UConn

4-H

Volunteer Award

Nomination Packet
2021 UConn 4-H Volunteer Awards

All Award Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by January 5th. All nomination forms are included in this packet. Each county will be responsible for submitting nominations for the six awards included in this packet.

State Awards
Each year outstanding 4-H volunteers are selected to receive recognition for their contributions to the University of Connecticut 4-H Program. Award categories include:

4-H Leadership Award – This award recognizes individuals providing leadership to organized clubs. Selection is based on:
Development of unique programs and/or leadership approaches
Involvement of youth in planning and implementing 4-H activities
Involvement of youth in community service activities
Growth exhibited by the individual in their leadership skill and skill in involving youth in the 4-H Program

Meritorious Service to 4-H Award - The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals and/or organizations who have supported the 4-H program in roles other than direct leadership. Those considered could be recognized for their role as committee persons, donors, board members, resource developers, etc.

State 4-H Alumni Award - The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who were active in the 4-H program as members and have continued their commitment to the program into adulthood. Selection is based on:
Major accomplishments of individual’s 4-H career
Individual’s present citizenship/leadership qualities as exemplified in present 4-H, civic, community, school, church, public service and other related activities denoting concern for the welfare of others
Career accomplishments
Evidence of the influence of 4-H training in individual’s life and their continuing commitment to 4-H

Three volunteers will be selected from the pool of nominations to receive recognition in March/April as part of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resource Awards Program.

National Awards

Salute to Excellence Award - Each year state 4-H programs are invited to nominate two outstanding individual volunteers – one in each of two categories:

- The Lifetime Volunteer Award is given to an individual who has spent 10 or more years volunteering for 4-H
• The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who has volunteered for 4-H less than 10 years.

Each region will have its own Outstanding Lifetime 4-H Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year. The eight regional winners become nominees for the national award, and one volunteer from each category will be named the national winner.

Application materials must be submitted by a nominator to the nominee’s State 4-H Office. Each state office will select one nominee for each category from its pool of nominations to be submitted for the regional award.

Each completed application must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be written by a 4-H staff member, 4-H youth participant, another volunteer, or a parent/guardian.

Timeline for State Selection Process:
• Each county will submit at least one nomination for each of the Salute to Excellence Awards by the January 5th nomination deadline.
• A summary nomination form has been provided in this packet. The selection panel will choose the state winners from the nomination summary form. Once the state winner has been selected the county educator for the winner will put together the remaining requirements for the national application.

National 4-H Hall of Fame – As part of the 4-H Centennial (2002), the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters entered into a partnership to create the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The purpose of the National 4-H Hall of Fame is to recognize and celebrate 4-H volunteers, faculty and staff, pioneers, donors and others who made a significant impact on 4-H at the local, state and/or national levels.

Guidelines:
1. Land-grant colleges and universities may nominate one candidate per year.
2. NAE4-HA, National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters (founding partners) may nominate up to three candidates per year. Nominations are sent as an email attachment to the National 4-H Hall of Fame chair. The nomination includes a brief biography (limited to a one-page MS Word document with margins of no less than .5” all around written in a font no smaller than 12 point. Do not include photographs. The nomination also includes a signature page that includes the names and contact information of the nominator and State 4-H Program Leader. (Nominations by founding partners required the signature of the president or program director).
Laureate Qualifications:
1. 4-H volunteers, extension professional or staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc. to the 4-H program and/or 4-H members
2. Professionals of 4-H/Cooperative Extension, Federal Extension System or National 4-H Council including those with 4-H or Extension administrative responsibilities will not be considered until three years following retirement. The three-year rule also applies to deceased employees.
3. Unsuccessful candidates must be re-nominated for future consideration.

Criteria:
1. Citizenship as exemplified by participation in civic, community, state, regional and national public service related activities evidencing concern for the welfare of others, especially as related to 4-H.
2. Leadership as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H.
3. Career Accomplishments as exemplified by accomplishments and success in his/her chosen career and as a mentor or role model.
4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement (if a 4-H alumni or volunteer) in the nominee’s life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H.
5. Other beneficial information that would be helpful to the Selection Committee.

Timeline for State Selection Process:
- Each county will submit at least one nomination by the January 5th nomination deadline.
- A summary nomination form has been provided in this packet. The selection panel will choose the state winner from the nomination summary form. Once the state winner has been selected the county educator for the winner will put together the remaining requirements for the national application.
Nomination:  University of Connecticut 4-H Leadership Award

Name of Nominee:___________________________________________________________

Name as it should appear on award:___________________________________________

Nominee’s Address:_____________________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Email:______________________________________________________________

Nominated By:______________________________________________________________________

Please review the following criteria and write a narrative statement about the individual nominated for the Connecticut 4-H Leadership Award. In your statement be specific as to what the nominee has accomplished, the number of young people involved and the resulting leadership and citizenship development, in youth, from his/her efforts. This award is to recognize individuals providing leadership to organized clubs.

