

HALLS AWARDS 2026

Nominations Guide

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Who and how can I nominate?

You can nominate students who have made a difference to your year in University accommodation - for any reason, big or small

Please remember:

- You can only nominate students for these awards
- There are three categories of awards:
 - **Residence Life Social Committees (RLSC) Awards**
 - **Residence Life Assistants (RLA) Awards**
 - **Awards for All Halls Students**
- Some awards are for individuals, while others recognise teams
- **Staff Shout-Outs:** While these awards are for students, you'll also have the opportunity to give staff members a shout-out

How do I nominate?

Submit your nomination by completing the Microsoft Form: [Nomination Form](#)

All nominations are based on the **Residence Life Framework**, which empowers students to grow, gain independence, and become engaged, socially responsible members of the community.

Community: Students will thrive in an inclusive environment that encourages meaningful connection, mutual respect, and a shared sense of belonging. Through active participation, they will help create a supportive and engaged community.

Identity: Students will have the opportunity to explore who they are, develop their sense of self, and define their personal values. They will gain confidence in their identity and purpose.

Life Skills: Students will gain the knowledge, resilience, and abilities needed to manage everyday responsibilities and overcome challenges. By developing independence and adaptability, they will be well-equipped to navigate life beyond halls.

Responsibility: Students will recognize their role in shaping their community. Through accountability and awareness, they will develop a strong sense of ethics and social responsibility.

Residence Life Social Committee Awards

Residence Life Social Committee (RLSC) Awards recognise Social Committees and individual members who enhance halls life by planning events, bringing residents together, and strengthening community spirit.

1. **Best Social Committee:** Awarded to the Social Committee, whose collaborative efforts have consistently brought residents together through popular, diverse and engaging events that celebrate **community** spirit and foster a **shared sense of identity**.
Group Award.
2. **Event of the Year:** Awarded to the Social Committee, who delivered a high-quality event that was enthusiastically received and demonstrated strong **life skills** such as organisation, teamwork, communication, and effective event management.
Group Award.
3. **Student Leadership Award:** Recognising the Social Committee member who has shown exceptional leadership – guiding and supporting their team with clarity, care and purpose. This individual listens deeply to the needs of their hall’s community and demonstrates a strong sense of **responsibility**, consistently taking initiative and approaching challenges with thoughtful, proactive problem solving. *Individual Award.*
4. **Inclusive Community Award:** Awarded to the Social Committee or committee member who has made exceptional efforts to remove barriers to inclusion, engage the full diversity of the student body, and strengthen a **shared sense of identity** within their residence. *Group Award.*
5. **Exceptional Member of the Year:** Celebrating the Social Committee member whose exceptional commitment has made the greatest positive impact on their residence community. An unsung hero, they devote significant time and effort in their role, strengthening the **sense of belonging** and support within their hall. *Individual Award.*
6. **Up & Active Award:** Awarded to the Social Committee who have built a strong culture of activity, wellbeing, and sport in their residence, while demonstrating key life skills such as understanding personal wellbeing and motivating others to get involved.
Group Award.

Residence Life Assistants Awards

Celebrating Residence Life Assistant who demonstrate care, responsibility, and commitment to supporting students and building strong hall communities.

1. **Exceptional RLA of the Year:** Celebrating the RLA who has upheld a high standard of work throughout the year and made a meaningful, positive impact on students in their halls, strengthening the sense of community within the residence. *Individual Award.*
2. **RLA Team of the Year:** Recognising the RLA team that exceeded expectations, working tirelessly and professionally to support their students and demonstrating a strong sense of responsibility and care to their hall's community. *Group Award.*
3. **Rising Star:** Awarded to the RLA who has shown strong professional growth in their first year. This RLA has supported their community by helping residents develop key life skills and a sense of responsibility within their halls. *Individual Award.*
4. **Contribution to Student Wellbeing:** Recognising an RLA or RLA team who has shown exceptional commitment to supporting the welfare of their fellow students and demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility in their hall's community. *Individual Award/Group Award*

Halls Hero Awards

The Halls Hero Award recognises the students who make life in halls better every day. Any student living in halls can be nominated!

It celebrates the flatmates whose actions help others feel supported, included, at home.

This award recognises students who strengthen their halls community by:

- Building **life skills**
- Encouraging **social responsibility**
- Helping shape a **shared sense of identity**

Whether it's checking in on others, bringing people together, or simply being someone others can rely on, Halls Heroes are the people who make halls feel like home.

