



## Maryland State 4-H Volunteer Award Nomination Descriptors

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**Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame:** The nominee is dedicated to 4-H at all levels of involvement with exemplary efforts to 4-H program development. This individual has made a difference to the success of 4-H, extending the program to many people on a county, regional, state and or national level.

**Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award:** Initiative, innovation, and dedication to 4-H with the ability to make things happen. Exceptional leadership skills are demonstrated on the local, state, and possibly national level.

**W. Sherard Wilson 4-H Service Award:** Unselfish and numerous acts of service to 4-H, others, state and or community are the major criteria for this award. Service of the most menial to the more important levels, truly illustrates the giving spirit of heart and hands for this nominee.

**Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award:** The nominee exemplifies sterling citizenship characteristics. He or she has a love of and commitment to, improving the quality of life for all in the community, county, state and the world as the standard to which this individual works for and represents.

**Honorary 4-H Club Members:** The nominees were not 4-H Members as youth. They have become involved in the 4-H organization as adults. They have given outstanding leadership to 4-H with exemplary results. They help make a difference in the lives of youth and families. Great for Military, after-school, or special interest leader recognition.

**Maryland Friend of 4-H:** There are two levels of State Friends of 4-H. A certificate is the 1st level and a plaque the 2nd level. Certificates are most often received and presented by the local 4-H program. Individuals can be cited for leadership, citizenship and service to 4-H or a combination of these efforts. Number of years is not necessarily a strong indicator for selection. These people have given extended service to the 4-H Program at the local, county, state and or national level. The individual can either be recognized for leadership and service to project areas, a specific activity or program, or to 4-H resource development.

**Maryland Partner in 4-H:** This industry, business or community organization or person representing the same provides 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. It can also represent a multi-disciplinary or collaborative programming effort.

**4-H Alumni Plaques:** This honor is for 4-H Members who have continued to carry their love and support for 4-H into their adult lives. Exemplary success with outstanding efforts that can be admitted to 4-H ideals that were learned while a member of 4-H should be strong criteria. Each nominee recognizes that life skills learned in 4-H and outstanding efforts have led them to exemplary success in his or her personal

and professional life.

**Maryland Friend of 4-H Department Award:** This recognition is for a person, team or department within the campus of UMCP or UMES, who has provided educational support and or resources for activities, events or programs for the Maryland 4-H Youth Development program. They have worked in a collaborative effort with educators and or specialists in the Maryland 4-H Youth Development program.

**Professional Extension or Military Partner in 4-H:** The nominee provides significant support to Maryland 4-H programming or Military programming. This commitment extends 4-H programming efforts to support an international, national, state, regional, or multi-county effort. It may represent a multi-disciplinary or collaborative program. The nominee has a percentage of their job assigned to Maryland Cooperative Extension through departments at UMES or UMCP or has a percentage of their job assigned to Military 4-H.

**4-H Family and 4-H Military Family of the Year:** This family has a presence in the 4-H community on a local, regional, state or even national level. They are improving the life skill development of youth through hands on experiences and a variety of opportunities. They embody the four-fold development of our youth through their head, heart, hands and health. Family members are involved in making their communities better for families. (One nomination per local 4-H Unit or Military Installation). There will be one 4-H Family of the Year and one 4-H Military Family of the Year for each country recognized. Please use the 4-H Family of the Year Nomination Form.



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**Maryland 4-H Volunteer Salute from the Dean of AGNR:** This award was established by the Dean to honor two volunteers and or military staff in Maryland 4-H. This includes the overseas military 4-H leaders. The award consists of a scholarship of no more than \$200 to attend a MCE, USDA or military 4-H sponsored educational program. One scholarship and one plaque of recognition is given to:

1. ) Leader of the Year Award – For an individual 4-H adult volunteering for less than 10 years
2. ) Lifetime Leader Award – For an individual 4-H adult volunteering for over 10 years

The military 4-H leaders and Maryland 4-H volunteers are considered within the same categories. Each Maryland 4-H unit may nominate one military and one 4-H volunteer in each category. Each overseas country with 4-H programs in the military may nominate one military staff member in the two categories. Please use the Maryland 4-H Salute to Excellence nomination forms and directions.

PLEASE USE Dean of AGNR Maryland 4-H Volunteer Salute Application