

# 2021

Texas 4-H Youth Development

# Volunteer Recognition

# Award Packet

*Also known as 'Salute to Excellence'*



## INTRODUCTION

Each year, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that provide support to the 4-H program.

## RECOGNITION EVENT

Due to constraints related to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no face-to-face recognition luncheon or event in College Station during Roundup. Honorees will be presented their awards locally and recognized state-wide through media efforts. Creative, exciting ideas are being planned to ensure this year's award winners still feel the excitement and honor of receiving this award.

## PRIOR HONOREES

A list of prior award winners is attached on the online application. Please review this list to ensure the person you are nominating has not been honored with the award previously. An award can only be presented one-time to an individual and/or supporter.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Recognition of individuals who have made significant contributions to the youth of Texas is one of the most important things the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program can do. Any Extension employee, 4-H member and/or volunteer may make nominations for the awards. Therefore, County Extension Agents are encouraged to share this information with co-workers, volunteers and 4-H members. Self-nomination is discouraged.

**Photo** – A high resolution digital photograph of the nominee(s) will need to be submitted **when completing the application online**. This photo is used for the development of media and marketing materials for recognition purposes. **A high resolution, head and shoulders shot is preferred, please do not send family or group photos. Only the honoree should be in the photo.**

For all award nominations, the correct corresponding award application/nomination form must be completed, typed and submitted on-line by the deadline listed. Be concise, brief and interesting.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY MARCH 12, 2021. THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION PAGE, INCLUDING PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS FOR EACH CATEGORY CAN BE FOUND: [https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form226/form\\_login.html](https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form226/form_login.html)**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Online Nominations accepted	January 26 – March 12
Notification to Award Winners:	Late April
Salute to Excellence Recognition Video Premiere	Wednesday, June 9; Time TBA

## SUGGESTED PROCESS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION ON-LINE

The following pages have the application questions required for the on-line nomination. It is suggested to use a word processing program of your choice to write, edit and review the questions prior to accessing the online nomination system. After all information has been written and proofed, "copy and paste" text into the online form.

## **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

### **TEXAS 4-H ALUMNI AWARD**

The Texas 4-H Alumni Award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record of achievement AS A 4-H MEMBER and who have shown evidence of 4-H's influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important. This award is sponsored by the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association. No current Extension employee may receive this award. The number of 4-H alumni awards presented will vary from year to year.

### **CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO 4-H**

This award recognizes an individual or a business that has made an outstanding contribution to Texas 4-H programs ON A REGIONAL OR STATE BASIS. Awards are generally made based on a long-term commitment rather than a one-time program. Individuals or businesses that are local supporters, and limit their contributions to local programs, should be recognized at the local level. The number of citations awarded will vary from year to year.

### **LEADER'S LEGACY AWARD**

This award recognizes a 4-H leader who has been an integral part of the 4-H Youth Development Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom he/she works. Stretch beyond normal thinking and be inclusive in making a selection for this prestigious nomination.

Specific requirements for the Leader's Legacy Award include:

- Twenty (20) or more years of service to 4-H as a volunteer leader.
- Continuing support of the 4-H program at any level.
- Must still be an active and current 4-H Volunteer for the 2020-2021 4-H year.
- Must have been a club manager or project leader in a county in Texas for at least five (5) years.

### **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

Annually two outstanding Extension professionals will be recognized for their role in making 4-H volunteers more effective with the Meritorious Service Award. These nominations should not be limited to 4-H Faculty. Nominees must be a resident of Texas and have been paid staff or faculty with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service/Texas 4-H for the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

### **COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD**

Annually two outstanding Support Staff professionals will be recognized for Commendable Service Award for their role in making the 4-H program more effective. Nominees must work in a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at the county, district or state level for at least the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

### **TEXAS 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE**

This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people. Each district may select two recipients who will be honored with this award. A couple may count as one nominee. The awards are sponsored by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. Districts are strongly encouraged to submit one award winner for excellence in club work (community, project, school) and one award winner for excellence through special interest and curriculum enrichment programs. Nominations are submitted through the state online process listed above. Districts will be forwarded the applications for review and selection. Winners will be notified by the Texas 4-H office.

The state award selection committee will select one Salute to Excellence award winner (with less than 10 years of volunteer service) to represent Texas as the nominee for the National 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award. Additional information, including letters of recommendation, will be required from the nominator in order to complete the award nomination process.

# TEXAS 4-H ALUMNI AWARD

## Application Questions – To Be Completed Online

[https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form226/form\\_login.html](https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form226/form_login.html)

### AWARD NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)*

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phonetic Spelling of Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County Extension Agent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This is required online)*

*A photograph of the nominee will need to be uploaded in the section above online.*

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE

Employment of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_

County the Alumni Member was a 4-H member in: \_\_\_\_\_

State the Alumni Member was a 4-H member in: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Write a short script in a third person format that is between 75 and 100 words that can be used in presenting the award. The script should describe the attributes that make them deserving of this award. Include the person's most outstanding accomplishments as a former 4-H member and how they have been an outstanding 4-H alum.
2. Provide a description of significant achievements the nominee has made in his/her community as a result of 4-H.

### NOMINATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Name or Group: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County Extension Agent's Email Address: *(This is required online)* \_\_\_\_\_

*A photograph of the nominee will need to be uploaded in the section above online.*

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE

Contact (if company being nominated): \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Provide a description of the nominee's contributions made to the Texas 4-H Program on a regional/state basis.

### NOMINATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Name or Group: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: *(This is required online)* \_\_\_\_\_

# LEADER'S LEGACY AWARD

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District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phonetic Spelling of Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County Extension Agent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ *(This is required online)*

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### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE

Name of club, group or project with which nominee is affiliated: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous county(ies) in which nominee served as a volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years as:**  
Club Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Project/Activity Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Master Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Write a short script in a third person format that is between 75 and 100 words that can be used in presenting the award. The script should describe the attributes that make them deserving of this award. Include the person's most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H as a volunteer.
2. What **one word** would you use to describe this leader in his/her role with the youth program?
3. List the five most outstanding accomplishments of this volunteer.
4. What positive impact has this volunteer's contributions had on 4-H and 4-H youth?
5. Describe how the volunteer exemplifies a "mentor-learner" relationship with youth.

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# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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District: *(If applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County Extension Agent's Email Address: *(This is required online)* \_\_\_\_\_

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### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE

Extension Unit: *(If applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

#### Role of Nominee (check one):

Program Assistant

County Extension Agent

County Extension Director

Specialist (4-H or other)

District Extension Administrator

Regional Program Leader

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2. Provide information about what was accomplished by the nominee during the immediate past five years.
3. Provide an overview of the nominee's support of and contributions to the 4-H Program.
4. Provide an overview of the nominee's abilities in leading youth, working with groups, building and using teams, and supporting volunteers.

### NOMINATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: *(This is required online)* \_\_\_\_\_

# **COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD**

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County Extension Agent's Email Address: *(This is required online)* \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE**

Extension Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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# TEXAS 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

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Number of Years as a Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

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