



## Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards

**Due May 1 of the current year**

National 4-H Council established the Salute to Excellence Awards during the 2002 Centennial Anniversary. Maryland 4-H Volunteer Curriculum Committee and the Maryland 4-H Volunteers Association decided to continue the process to select two volunteers annually, submitting them to National 4-H Council as Maryland's Volunteers of Excellence. Complete packets are due to the State 4-H office on May 1 of the current year.

- 1. Volunteer of the Year Award – For an individual adult who has volunteered for 4-H for less than 10 years**
- 2. Lifetime Volunteer Award – For an individual adult who has volunteered for 4-H for over 10 years**

Each local 4-H unit, and each overseas country may nominate one volunteer from each of the two categories. One nominee from each category will represent Maryland 4-H and one for each category will represent the overseas 4-H programs.

**To nominate a volunteer for either award:**

- 1.) On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a typed written statement that describes some of the 4-H projects and activities in which the nominee has been involved. This statement should be no more than two pages long. Please use 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Also include in the header – name of volunteer, address, phone number, email address, local unit/country he or she is a volunteer for, number of years as a volunteer.**
- 2.) On a separate sheet of paper, please list and describe 1 to 3 relevant accomplishments, awards, or honors that the nominee has achieved during his or her experience as a 4-H volunteer. Explain why you are listing these accomplishments. This statement should be no more than two pages long.**
- 3.) Three letters of recommendation are to be submitted for each nominee. The letters should be written by a 4-H staff member, 4-H youth participant, another volunteer, or a parent/guardian, and should highlight these characteristics.**

### **Characteristics to be considered:**

Work ethic and dedication to 4-H  
Positive impact on 4-H youth participants  
Demonstration of competence in youth development  
Engagement of new youth in the 4-H experience  
Development of and fundraising for new 4-H programs  
Recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers  
Advocacy of the youth development movement in local or state community  
Dedicated to youth empowerment or youth/adult partnerships  
Personal growth from volunteerism in 4-H