



## Award Nomination Form

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards are designed to honor and recognize the support and dedication of individuals who are Certified UME 4-H Volunteers that help youth learn, grow and thrive through 4-H programming. There are two awards open to non-volunteers and group nomination, they are the Friend of 4-H Award and Partner in 4-H Award.

Review the resources and information on the [For Volunteers State 4-H webpage](#) to assist in completing this nomination form.

Only complete nominations submitted by the deadline will be considered and reviewed.

**To nominate, please follow these instructions:**

- 1) Fill out the following award nomination form carefully, being sure to provide the correct information as it relates to that award.
- 2) Upload supporting documentation as required. A letter of support is required for Family of the Year Award as well as the Volunteer of the Year Awards.

**Support Statement:** This should be written by someone, other than a family member or the nominator, who is active in 4-H and knows the contributions of the nominated family. This could be a 4-H member, volunteer, extension employee, friend of 4-H, community leader, etc. Emphasis should be placed upon the family making a difference in their community and/or state through 4-H. Please have the individual writing the support statement include their name and title.

3) Submit when finished and download a copy of your nomination.

When you submit your nomination, a screen will appear that includes a summary of your nomination and a PDF download button. Be sure to save it, as you may resubmit it with updates the following year if the volunteer is not chosen for the award **this year**.

**Volunteer of the Year Awards can only be submitted by Extension Educators.**

**Incomplete nomination packages will not be judged.**

## Nominator's Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Select your 4-H County/City Program

- Allegany County
- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Caroline County
- Carroll County
- Calvert County
- Cecil County
- Charles County
- Dorchester County
- Frederick County
- Garrett County
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Kent County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Queen Anne's County
- Somerset County
- St. Mary's County
- State 4-H Office
- Talbot County
- Washington County
- Wicomico County
- Worcester County

SAMPLE NOMINATION FORM - NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE ONLINE PORTAL

## Nominator Affirmation

I believe the information submitted in this nomination to be accurate to the best of my knowledge.

- I affirm
- I do not affirm

## Nominator Permission

- I give my permission for the information contained in this awards nomination to be used as an example for others completing future award nominations. I understand that all or part of the nomination could be published on websites, promotional materials, or shared in a variety of media. Please be aware that no awards information will be shared without consent of the author as well as the award winner.
- I do not give permission for this nomination to be used as an example.

Provide basic information about the nominee.

## Nominee's Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

## Award nomination selection

Review [Awards Requirement Chart](#) as needed.

- Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award- for major leadership contributions to 4-H
- W. Sherrard Wilson 4-H Service Award- for major service contributions to 4-H
- Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award- to major support of citizenship efforts in 4-H
- Honorary 4-H Member Award- to honor a 4-H volunteer who was not in 4-H as a youth
- 4-H Alumni Plaque Award- to honor a 4-H volunteer who was in 4-H as a youth
- Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame Award- for outstanding leadership, career accomplishments and character
- 4-H Family of the Year Award- for at two generations of dedicated volunteers and supporters of 4-H
- Maryland Friend of 4-H Award- for a non 4-H individual or group who supports 4-H
- Maryland Partner in 4-H Award- for organizations that provide financial or in-kind support to 4-H

- Dick Angus Spirit of 4-H Award– for an Extension professional who also serves as a 4-H Volunteer
- Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year (Under 10 Years of UME Service) Award– Educator Nomination Only– for an outstanding 4-H Volunteer with at least 5 years of service
- Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year (Over 10 Years of UME Service) Award– Educator Nomination Only– for an outstanding 4-H Volunteer with over 10 years of service

### **The Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award**

Designed to honor major Leadership contributions to the 4-H Program.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible.***

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

For the Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award, describe how this volunteer's leadership has made a difference to the Maryland 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their local, regional, state and/or national leadership roles
- how they supported and promoted the development of leadership skills in 4-H youth, volunteers or others

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

### **The W. Sherrard Wilson 4-H Service Award**

Designed to honor major Service contribution to the 4-H Program.

**Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible.**

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

For the W. Sherrard Wilson 4-H Service Award, describe how this volunteer's service made a difference to the Maryland

4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- their service at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- how they supported and promoted service efforts or learning in 4-H youth, volunteer or others

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**



### **The Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award**

Designed to honor major Citizenship contributions to the 4-H Program.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H***

***Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible.***



Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

For the Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award, describe how this volunteer's work with the citizenship project made a difference to the Maryland 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- how they supported or created citizenship programs at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- how they supported and promoted efforts or learning in 4-H youth, volunteer or others

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

## **The Honorary 4-H Member Award**

Designed to honor outstanding 4-H leadership.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible and was not a 4-H member as a youth.***

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

For the Honorary 4-H Member Award, describe how this volunteer's service made a difference to the Maryland 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- their contribution to the 4-H program at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- how they display 4-H Spirit

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

### **The 4-H Alumni Plaque Award**

Designed to honor a 4-H Alumni that continues to support the 4-H Program.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible and must have been a 4-H member as a youth.***

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

For the 4-H Alumni Plaque Award, describe how their career success has been attributed to 4-H and how they display 4-H spirit.

