

NATIONAL 4-H
SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE 2012
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM

The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

In 2012, eight regional honorees will be selected. Each region will have its own *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer* and *Volunteer of the Year*. The eight regional winners become nominees for the national award, and one volunteer in each category will be named the national winner.

Selection Criteria

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

2. The *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award* is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the local, county, district or state level.

3. A completed nomination will consist of the Information Form(see below) and three (3) letters of recommendation.

4. Nominations/letters of recommendation must address the following selection criteria:

- Positive impact the nominee has had on 4-H and on 4-H youth
- Nominee's ability to work with young people on projects and activities in a way that promotes decision-making, problem-solving, meeting challenges, mastery and youth/adult partnerships
- Nominee's innovative approaches to engaging youth and increasing diversity among participants
- How nominee exemplifies a "mentor-learner" relationship with participants
- Dedication to a safe and inclusive environment
- How nominee models character and professional behavior when interacting with participants, families, and community partners

- Nominee's innovative approaches to performing volunteer service
- Increased funding/resources/new initiatives generated by nominee
- Recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer (that you have observed)
- Letter writers should be aware of the scorecard and address the relevant points in developing their documents.

Information Form to be included with letters of recommendation:

This person is nominated for the:

Volunteer of the Year Award

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award

Nominee Contact Information

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Work or Mobile Phone

Email Address

How many years has this person served as a 4-H volunteer? ____ years

Nominator Contact Information

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Work or Mobile Phone

Email Address