

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 current and former adult 4-H volunteers 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.

Nominations for the award may be made by anyone affiliated with OSU Extension. To nominate someone for this award, OSU Extension affiliates need to submit a completed "Hall of Fame" award nomination form directly to the State 4-H Office by December 1. **Two letters of recommendation from current a 4-H member, former 4-H member or community leader must be included.**

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, birthdate, birthplace, 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.

Weighted Criteria

- 1) 15% on long-term contributions to Ohio 4-H made by the candidate to the 4-H program on a statewide basis;
- 2) 30% on the important positive impact the candidate has made upon youth and adults in local clubs or groups as a result of his or her 4-H work;
- 3) 35% on the important positive impact the candidate has made upon youth and adults in communities as a result of his or her 4-H work; and
- 4) 20% on important positive impact the candidate has made upon youth and adults throughout Ohio.

Up to three Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame winners (with no more than one being posthumous) will be selected by a State Awards Selection Committee.

The Award and Its Presentation

The Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame Award announcement letters will be sent to County 4-H Offices in early January so that Extension professionals can notify winners and/or their families personally.

The State 4-H Office will then follow up with a letter to the contact person listed on the application by February 1.

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.

Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame Award

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:
Date of Birth: Place Born (City/State):

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): _____

I have reviewed this application and recommend this individual be considered for induction

Signed: _____
(Extension Professional's Signature)

Send or email nominations by December 1 to:
Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
Allen Auck, Room 318
2201 Fred Taylor Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43210
auck.1@osu.edu



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:

Please answer the following four questions while staying under a 350-word limit per question.

1. Explain long-term contributions candidate has made statewide to Ohio 4-H and the significance of these contributions.

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

3. Explain positive impact candidate has made in their community and throughout Ohio as a result of his or her 4-H work.

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