

Outagamie County Friends of 4-H Nomination

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Has someone made a big difference in your 4-H life? Consider nominating them for the Friend of 4-H Award! This can be someone who extensively helped you with a 4-H project or maybe someone that you see helping with a lot of 4-H projects and activities. These are the type of people we want to recognize for their continued devotion to 4-H Youth Development Programs.

Implementation Framework

Number of Recipients	Approximately 2-4 honorees selected per year.
Nomination Process	Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination for consideration. Nominations due August 1 each year .
Selection Process	Selections made by the county executive board, based on submitted nominations
Selection	Nominator must electronically submit photo and no more than 250-word biography describing the honoree's qualifications.
Recognition	Recognition will occur at the Leaders Recognition, held each year.

Guidelines

- Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination to the executive board.
- Complete nominations include the nomination cover page, a digital head and shoulder photograph, and a brief (no more than 250 words) biography.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated for future consideration. *The criteria document should be revised to increase possibility of being selected.*

Honoree Qualifications

4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and UW-Extension staff who have benefited from, and attribute their success to 4-H, or those who have made significant contributions of time, energy, and/or resources to the Outagamie County 4-H Youth Development program on any level exemplifying the following criteria:

1. Citizenship as exemplified by being active in civic, community, state, regional and national public service activities evidencing impact on youth, families and communities including 4-H.
2. Leadership impact as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business-related activities that directly benefit 4-H.
3. Career Accomplishments as exemplified by accomplishments and success in his/her chosen career and as a mentor or role model.
4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement in the nominee's life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H is critical to the nomination.
5. Other Beneficial Information that would be helpful to the selection committee.

Questions can be directed to President of the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association via email Nicole.Platkowski@wisc.edu.

Nominator Guide

The Outagamie County Friend of 4-H recognizes **significant** contributions (depth, scope and impact) on any level. Selection is based on five criteria, listed below.

Clear evidence of significant contributions with impact and influence on 4-H is essential. Describe things the nominee established that were multi-faceted, unique, and grew because of their leadership. Contributions and leadership that extend beyond county impact are important. This includes changes or additions to 4-H programs initiated by the nominee or as a member of a team. Supportive data should include numbers that show 4-H growth, an increase in member and leadership opportunities and/or evidence of how the nominee extended 4-H potentials to existing and new audiences. Evidence may also focus on how 4-H membership impacted career and life choices and a continued connection with 4-H.

- **Citizenship** as exemplified by being active in civic, community, state, regional and national public service activities evidencing impact on youth, families and communities including 4-H.
 - What resources/abilities, beyond leadership, has the individual or organization/business brought to their citizenship efforts?
 - How does the public service demonstrate the impact on youth, families, communities, and 4-H?
 - How do others describe the nominee's civic contributions?
 - How has this individual or organization/business made a difference through community, state, regional and/or national public service?
- **Leadership** impact as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business-related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H.
 - What leadership qualities does the individual or organization/business demonstrate across all leadership experiences: professional, community, personal?
 - How does this nominee empower groups he/she leads?
 - What difference has the leadership of this individual or organization/business made in the lives of others, especially 4-H and other youth?
 - How has the nominee's leadership contributions directly or indirectly benefited 4-H?
 - What has been the influence of 4-H on the ability of the individual to assume leadership positions?
- **Career Accomplishments** as exemplified by individual or organization/business accomplishments and success in chosen career field and as a mentor or role model. This includes tangible things done, such as programs implemented, resources raised, writing, business success, number of people affected, measured impacts on the lives of others, etc.
 - How have the nominee's career accomplishments and successes impacted others?
 - What examples of being a role model or mentor stand out?
 - How are things different because of this nominee's career or organization/business contributions?
 - What new innovations or approaches has this nominee introduced and sustained? And, how do others describe the nominee's accomplishments?
 - What has been the influence of 4-H on the career accomplishments of the individual or on that of the collaborating organization/business?
- **Character** as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement in the nominee's life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H is critical to the nomination.
 - What is the impact of 4-H involvement and 4-H commitment in the nominee's life?
 - If not 4-H alumni, where did their commitment to 4-H originate and how is it strongly demonstrated?
- **Other Beneficial Information** that would be helpful to the Selection Committee.

Outagamie County Friend of 4-H Nomination Cover Page

The Outagamie County Friend of 4-H Nomination was established to recognize individuals and organizations with significant contributions to the county 4-H Youth Development program on any level. Potential recipients include 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and Extension staff. Any group or individual is eligible to nominate one individual or external collaborating organization or business for consideration by the county 4-H executive board.

All nominations must be submitted electronically to Nicole.Platkowski@wisc.edu - no later than **August 1**.

Nominee Information

Name _____

Title/Position(s) _____

**Relative/contact person if nominee is deceased _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Does the Nominee know about this Nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominator Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

The 4-H executive board is primarily interested in learning of the nominee's significant impacts on 4-H'ers and/or the 4-H program. The nominee should exhibit outstanding **citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character**. The nomination is **limited to a one-page Microsoft Word document** with margins of no less than .5 inch and fonts no smaller than 12 points.

Please focus the information on the nominee's:

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