



Salute to Excellence Awards

Nomination Form



New in 2012! Ohio 4-H will honor two volunteers with the *Volunteer of the Year Award* and the *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award*. The recipient in each category will be the nominee to compete in the North Central Region for the National 4-H Salute to Excellence *Volunteer of the Year Award* and the *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award*. Nominations are due December 1, 2011.

I. 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 county or state level.
2. The *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award* is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the county or state level.
3. A completed nomination will consist of an overview resume of the applicant's 4-H and relevant community volunteer experiences and three (3) letters of recommendation. A template for the resume is provided and should be followed in developing the nomination packet. A packet missing any of the four components is eliminated.
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 (Positive Youth Development opportunities)
 - 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)

II. Application Guidelines

1. One nominee will be chosen for each award.
2. 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. **Letters should be no longer than 2 pages in length, in 12-point font with 1-inch margins.**

III. Award Information

1. Winners will be announced at the beginning of January 2012.
2. Each award recipient will receive a personal invitation for themselves and a guest to attend the Bob Evans Farms Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon directly from the State 4-H Office in early February. During the luncheon, held on March 10, 2012 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, each award recipient will receive a plaque and are eligible for a \$100 reduction in registration fees for the 2012 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum.

IV. Nominee Information

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Phone:

County:

Year of 4-H Service (as of 1/1/2012):

V. Nominator Information

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Signature of Extension Professional:

Date:

Signature Nominator:

Date:

Signature of Nominee:

Date:

Nominations are due to Vicki Schwartz by **December 1, 2011**.

Send Nomination to: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
Vicki Schwartz
2201 Fred Taylor Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Or, email them to: Schwartz.4@cfaes.osu.edu

Or, fax them to: 614.292.5937

4-H VOLUNTEER RESUME
(Limited to two pages, front only)

Name:

4-H Youth Experience: (years as a member, projects, very brief highlights of leadership or exemplary awards)

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Community 4-H Club or Other Local 4-H Roles: (Summary of years, roles & organizations)

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County 4-H Leadership Roles: (Summary of years, roles & organizations)

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State/District 4-H Leadership Roles: (Summary of years, roles & organizations)

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4-H Resource/Fundraising/New Initiatives Roles:

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Other Community Service Projects/Volunteer Roles (non 4-H):

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Current Professional Position/Homemaker/ (if retired, use last job information)(informational purposes only)