

**2021 Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award**

The Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award is presented annually to the Ohio 4-H educator who has demonstrated exceptional achievement. The nominee must have made a major contribution to 4-H programs with new and innovative offerings or an effort that improves existing programs. The long-range impact and broader use (beyond county level) of programming will be considered. Selection will be based on overall accomplishment in these eight elements of their county program:

- Membership
- Volunteers
- Curriculum
- Program evaluation
- Older youth
- Program Promotion
- Funding
- Member Recognition

Any county 4-H Extension Educator giving leadership to 4-H programs may be nominated by a colleague. Nominations will be considered for up to three years, with the nominee updating their application materials annually. Nominations are due by October 8 at midnight. Nominees will be notified and their applications are due by midnight on November 1. The award winner will be announced at the OSU Extension Annual Conference held in December and will receive a personal memento and \$1000 cash award. Funding for the award is provided by the Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Fund. It is named for Dr. Lifer, former Ohio 4-H state program leader, for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievement by 4-H educators.

The nomination form is at [Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award Nomination](#).

**Previous Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award Recipients**

1985 Chuck Bell, Muskingum	2003 Nicola Eyre, Highland
1986 Scott Kleon, Pickaway	2004 Carolyn Wilson, Guernsey
1987 Bob Cripe, Clinton	2005 Betty Wingerter, Montgomery
1988 Dale Blackledge, Licking	2006 Vicki Reed, Muskingum
1989 Paul ZumFelde, Fulton	2007 Sarah Jane Lindsey, Coshocton
1990 Tom Archer, Shelby	2008 Patty House, Clark
1991 Cindy Lattner, Tuscarawas	2009 Sherry A. Nickles, Wayne
1992 Carla Hague, Lucas	2010 David Crawford, Stark
1993 Mary Lee Lofland, Portage	2011 Kathleen E. Booher, Ottawa
1994 Jayne Roth, Wood	2012 James L. Jordan, Williams
1995 Lucinda Miller, Pike	2013 Bruce P. Zimmer, Monroe
1996 Rebecca Cropper, Brown	2014 Jason A. Hedrick, Putnam
1997 Susan Rhinehart, Hancock	2015 Christine Leeds, Union
1998 Vicki Schwartz, Washington	2016 Jill Stechschulte, Fulton
1999 Fred Deel, Gallia	2017 Mark Light, Hardin
2000 Judy Villard, Richland	2018 Lisa McCutcheon, Licking
2001 Ken Lafontaine, Allen	2019 Nate Arnett, Adventure Central
2002 Julie Dalzell, Butler	2020 Beth Boomershine, Franklin

