

## Meritorious Service Award Criteria

### Description

This award recognizes 4-H volunteers for a lifetime of meritorious service.

### Nomination and Selection Criteria

All current adult 4-H volunteers are eligible who: 1) at the time application for the award is made, have at least 15 years of adult volunteer service to 4-H; 2) have a wide range of service and contributions to 4-H on the club, county, district, state or national level; 3) serve as a positive influence in the lives of 4-H members in Ohio; and 4) have not previously received the award.

Up to four recipients will be selected statewide and will be presented with their award at the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon which is part of the Ohio 4-H Conference.

### Information to be included in application

1. Attach three typed narratives, approximately 300 words or less each, that address the following:
  - a. Describe the accomplishments of this nominee over the lifetime of their service to 4-H.
  - b. Describe the impact on the lives of 4-H members and on the 4-H organization beyond their local club.
  - c. Describe what is different, special or unique about this volunteer that sets them apart from others.
2. List all 4-H committees and boards with which they have been involved.  
*Note: No additional pages of information, photos, and/or news clippings should be included. The application is limited to a maximum of 4-pages single-sided (not including references).*
3. Attach two letters of reference, representing two of the following groups:
  - a. Current 4-H members
  - b. Former 4-H members
  - c. Community leaders

### Award and Presentation Details

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

All award recipients will receive personal invitations to the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon directly from the State 4-H Office in early February. Each award recipient will receive a plaque during the luncheon to be held on March 9, 2019 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

**Meritorious Service Award**  
**2018-2019 Application Cover Sheet**

**Due: December 1, 2018**

Name of Nominee:

Address:

County:

City/state/zip code:

Email:

Phone:

Has nominee received this award before?

Is nominee currently involved in Ohio 4-H?

If yes, what type of involvement (e.g. club leader, school volunteer, etc.)?

Years of 4-H volunteer work:

Name of Nominator:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	County:
Email:	Phone:

Signature of Extension Professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

County:

**Send or email nominations to:**

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center  
Allen Auck, Room 318  
2201 Fred Taylor Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43210  
auck.1@osu.edu



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- b. Describe the impact on the lives of 4-H members and on the 4-H organization beyond their local club.

- c. Describe what is different, special or unique about this volunteer that sets them apart from others.

2. List all committees, and boards with which this individual has been involved.