

# 2012

## Texas 4-H and Youth Development

# Volunteer Recognition

# Award Packet



## **INTRODUCTION**

Each year, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that provide support to the 4-H program. All awards are presented at the Salute to Excellence Banquet on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at Texas 4-H Roundup. The Salute to Excellence Banquet will be held during the lunch hour at the United Spirit Arena, located on the campus of Texas Tech University.

## **PRIOR HONOREES**

A list of prior award winners is available on the Texas 4-H Website under the volunteer section. 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 and 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.

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.

**STARTING IN 2012: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON-LINE FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2012 TO MARCH 15, 2012. THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED FROM THE TEXAS 4-H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE AT: [TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU](http://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU) OR [TEXAS4-H.ORG](http://TEXAS4-H.ORG)**

## **NOMINATION DEADLINES**

Nomination Application Submission Dates: ***February 15, 2012 to March 15, 2012***

Notification to Award Winners: ***April 1, 2012 to April 15, 2012***

## **SUGGESTED PROCESS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION ON-LINE**

The following pages have award descriptions along with the application questions required for nomination. It is suggested to use a word processing program of your choice to write, edit and review the questions. When all information is gathered you can “copy and paste” the information into the online form.

## 2012 LIST OF AWARDS

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

This award recognizes an individual or a business who 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.

#### ***Application Questions – To Be Completed Online***

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

#### **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name/Company of Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

Phonetic Spelling of Nominee/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

County Extension Agent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(This answer is required online)

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

TX

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE**

1. Write a short (100 words or less) script that can be used in presenting the award. Include the person's most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H.
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 of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(This answer is required online)

# 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.

## ***Application Questions – To Be Completed Online***

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

### **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name of Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

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

County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

TX

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE**

1. Write a short (100 words or less) script that can be used in presenting the award. Include the person's most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H.
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 of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(This answer is required online)

## 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 AgriLife Extension Service/Texas 4-H for the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

### *Application Questions – To Be Completed Online*

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

#### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

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

County, District and/or Extension Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ TX Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

  

Program Assistant

Specialist (4-H or other)

  

County Extension Agent

District Extension Administrator

  

County Extension Director

Regional Program Director

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE

1. Provide a brief overview of the nominee's service to 4-H during the immediate past five (5) years, in addition to any other information that may strengthen the nomination. Please limit your comments to one hundred (100) words. This will be used as a script in presenting the award.
2. Please 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.
5. Provide an overview of the nominee's ability to partner and collaborate with others, including (but not limited to) other Extension Units, donors/sponsors, elected officials, 4-H families and volunteers, media representatives and advisory groups.

#### NOMINATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 and 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. Selections are made at the district level with the nomination forms forwarded to the Texas 4-H Office. Winners should be notified by District Extension Offices.

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.

### ***Application Questions – To Be Completed Online***

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

#### **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name of Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

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

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ TX Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE**

1. Write a short script (100 words or less) that can be used in presenting the award to the nominee, if selected. Include the person's most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H as a volunteer.
2. List the five most outstanding accomplishments of this volunteer.
3. What positive impact has this volunteer's contributions had on 4-H and 4-H youth?
4. Please describe how the volunteer exemplifies a "mentor-learner" relationship with youth.
5. Please describe the personal growth (you have observed) from this individual serving as a 4-H volunteer.

#### **NOMINATION CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **LEADER'S LEGACY AWARD**

This award recognizes a 4-H leader who has been an integral part of the 4-H and 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 have been a club manager or project leader in a county in Texas for at least five (5) years.

### ***Application Questions – To Be Completed Online***

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#### **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name of Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ TX Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

#### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NOMINEE**

1. Write a short (100 words or less) script that can be used in presenting the award.
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.
6. Describe the personal growth (you have observed) from this individual serving as a 4-H volunteer.

#### **NOMINATION CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name of person/group submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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