Provide details about:

- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- their current involvement with the 4-H Program at the local, regional, state and/or national level

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**



### **The Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame Award**

Designed to honor outstanding citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H***

***Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible and must have 15 years of service as a Certified UME 4-H Volunteer.***

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

Winners of this award may be considered for nomination to the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

For the Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame Award, describe how this volunteer has made a difference to the 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their support of the citizenship projects at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- career accomplishment
- how they display 4-H spirit

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**



## **The Maryland 4-H Family of the Year Award**

Designed to honor a family well-known for their steadfast dedication to the 4-H Program.

***Nomination must include at least one adult who is an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer and one approved 4-H member in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible.***

Years of service data and youth membership status will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

**A statement of support is required to be submitted by someone unrelated to the family and other than the nominator.**

List the first and last name of all family members being considered for this award.

For the 4-H Family of the Year Award, describe how this family has made a difference to the Maryland 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their support of the service at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- their support of the citizenship projects at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

SAMPLE NOMINATION FORM- NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE ONLINE PORTAL

Upload a pdf Statement of Support for the Family of the Year.

**A statement of support is required to be submitted by someone unrelated to the family and other than the nominator.**

### **The Maryland Friend of 4-H Award**

Designed to recognize non-4-H individuals or groups for their significant support regardless of years of experience.

*Nominee may be a non-4-H individual or group with as little as one year of support.*

For the Maryland Friend of 4-H Award, describe how this individual or group has supported the 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- the resources and/or support they have provided the 4-H Program



- the benefit this support has had on the 4-H Program

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

### **The Maryland Partner in 4-H Award**

Designed to recognize an industry or community organization that provides significant financial or in-kind support to the 4-H Program.

***Nominees may be organizations with 4-H in their name, but cannot be a 4-H Club.***

For the Maryland Partner in 4-H Award, describe how this partner has made a difference to the Maryland 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their financial or in-kind support to the 4-H Program

- the benefit this support has had on the 4-H Program

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**



### **The Dick Angus Spirit of 4-H Award**

Designed to honor a Extension Professional who exemplifies the Spirit of 4-H Program while serving as an educator and a volunteer.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible and must have 15 years of service as an Extension Professional and a significant number of years as a volunteer.***

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

Extension service data will be verified though the UME ADO's office and shared with judges during the review process.

For the Dick Angus Spirit of 4-H Award, describe how this volunteer and Extension professional has made a difference to the 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their Extension service (years and areas)
- their volunteer service (years and areas)
- their accomplishments
- their contributions to the 4-H Program
- how they display 4-H Spirit

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

**The Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year (Under 10 years of Service) is an Educator Only nomination. Only 4-H Professionals employed by the University of Maryland Extension may submit a nomination for this**

**award.**

Designed to honor an outstanding adult volunteer including military staff and overseas Military for their contributions to the 4-H Program.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible and must have at least 5 and no more than 10 years of volunteer service.***

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

**A statement of support is required to be submitted by someone unrelated to the family and other than the nominator.**

For the Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year (under 10 years of service) Award, describe how this volunteer has made a difference to the Maryland 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their service at the local, regional, state and/or national level

- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- pertinent awards, honors and accomplishments
- any other 4-H involvement

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

Upload a pdf statement of support for the **Volunteer of the Year (Under 10 Years) Award**.

**A statement of support is required to be submitted by someone unrelated to the family and other than the nominator.**

**The Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year (Over 10 years of Service) is an Educator Only nomination. Only 4-H Professionals employed by the University of**

## **Maryland Extension may submit a nomination for this award.**

Designed to honor an outstanding adult volunteer including military staff and overseas Military for their contributions to the 4-H Program.

***Nominee must be an approved Certified UME 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online for the current year to be eligible and must have at least 10 years of volunteer service.***

Years of service data will be reported from 4-H Online and shared with judges during the review process.

**A statement of support is required to be submitted by someone unrelated to the family and other than the nominator.**

For the Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year (over 10 years of service) Award, describe how this volunteer has made a difference to the Maryland 4-H Program.

Provide details about:

- their service at the local, regional, state and/or national level

- their leadership at the local, regional, state and/or national level
- pertinent awards, honors and accomplishments
- any other 4-H involvement

**Minimum length: 1,200 characters**

Upload a pdf statement of support for the **Volunteer of the Year (Over 10 Years) Award**.

**A statement of support is required to be submitted by someone unrelated to the family and other than the nominator.**