1. Indicate how the nominee has developed unique programs and/or leadership approaches.
2. Indicate how the nominee involves youth in planning and implementing 4-H activities.
3. Indicate how the nominee involves youth in community service activities.
4. Indicate how the nominee has grown in their leadership skill and skill in involving youth in the 4-H program.
5. Make any additional statements you feel will illustrate why this individual should be selected for a Connecticut 4-H Leadership Award.

Nominations must be limited to four type-written, double-spaced pages completed by one or more persons and/or groups.
Nomination: **University of Connecticut Meritorious Service to 4-H Award**

Name of Nominee: __________________________________________________

Name as it should appear on award:_____________________________________

Nominee’s Address:_____________________________________________________

Nominee’s Email:_______________________________________________________

Number of Years of Service: ___________________________________________

Nominated By: ________________________________________________________

Purpose: To recognize individuals and/or organizations who have supported the 4-H program in roles other than direct leadership. Those considered could be recognized for their role as committee persons, donors, board members, resource developers, etc.

Please review the following criteria and write a narrative statement about the individual/organization nominated for the Connecticut Meritorious Service to 4-H Award. For your statement be specific as to what the nominee has contributed, the benefits of this contribution to the 4-H program and the benefits of this contribution to youth in Connecticut.

1. Indicate the size, scope and significance of the nominee’s contribution to the Connecticut 4-H Program in their volunteer role.
2. Indicate how the nominee involves others in their project and/or projects.
3. Identify new resources accrued by the nominee’s efforts.
4. Make any additional statements you feel will illustrate why this volunteer should be selected to receive a Connecticut Meritorious Service to 4-H Award.

Nominations are limited to four double-spaced, typed-written pages completed by one or more persons and/or groups.
Nomination:  **University of Connecticut 4-H Alumni Award**

Name of Nominee:___________________________________________________________

Name as it should appear on award:____________________________________________

Nominee’s Address:________________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Email:_________________________________________________________________

Nominated By:____________________________________________________________________

The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who were active in the 4-H program as members and have continued their commitment to the program into adulthood.

Please review the following criteria and write a narrative statement about the individual nominated for the State 4-H Alumni Award. For your statement be specific as to what the nominee accomplished as a 4-H member, their current 4-H involvement and how 4-H has impacted their life.

1. Please site major accomplishments of individual’s 4-H career including leadership and citizenship roles.
2. Individual’s present citizenship/leadership qualities as exemplified in present 4-H, civic, community, school, church, public service and other related activities denoting concern for the welfare of others.
3. Please site career accomplishments and successes in chosen profession.
4. Please site evidence of the influence of 4-H training in nominee’s life and his or her continuing commitment to 4-H and its ideals.

Nominations are limited to four double-spaced, typed-written pages completed by one or more persons and/or groups.
Nomination:  Salute to Excellence Lifetime Volunteer Award

Name of Nominee:__________________________________________________________

Name as it should appear on award:___________________________________________

Nominee’s Address:__________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Email:_____________________________________________________________

Nominated By:______________________________________________________________

The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award (OLV) is for current or former 4-H volunteers who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, district or state level.

Please provide a single-spaced, one-page summary of why the nominee deserves this award. Please consider the following criteria:

Evidence of a positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth:

Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision-making, problem-solving, meeting challenges, and mastery.

Nominee’s dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.

Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program:

Nominee’s innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.

Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.

Nominee’s innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.

Personal attributes:

Evidence of professional attitude, character, and morals.

Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer (that you have observed).
Nomination: **Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year Award**

Name of Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Name as it should appear on award: ____________________________________________

Nominee’s Address: __________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Email: ____________________________________________________________

Nominated By: ______________________________________________________________

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* (VOY) is for currently serving 4-H volunteers who have served as 4-H volunteers **less than 10 years** at the local, county, district or state level.

Please provide a single-spaced, one-page summary of why the nominee deserves this award. Please consider the following criteria:

Evidence of a positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth:

Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision-making, problem-solving, meeting challenges, and mastery.

Nominee’s dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.

Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program:

Nominee’s innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.

Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.

Nominee’s innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.

Personal attributes:

Evidence of professional attitude, character, and morals

Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer (that you have observed).
Nomination: National 4-H Hall of Fame Award

Name of Nominee:___________________________________________________________

Name as it should appear on award:__________________________________________

Nominee’s Address:_________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Email:____________________________________________________________

Nominated By:______________________________________________________________

Please provide a single-spaced, one-page summary of why the nominee deserves this award. Please consider the following criteria:

Laureate Qualifications:
- 4-H volunteers, extension professional or staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc. to the 4-H program and/or 4-H members
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