

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. A 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 staff.

Implementation Framework

Number of Recipients	Approximately 10 honorees selected per year
Nomination Process	Any group or individual eligible to submit a nomination for consideration
Selection Process	Selections made by state level committee based on submitted nominations (signature of UW-Extension educator required on the nomination signature page)
Selection	Nominator must electronically submit photo and 250 word bio describing the honoree's qualifications.
Recognition	Recognition in conjunction with an existing event, such as State 4-H Youth Conference or Fall Forum; virtual 4-H Hall of Fame annually updated with photos and bios of the honorees

Guidelines

- The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame will use criteria consistent with 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 county or state UW-Extension educator.
- Complete nominations include the nomination cover page, nomination signature page, and one-page Microsoft Word document outlining nominee's qualifications based on the 4-H Hall of Fame criteria, a digital head and shoulder photograph and a brief (no more that 250 words) biography.
- UW-Extension staff members must be retired for three or more years before being eligible for nomination.
- Unsuccessful candidates may be re-nominated for future consideration.

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 participation in civic, community, state, regional and national public service 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 and 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 Information for the selection committee.

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 professional).

- (1) **Citizenship** as exemplified by participation in civic, community, state, regional and national public service activities evidencing concern for the welfare of others, especially as related to 4-H.
 - What resources/abilities, beyond leadership, has the individual or organization/business brought to their citizenship efforts?
 - How does the public service demonstrate concern for the welfare of others? For 4-H?
 - How do others describe the candidate's civic contributions?
 - How has this individual or organization/business made a difference through community, state, regional and/or national public service?

- (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.
 - What leadership qualities does the individual or organization/business demonstrate across all leadership experiences: professional, community, personal?
 - How does this candidate empower groups he/she leads?
 - What difference has the leadership of this individual or organization/business made in the lives of others, especially 4-H and other youth?
 - What concepts or beliefs are evident in this candidate's way of leading?
 - What "personality" have they brought to the workplace or community service experience?
 - How has the candidate's leadership contributions directly or indirectly benefited 4-H?
 - What has been the influence of 4-H on the ability of the individual to assume leadership positions.

- (3) **Career Accomplishments** as exemplified by individual or organization/business 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.
 - What evidence is there of an application of mission and vision during the candidate's career or manner of conducting the organization or business?
 - How have the candidate'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 candidate's career or organization/business contributions?
 - What new innovations or approaches has this candidate introduced and sustained? And, how do others describe the candidate's accomplishments?
 - Describe the magnitude of the candidate's career accomplishments and success.
 - What has been the influence of 4-H on the career accomplishments of the individual or on that of the collaborating organization/business?

- (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. The impact of 4-H involvement in the candidate's life is critical to the nomination. For those who may not be 4-H alumni, describe, if possible, where their commitment to 4-H originates and is strongly demonstrated.

- (5) **Other Information** for the Selection Committee. Consider adding things such as:
 - Significant recognition
 - The primary reason the candidate is being nominated

Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination Cover Page

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Nominee Information

Name _____

Title/Position _____

**Relative/contact person if nominee is deceased _____

Mailing Address _____

Place of residence _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Nominator Information

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Town/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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- 5. Any other information** that would be beneficial for the selection committee to know.

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* _____

Submission of this form implies the undersigned county or state Cooperative Extension educator approves this nomination.

UW Extension Educator _____ *Date* _____

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4. Digital head and shoulder photograph and
5. Brief (no more than 250 words) biography.

Recognition will take place during Fall Forum on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Green Lake Conference Center, W2511 State Rd 23, Green Lake WI 54941.