



4-H Adult Award Nominations

Due May 1

4-H is made possible through the outstanding support of adults who provide their time, resources and support to improve the lives of Montana 4-H youth and strive to constantly make the best better. Through various awards, Montana 4-H recognizes outstanding contributions of volunteer leaders, staff and alumni at the county and state levels. All awards are presented Montana 4-H Leadership Forum in the fall or another statewide event.

Award Categories:

Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards: The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development recognizes individuals from each 4-H District in two award categories. Each county may nominate one volunteer per category. The *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer* recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for 10 years or more. The *Volunteer of the Year* recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years. These individuals have made an innovative change or impact on the 4-H program, positively affecting the lives of youth, and creating a standard of excellence that helps motivate others. Recipients will receive a cash award for a 4-H program, activity or event of their choice. *Two letters of recommendation are required.* Recipients serve as the pool to select the Montana 4-H Salute to Excellence nominees.

Hall of Fame Award: The Montana 4-H Foundation honors individuals such as community leaders, alumni, former or current directors or former or current staff for their outstanding lifetime efforts to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by giving, volunteering or community support of 4-H. Recipients will receive an individual plaque as well as included on historical plaque with the Montana 4-H Foundation. *A letter of support from the county 4-H council or Extension Agent is required.*

Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award: The Montana 4-H Foundation recognizes 4-H alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H project area. Recipients will receive a plaque. *A letter of support from the county 4-H council or Extension Agent is required.*

Nomination Guidelines:

Each county may nominate one individual for each category to be considered for awards. Nominees may qualify for more than one category. Priority consideration will be given to volunteers who have not received a statewide award within the last five years. Nominations are *due May 1.*

Applications will be reviewed by a committee which may consist of members or staff of the Montana 4-H Foundation, Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development, MSU Extension Agents, 4-H volunteers or 4-H youth.

NOMINATION FORM

County: _____ 4-H District: _____

Name: _____ M F

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Years as a 4-H Volunteer: _____ Email: _____

Award Category (check as many as apply):

- Tribute to Volunteer Excellence - Volunteer of the Year (less than 10 years of service)
- Tribute to Volunteer Excellence - Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer (10 or more years of service)
- Hall of Fame Award
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni

4-H Member History (if applicable):

Describe the various roles of the nominee at each level as a volunteer, alumni or friend of 4-H (as applicable).

Community or Club

County

District

State

Describe the nominee's overall unique, innovative, special contribution or impact to the 4-H program.

Please enclose additional letters of support (see descriptions for requirements). Letters should be from someone familiar with the applicant's 4-H youth development work such as Extension Staff, another 4-H volunteer or 4-H youth.

Nominated by: _____ **Signature:** _____

Extension Agent Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Please return by May 1st to:

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