



To: State 4-H Program Leaders, Development and Foundation Directors and State Association Presidents

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Re: 2025 Hall of Fame Nominations

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The National 4-H Hall of Fame Committee of NAE4-HYDP, in cooperation with National 4-H Council and USDA/NIFA Division of Youth and 4-H, is pleased to announce that nominations will be accepted until **February 28, 2025**.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame honors 4-H volunteers, extension professionals and staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant impact on the 4-H program and/or 4-H members through the contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc.

Current employees of 4-H, Cooperative Extension, the Federal Extension System or National 4-H Council and those with 4-H or Extension administrative responsibilities including Land-grant universities and colleges, USDA/NIFA or National 4-H Council responsibilities will **not** be considered until three years following retirement. The three-year rule also applies to deceased employees.

4-H Volunteers, donors, and others who impact the 4-H can be nominated within their careers. They do not have to be retired.

The Hall of Fame Committee anticipates that 14-16 laureates will be inducted into the Class of 2025. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled to be conducted in October along with the NAE4-HYDP Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Land-grant institutions are encouraged to nominate an outstanding individual who has had a significant impact on the 4-H program. This is inclusive of 1862, 1890, 1994 and territories within the Extension System.

Questions concerning the National 4-H Hall of Fame can be directed to Debbie Nistler at dnistler@uada.edu.

NOTE - Wisconsin nominations are due January 31, 2025! Nominations can be sent to Amanda Lacey at the State 4-H Office (amanda.lacey@wisc.edu). Do NOT submit your nomination in the electronic form linked below.

National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination Process

As part of the 4-H Centennial (2002), the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, National 4-H Council and Division of Youth and 4-H USDA/NIFA entered a partnership to create the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The purpose of the National 4-H Hall of Fame is to recognize and celebrate 4-H volunteers, faculty and staff, pioneers, donors, and others who made a significant impact on 4-H at the local, state and/or national levels.

Guidelines:

1. Land-grant colleges and universities may nominate one candidate per year. (Inclusive of 1862, 1890, 1994 and territories.)
2. NAE4-HYDP, National 4-H Council and Division of Youth and 4-H USDA/NIFA (founding partners) may nominate up to three candidates per year.
3. State and/or partners nominations are submitted via [online form](#) (click here to access application). The form will close on **February 28, 2025** at 11 pm EST. *Help sheets can be [found here](#).*

Laureate Qualifications:

1. 4-H volunteers, extension professional or staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc. to the 4-H program and/or 4-H members.
2. Current employees of 4-H, Cooperative Extension, the Federal Extension System or National 4-H Council and those with 4-H or Extension administrative responsibilities including Land-grant universities and colleges (including 1862, 1890, 1994 and territories), USDA/NIFA or National 4-H Council responsibilities will **not** be considered until three years following retirement. The three-year rule also applies to employees who passed away before retirement.
3. Candidates not selected may be re-nominated for future consideration. Forms must be updated and re-submitted.

Criteria *(asked in the application process):*

1. **Citizenship** as exemplified by participation in civic, community, state, regional and national public service-related activities evidencing concern for the welfare of others, especially as related to 4-H.
2. **Leadership** 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 or volunteer service as a mentor or role model.
4. **Character** as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement (if a 4-H alumni or volunteer) in the nominee's life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H.
5. **Other beneficial information** that would be helpful to the Selection Committee.

Nominators Roles:

1. Gather, write, and submit the nomination via [online form](#) by deadline, **February 28, 2025**. *Help sheet can be [found here](#).*
2. Following the deadline if nominee's contact information and/or status changes notify the Hall of Fame Chair.
3. If nominee is selected, assist the Laureate with collecting biographical information and digital photographs. **The last day to submit is July 1st.**
4. Assist with press release and invitations **submissions by the July 1st deadline**. Information not received by the deadline cannot be included in the program.
5. The laureate may also need guidance with travel and room arrangements. (States encouraged to provide scholarships.)
6. Serve as the State and/or Partner contact with the National 4-H Hall of Fame Chair.

If the nominator is not the contact for the institution or Partner, please include the information for who will be the contact if the person being nominated is selected as a laureate.