



# Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination

In recognition of the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial, an inaugural 4-H Hall of Fame was started in 2014. The 4-H Hall of Fame provides statewide recognition for individuals and external organizations with significant contributions to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program on every level, preserve Wisconsin 4-H history and development, and has the potential to increase awareness of the 4-H Youth Development program. Potential recipients include 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders and retired Cooperative Extension and UW Madison Extension staff.

## Implementation Framework

<b>Number of Recipients</b>	Approximately 5-10 honorees selected per year
<b>Nomination Process</b>	Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination for consideration. Nominations due <b>January 15, 2025</b> .
<b>Selection Process</b>	Selections made by state level committee based on submitted nominations (signature of UW-Madison Extension staff person required on the nomination signature page)
<b>Selection</b>	Nominator must electronically submit photo and 250 word bio describing the honoree's qualifications.
<b>Recognition</b>	Recognition at the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Celebration in April 2025. Wisconsin 4-H may share the contact information of the nominee and the nominator with local media.

## Guidelines

- The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame will use criteria similar to the National 4-H Hall of Fame.
- Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination to the state selection committee.
- All nominations must include the signature of a current or former UW-Madison Extension staff person.
- Complete nominations include: 1. the nomination cover page 2. nomination signature page 3. one-page Microsoft Word document outlining nominee's qualifications based on the 4-H Hall of Fame criteria 4. a digital head and shoulder photograph 5. a brief summary of the Word Document to be used as a biography in the Hall of Fame Publications (no more than 250 words) .
- UW-Extension staff members must be retired for three or more years before being eligible for nomination.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated for future consideration. *The criteria document should be revised to increase possibility of being selected.*

## Honoree Qualifications

4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and retired UW-Extension staff who have benefited from, and attribute their success to 4-H, or those who have made significant contributions of time, energy, and/or resources to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program on **any** level exemplifying the following criteria:

1. Citizenship as exemplified by being active in civic, community, state, regional or national public service activities evidencing impact on youth, families and communities especially 4-H.
2. Leadership impact as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business-related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H.
3. Career Accomplishments as exemplified by accomplishments and success in his/her chosen career and as a mentor or role model.
4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement in the nominee's life and/or their commitment to 4-H is critical to the nomination.
5. Other Beneficial Information that would be helpful to the selection committee.

Questions can be directed to Pat Harrington, Chair of the 2025 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Committee, at [patarclovers@gmail.com](mailto:patarclovers@gmail.com).

## Nomination Criteria – Expanded Version (Nominator Guide)

The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame recognizes **significant** contributions (depth, scope and impact) on **any** level. Selection is based on five criteria. Below are suggested questions to adapt for nominees (i.e. deceased 4-H pioneer, 4-H volunteer, 4-H donor, external collaborating organization or business, community leader, or Extension staff).

Clear evidence of significant contributions with impact and influence on 4-H is essential. Describe things the nominee **accomplished** that were multi-faceted, unique and grew because of their leadership. Contributions and leadership that extend beyond county impact are important but not required. This includes changes or additions to 4-H programs initiated by the nominee or as a member of a team. Supportive data should include numbers that show 4-H growth, an increase in member and leadership opportunities and/or evidence of how the nominee extended 4-H to existing and new audiences. Evidence may also focus on how 4-H membership impacted career and life choices and a continued connection with 4-H.

- **Citizenship** as exemplified by being active in civic, community, state, regional or national public service activities evidencing impact on youth, families and communities especially 4-H.
  - What resources/abilities, beyond leadership, has the individual or organization/business brought to their citizenship efforts?
  - How does the public service demonstrate the impact on youth, families, communities and 4-H.?
  - How do others describe the nominee's civic contributions?
  - How has this individual or organization/business made a difference through community, state, regional or national public service?
- **Leadership** impact as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business-related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H.
  - What leadership qualities does the individual or organization/business demonstrate across all leadership experiences: professional, community, personal?
  - How does this nominee empower groups they lead?
  - What difference has the leadership of this individual or organization/business made in the lives of others, especially 4-H and other youth?
  - How has the nominee's leadership contributions directly or indirectly benefitted 4-H?
  - What has been the influence of 4-H on the ability of the individual to assume leadership positions.
- **Career Accomplishments** as exemplified by nominee's accomplishments and success in chosen career field and as a mentor or role model. This includes tangible things done, such as programs implemented, resources raised, writing, business success, number of people affected, measured impacts on the lives of others, etc.
  - How have the nominee's career accomplishments and successes impacted others?
  - What examples of being a role model or mentor stand out?
  - How are things different because of this nominee's career or contributions?
  - What new innovations or approaches has this nominee introduced and sustained? How do others describe the nominee's accomplishments?
  - What has been the influence of 4-H on the career accomplishments of the nominee?
- **Character** as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement in the nominee's life and/or their commitment to 4-H is critical to the nomination.
  - What is the impact of 4-H involvement and 4-H commitment in the nominee's life?
  - If not a 4-H alumni, where did their commitment to 4-H originate and how is it strongly demonstrated.
- **Other Beneficial Information** that would be helpful to the Selection Committee.

## Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination Cover Page

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All nominations must be submitted electronically to Amanda Lacey at [akadlecek@wisc.edu](mailto:akadlecek@wisc.edu) later than **January 15, 2025**.

### Nominee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Relative/contact person if nominee is deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of residence \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Nominee know about this Nomination?       Yes       No

### Nominator Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

The Selection Committee is primarily interested in learning of the nominee's significant impacts on 4-H'ers and/or the 4-H program. The nominee should exhibit outstanding **citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character**. The nomination is **limited to a one-page Microsoft Word document** with margins of no less than .5 inch and fonts no smaller than 12 point.

#### ***Please focus the information on the nominee's:***

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## Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination Signature Page

**Nominee's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

As the nominator, I verify the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

**Nominator** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

If the nominee is selected, Wisconsin 4-H may share the contact information of the nominee and the nominator with local media.

Submission of this form implies the undersigned county or state PYD staff member approves this nomination.

**UW-Madison Extension Staff Member/ Retiree Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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Recognition will take place during the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in April 2025.

Regarding electronic signatures; US code to 7001 (a)(1):

- (a) **In General** Notwithstanding any statute, regulation, or other rule of law (other than this subchapter and subchapter II), with respect to any transaction in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce –
  - (1) a signature, contract, or other record relating to such transaction may not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form;