

Volunteer Awards

Maryland's dedicated 4-H volunteers are the heart of 4-H and are recognized annually at a special breakfast sponsored by the Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc. during the Maryland State Fair. The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Association selects the volunteer award winners. Volunteer Award nominations are due **May 1st**. Detailed information and all nomination forms are available at: www.maryland4h/Awards .

Dean's Salute to Excellence

This award is sponsored by the AGNR Dean and recognizes the Volunteer of the Year (less than 10 years service) and the Lifetime Volunteer of the Year (over 10 years). This is the only volunteer award that provides a \$200 scholarship. State winners represent Maryland in regional and national competition.

Mylo Downey Leadership Award

This award honors former Maryland State 4-H Leader Mylo Downey who became the National Director of 4-H. Nominees should exhibit initiative, innovation, and dedication to 4-H with the ability to make things happen and demonstrate exceptional leadership skills at many levels.

Dorothy Emerson Citizenship Award

Dot Emerson, a beloved Maryland 4-H specialist and National 4-H Council consultant, was known for encouraging public speaking and citizenship. Nominees should have a demonstrated commitment to improving the quality of life for all in the community, county, state and world.

Sherrard Wilson Service Award

Sherrard Wilson, former Maryland State 4-H Leader and "Citizen of the World", was well-known for his many acts of service and unselfish giving. Nominees for this award should have an extensive record of service of helping people and communities at local, county and state levels.

Family of the Year (Maryland and Military)

4-H Units and Military Installations are encouraged to nominate an outstanding 4-H family that embodies the 4-H spirit and is active in all phases of the program. One Maryland 4-H Family and one Military Family from each participating country will be recognized annually.

Maryland Hall of Fame

Nominees for this award should have a demonstrated dedication to 4-H at all levels and a record of exemplary service that has enabled a significant number of people to benefit from a positive 4-H experience that has enabled Maryland 4-H to be successful.

4-H Alumni

This award honors former 4-H members who have carried their love and support for 4-H into adulthood. Nominees should have successful careers and credit the application of life skills learned in 4-H and dedication to 4-H ideals has led to a successful personal and professional life.

Maryland Friend of 4-H (Local and State Awards)

These awards are presented to individuals who have provided outstanding leadership, citizenship and service. Nominees have an extended record of service and may be recognized for leadership and service to project areas, a specific activity or program, or resource development. Certificates are presented at the local level and plaques at the state level.

Partner in 4-H

This industry, business or community organization or individual representative has provided significant financial or in-kind support to Maryland 4-H programming. This commitment extends 4-H programming efforts to support a state, regional, and or multi-county effort.

Honorary Member

Nominees were not 4-H members but have become actively involved in 4-H as adults. They have given outstanding leadership to 4-H with exemplary results and have made a difference in the lives of youth and families. This award is often used to recognize Military, after-school, or special interest volunteers.

Professional or Military Partner

A percentage of the nominee's assignment is to Maryland Cooperative Extension through departments at UMES or UMCP or has a percentage of their job assigned to Military 4-H. The nominee provides significant support to Maryland 4-H or Military 4-H programming.

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