application form including responses to "essay" questions.
- A letter of support from nominee's supervisor showing support and corroborating candidate's need for financial assistance.
- Nominees must either be from a NWACUHO member institution or hold an individual (paying) membership.
- Recipients will be expected to submit an article to the Spring Soundings, the first publication after the conference.

Criteria used in selection

- Applications will be reviewed through a blind selection process by a sub group of the executive committee using the following criteria:
- Responses to the application questions
- Perceived potential of individual in housing profession
- Stated commitment to profession

nwacuho new professional scholarship

Purpose
The New Professional Award is designed to make participation in the annual NWACUHO conference possible for graduate students and first-year professionals who are interested in working in housing and residence life.

What is the Award
A waiver of the conference fee,
Accommodations (room) during the conference,
Reimbursement of travel expenses up to $300 US. (receipts required)

How Many Scholarships are Available
There are two scholarships available:
One for a Canadian delegate
One for a US delegate

How to be considered
Someone other than yourself must nominate you,
Nominees must either be from a NWACUHO member institution or hold an individual (paying) membership,
Recipients will be expected to present (co-present) a program during the conference as a condition of accepting the scholarship.
Recipients will be expected to submit an article to the Spring ***Soundings***, the first publication after the conference.

Criteria used in judging
Applications will be reviewed through a blind selection process by a sub group of the executive committee.
Applicants will be judged using the following criteria:
Initial letter of nomination
Commitment to profession
Support to home site team
Ability to problem solve and
Potential of individual in profession

Past Award Recipients
2007: Natasha Lopeke and Jill Yashinsky
2006: Liz Hilliard and Angela McKinney
2005: Brigid Brown and Corey Kopp
2004: Kim Davis and Chris Washko
2003: Kim Davidson and Matt Rygg
2002: Amy Akana and Dave Akana
2001: Kyle Mordan and Kyla McLeod
2000: Leslie Barber Howard and Tammy Trick
1999: Tina Veldkamp

national housing training institute (NHTI)

Purpose
Hosted annually by the University of Maryland at College Park, the National Housing Training Institute (NHTI), has accommodated over 600 attendees since the first summer, 1991. The original concept that still holds true today was to establish an intense professional development experience for younger professionals that were 3-5 years in the housing field and looking to continue their career in housing. NHTI provides each participant with the opportunity to meet and interact with other colleagues as well as develop a professional development plan. As the field of college and university housing evolves, the Institute seeks to provide housing professionals with the necessary skills and competencies to meet the current and future demands of the profession.

What is the Award
NWACUHO has set aside $1000 to be split equally to those that are accepted to the program.

Eligibility
Scholarships are available for to attendees who belong to NWACUHO Member institutions.
NWACUHO requires that award winners submit an article for the Fall edition of Soundings and encourages those that attended to share their experience with other new professionals at the subsequent annual conference.

Criteria
Applications will be reviewed through a blind selection process by a sub group of the executive committee. applicants will be judged using the following criteria:

Initial letter of request by attendee
Exhibited personal commitment to professional/ paraprofessional development
Support to home site team
Potential interest of individual in profession

How Many Recipients are awarded the Scholarship
NWACUHO does not determine the acceptance to the program, rather we find out from NHTI who has been selected and then we help offset the costs.
The NHTI Selection Committee will make final participant decisions.

association awards and honors

NWACUHO strives to recognize the achievements of its members through the annual presentation of special awards and scholarships to deserving honorees.

ACUHO-I New Professional Scholarship

Established in 2005, the ACUOHO-I New Professional Scholarship provides up to $1000 U.S. toward registration, hotel, meals, and transportation for the recipient to attend this years ACUHO-I annual conference. This scholarship opportunity is provided to encourage:

- Critical thinking around relevant and important issues in the field
- Professional writing experience and practice
- Involvement in regional and professional organizations
- Innovative and creative approaches to important issues
- Professional development opportunities

The ACUHO-I New Professionals Scholarship opportunity is available to those who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- No more then three years of fulltime experience in the Housing & Residence Life career field. Undergraduate and graduate school experience is not counted in the "three year" limit requirement

Materials required:

- A submitted letter of recommendation from supervisor
- A submitted paper on assigned topic (1-3 pages)
- A submitted letter of interest: Why is the scholarship important to the candidate?

ACUHO-I New Professional Scholarship winners are announced after the NWACUHO annual conference and published in the spring Soundings regional newsletter.

The David B. Stephen Award

The prestigious David B. Stephen Award recognizes a member of NWACUHO who, over their years of service, has provided outstanding contributions to our Association. David B. Stephen served this organization as President, Newsletter Editor, founder of the Northwest Training Institute (NWTI), and in many other capacities during his tenure in the region. Through this award, we wish to honor those who have contributed to NWACUHO in the same spirit.

Recipients include:

2007: Sandy Schoonover
2006: Terri Tower
2004: Michael Eyster
2002: Dave Dettman
2001: Lyle Morse
2000: Phi Campbell
1999: Peter Rosenberg
1998: Geoff Ward
1997: Tina Fuchs
1996: Jerry Kruse
1995: Kay Rich
1994: Mary Risebrough
1993: Mike Segawa
1992: Lauralee Hagen
1991: Chuck Cleveland
1990: David B. Stephen

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award was instituted in 2003 to acknowledge the contributions that individual housing professionals within our region have made as leaders and mentors throughout the course of their careers, whether at NWACUHO member institutions or elsewhere. Nominations are submitted to the NWACUHO past-president and the recipient is chosen through a blind review process by members of the executive board. The award recipient is honored at the annual NWACUHO conference.

Recipients include:

2006: Jerry Kruse
2005: H.P. Barnhart and M. Edward Bryan
2003: Kay Rich

Award for Excellence in Service

The NWACUHO Award for Excellence in Service is designed to acknowledge the ongoing contributions of a professional in the region. The award will be given to a person who has, and continues to be, involved within the region, or whose service has, and continues to, better the region on a national or international level. Nominations are submitted to the NWACUHO past-president and the recipient is chosen through a blind review process by members of the executive board. The award recipient is honored at the annual NWACUHO conference.

Recipients include:

2005: Lyle Morse
2004: Dave Dettman
2002: Vennie Gore
2001: LA Amburgy

for more award information

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