Staff Shout-Outs

At the end of the nomination form, you'll also have the opportunity to give a **Staff Shout-Out**.

This is your chance to recognise **Residence Life staff, accommodation teams, or other halls** staff who have made a positive impact on your experience.

They are a meaningful way to say thank you and celebrate the staff who go above and beyond.

How to Write a Great Nomination

To nominate someone, complete the [Halls Awards 2026 Nomination Form](#).

You can access the form via the link provided or through the Residence Life or LUU websites: [Nomination Form](#)

You'll be asked to explain why you are nominating this person or team. Nominations can be any length — the most important thing is explaining **what** they did and the **impact** it had on your experience in halls.

How are nominations judged?

Winning nominations are selected based on:

- How well the nomination reflects the award category description
- The range and depth of examples provided
- The impact demonstrated on individuals, the community, or halls life

What makes a strong nomination?

Stronger nominations:

- Give specific examples of what the person or team did
- Explain how their actions made a difference
- Show ongoing effort, commitment, or leadership

Weaker nominations:

- Are very short or vague
- Use general praise without examples (e.g. “they’re really nice” or “they’re amazing”)

Examples of Previous Nominations

Nomination examples below are categorised into “**Stronger**” and “**Weaker**” examples, where the “Stronger” examples provide more information and more accurately convey why someone deserves the award they’ve been nominated for.

Best Social Committee (RLSC)

Stronger Nomination: “[Residence] social committee is always planning to come up with new, innovative, and interactive events for its residents. The committee meets weekly to discuss our progress, suggest ideas for new events, and make sure the events run smoothly. It has run events for many major holidays, including Christmas, Lunar New Year, Women's Day etc. The events have been successful and are run smoothly. The committee members are enthusiastic about their work and are always willing to take suggestions from the residents themselves about what they would like. The social media page of the [Residence] social committee is also active, with posters, stories, and post-event pictures from event.”

Weaker Nomination: “Very social and engaging residents in all social activities”

Exceptional Member of the Year (RLSC)

Stronger Nomination: “[NAME] has been a dedicated member of the social committee, helping to organise various events throughout the year and giving hours of her time despite her already very busy schedule to improve the lives of everyone in the accommodation. She has approached every challenge with determination and perseverance, and greets everyone she comes across with a smile.”

Student Leadership Award (RLSC)

Stronger Nomination: “[NAME] is an excellent leader in terms of her ability to lead, plan and direct events. Furthermore, she communicates to the residents, when a resident had an issue with one of the Christmas gift bags the RLSC was issuing she went out of her way to connect with me to see what went wrong. She always listens and adapts to feedback as well.”

Weaker Nomination: “[NAME] is a good leader and does a great job running events.”

Exceptional RLA of the Year (RLA)

Stronger Nomination: “[NAME] went above and beyond to make sure that I felt happy and cared for in Charles Morris. Especially in the first semester when I was new to Leeds and didn't really have many people to talk to. When I was having issues with my flatmates, he took the time to hear out my concerns and offered many helpful suggestions. He even followed up the next time he was on duty to make sure I was feeling better and doing okay. Knowing I had someone that I could rely on who genuinely cared enough to follow up with me a week later is what really made all the difference. This is why i think he'd be the perfect person to win this award to recognise the amount of time and effort he puts into doing his job well.”

Rising Star (RLA)

Stronger Nomination: “[NAME] has shown incredible commitment and growth in her role as an RLA this year. From the start, she has been approachable, supportive, and proactive in helping residents settle into halls. She consistently checks in on students, responds quickly to concerns, and goes above and beyond during duty shifts to make residents feel safe and supported. Her positive attitude, reliability, and willingness to learn have already made a noticeable difference to the halls community, making her a true rising star.”

Weaker Nomination: “[NAME] is a very friendly RLA and she works so hard at her job but still manages to make us smile as residents”

Halls Hero Award (Anyone in Halls is eligible)

Stronger Nomination: “I am thrilled to nominate [NAME] for the Halls Hero award for his outstanding contributions to the welfare of the residents at Sentinel Towers. He has been a constant presence in the accommodation, always greeting people with a friendly face, and helping connect and socialize everyone. He has made it a point to ensure that no one feels left out. In addition, [NAME] has been instrumental in arranging potluck dinners with friends while ensuring clean and noise-controlled gatherings. He has also put together safe and small birthday parties for his friends around the accommodation, making them feel special on their special day. He has, in this way, helped me get out of my bubble and gain great friendships.”

Weaker Nomination: “They're amazing at everything”