**GHO 2016 Award Nomination Form**

**Award Descriptions and Criteria:**

**Excellence in Housing Award**

This award will be given to an individual who is currently employed as a housing/residence life professional at a college or university within the state of Georgia, and has served in housing or residence life throughout their career. This person should demonstrate a successful career in housing through their dedication to their position; their ability to positively impact the lives of students and staff; and their significant contributions to the local institution and housing profession through service at the state, regional, and/or national levels.

**Outstanding Professional Award**

The nominee for this award should have served for four or more years to housing or residence life. This award will recognize the individual’s outstanding contribution to housing or residence life though their ability to positively impact the professional and personal development of students and staff; their significant contributions to the local institution demonstrated by research, innovative programs or services, or a related activity which is above and beyond their normal position expectations; and their active, contributing membership and service to the profession through service at the state, regional, and/or national levels.

**Vickie Hawkins Outstanding New Professional Award**

This award is to be presented to a new professional in housing or residence life who is within his or her first three years of full-time, professional housing or residence life employment. The nominee should demonstrate outstanding performance to his or her campus and profession as well as exhibit potential for a successful career in housing or residence life.

**Graduate Assistant Award of Excellence**

This award recognizes a graduate assistant in housing or residence life that has made a significant contribution to the residence hall students and the housing organization at a GHO-member institution.

**Georgia Gee Whiz Award**

This award will recognize and honor excellence for an innovative program, project, or service sponsored by a housing or residence life department during the past year. The nominated program or initiative will demonstrate improvement in the quality of life for students, the efficiency in the department, and/or the effectiveness in service delivery. Contribution to

**Contribution to Campus Award**

This award recognizes a housing/residence life staff member who has provided meritorious service to their institution by supporting its goal of serving students beyond their departmental job responsibilities. This can include collaborative projects, committee work, and other efforts that promote a supportive learning environment. This staff member should demonstrate support to other campus departments, activities, and staff members at their institution.

**Outstanding Support Staff Member Award**

This award will be presented to an individual who is employed in a support role, either in his or her institution’s housing organization, or in another department that regularly provides support to the housing organization. This person will, in some capacity, demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that students at his/her institution are residing in halls that are comfortable, well maintained, affordable, and secure, all while providing great customer service.

**Nominee Information:**

For which award is this person/program being nominated for?

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| Nominee:   | Nominator:   |
| Address:   | Address:   |
| Email address:   | Email address:   |
| Institution:   | Institution:   |
| Position title:   | Position title:   |
| Nominee’s years of full-time experience in Housing and Residence Life (if graduate experience is applicable, please list separately):   | Date nomination submitted:   |

On a separate page, please outline how the nominee demonstrates the award criteria, listing specific areas in which the nominated individual or program/service excelled. You may also submit supplemental letters of support, resumes, and program materials.

The deadline for all award nominations is **September 23rd, 2016 by midnight**.  Please email this completed nomination form, along with any other supplemental information, to Natalie Reckard, GHO Awards and Recognition Chair, at nreckard@kennesaw.edu.