



COLORADO 4-H LEADER AWARD APPLICATION – NATIONAL 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

The national 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

In 2017, eight honorees will be selected. One volunteer will be selected from each Cooperative Extension Region in each of two categories. Each region will have its own **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer** and **Volunteer of the Year**. The eight regional honorees become nominees for the national award, and one candidate in each category will be named the national Honoree. Please click here for more detailed information:

http://cdn.4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Salute-to-Excellence-2017-Nomination-Application.pdf?_ga=2.206914331.926772505.1503937198-2136393391.1503095288

Name _____ County _____
Address _____
Phone (home & cell) _____ Email _____

_____ **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer (10 or more years of service to 4-H)**

_____ **Volunteer of the Year (less than 10 years of service to 4-H)**

Submit:

_____ Letters of recommendation from Extension staff person, 4-H participant, another volunteer, or parent/guardian (three required).

_____ Resume (limited to three pages, front only, 12-point font, 1 inch margins)

Please provide the following information:

- A. Brief overview (500 words or less) of why volunteer deserves this award.
- B. Evidence of a positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth.
 - Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision-making, problem-solving, meeting challenges, and mastery.
 - Nominee's dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
- C. Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program
 - Nominee's innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
 - Dedicated to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
 - Nominee's innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth serving agencies, fund raising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy of 4-H, etc.
- D. Personal attributes

- Evidence of professional attitude, character, and morals.
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer (that you have observed).

E. Personal involvement in 4-H

- List local 4-H roles (4-H Project Leader, Community Club Leader, etc.) Include summary of years, roles, and organizations.
- List County/District 4-H roles (County Extension Committee, advisor, etc.) Include summary of years, roles, and organizations.
- List State/Regional/National 4-H roles (Regional 4-H volunteer Leader Forum Planning Committee, National 4-H Awards Selection Committee, etc.) Include summary of years, roles, and organizations.
- List relevant 4-H honors/awards and years received.
- List relevant non-4-H volunteer roles, Include summary of years, roles, and organizations.

F. Optional/FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

- 4-H involvement as a young person. Indicate the state where nominee was involved, type of involvement (4-H projects taken, 4-H camper, etc.) years of membership, exemplary awards, leadership roles, etc.
- Current position (professional/homemaker). If retired, most recent role.

Please email all applications to Megan Blaser, Larimer County 4-H Extension Agent, at blasermn@co.larimer.co.us