Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame Award Criteria

Background and Purpose

The Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame was initiated in 1977 during the 75th anniversary of 4-H with the enshrinement of Mr. A.B. Graham, founder of 4-H in Ohio, and the living charter members of the first 4-H club. The purpose of the 4-H Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals who have made significant lifetime contributions of service to the 4-H program and who have also made an important positive impact upon clubs, communities, and the state 4-H program.

No more than three individuals are selected by the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame award committee to be inducted into the Hall of Fame each year; with no more than one of these awards to be posthumous.

Selection Procedures and Criteria

All active or retired adult 4-H volunteers who have a recommended 15 years or more of 4-H volunteer service are eligible to be nominated for the 4-H Hall of Fame award. Current Ohio State University (OSU) Extension employees are ineligible for the award.

Information to be included in the application:

Nominations for the award may be made by 4-H Professionals or 4-H Volunteers. Nominations made by volunteers must have the approval of the county 4-H Professional.

1. Completed nomination forms must be submitted by December 1.
2. **Attach two letters of recommendation/support from two additional sources other than the nominator:**
    a. **Current 4-H member or 4-H Alumni**
    b. **Current or former 4-H Volunteer**
    c. **Community leader**

Qualifications to be Nominated

- The candidate has made long-term contributions to the 4-H program beyond the county level.
- The candidate has made important positive impacts on youth and adults in local clubs, our communities, our state, and our world.

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NOTE: It is the responsibility of the person or group nominating the candidate to provide documentation of the following personal information: name, address, phone number, outstanding personal traits, etc. If the nominee is deceased, include the date of death, family contact person along with their mailing address, email address, and phone number.

The Award and Its Presentation

An "Award Announcement Letter" listing the award recipients, will be sent to County Extension Offices in early February. Extension professionals can then personally notify award recipients.

Award recipients will receive personal invitations to the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon directly from the State 4-H Office in early February.

Inductees and/or their families will be recognized and formally inducted into the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame at the annual Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus. A summary of his or her contributions, impact, and accomplishments will be publicly recognized at the luncheon. In addition, statewide publicity will be provided for the individuals being recognized. Later in the year, the portraits will be permanently displayed in the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame at Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus on The Ohio State University campus.

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Due: December 1

NOTE: Two letters of recommendation are required.
If the nominee is deceased, complete additional information on the following page.

Nominee's Name:

Address: Phone:

City: State: Zip:

County: Email:

Approximate years of active volunteer service to 4-H:

Nominator's Name:

Address: Phone:

City: State: Zip:

County: Email:

Organization:

I certify that the statements contained herein are true and accurate:

Nominator's Signature (other than nominee): _____

Once the application is submitted, the county 4-H professional will be notified to approve this nomination.

Send or e-mail nominations to:

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
Amy Barr
2201 Fred Taylor Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43210
barr.91@osu.edu

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Complete this section ONLY if nominee is deceased

Date Deceased:

Family Contact Person's Name:

Relationship to Nominee (son, daughter, spouse, etc.):

Phone: County:

Address: Email:

City: State: Zip:

In approximately 300 words or less each response, please address the following:

1. Explain long-term contributions candidate has made to Ohio 4-H on the club, county, local, regional, and state level. Explain the significance of these contributions.

2. Explain the positive impact the candidate has made upon youth and adults in local 4-H groups.

3. List 4-H and /or community committees, boards, etc. of which the nominee was/is a member and office held, as well as other contributions through his or her community.