

## **4-H ALUMNI RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The Illinois 4-H Alumni Recognition Program is designed to demonstrate the value of the 4-H program as a training ground for good citizenship. It provides recognition to 4-H alumni whose contributions to society exemplify effective citizenship and leadership, success in their chosen careers and a sustaining interest in 4-H and similar worthy community endeavors.

Any adult who has been previously enrolled in 4-H and has an outstanding record of accomplishments relating to good citizenship in adult life is eligible for consideration. Candidates should have achieved success in their chosen profession or occupation. A person's record of accomplishments should indicate interest in and support of youth, civic, public, church or school activities in the community and country.

Volunteer 4-H leaders who are outstanding citizens, 4-H alumni, and can fulfill other qualifications as indicated in the judging criteria are eligible to be nominated and recognized in the 4-H Alumni Recognition Program. Employees of the Cooperative Extension Service, National 4-H Council and the State 4-H Foundation are not eligible for nomination.

### **Objectives**

1. To honor former 4-H members whose accomplishments exemplify effective citizenship, leadership, community and public service and success in their chosen careers.
2. To encourage former 4-H members to continue their interest in and cooperation with 4-H and other phases of the Extension program.
3. To highlight the ideals of clearer thinking, greater loyalty, larger service and better living as expressed in the 4-H pledge.
4. To provide youth with living examples of dependable, purposeful citizenship.

### **Awards Available and Nomination Procedures**

1. *County Award* – Maximum of ONE gold plated medal of honor to County Alumni Winners provided by the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Alumni may receive this award only once.
2. *State Awards* - The Illinois 4-H Foundation and Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson, Orville Redenbacher Gourmet Popping Corn will provide burnished copper alumni Recognition Plaques to each of four State 4-H Alumni Award recipients. Alumni may receive this award only once. Candidates for state honors may be nominated by a local 4-H club, county 4-H council, unit

Extension or any other group or by individuals including unit or state Extension personnel, local 4H leaders, 4H members, parents, friends or civic leaders. Nominations may originate in either the state where the nominee was enrolled as a 4H member or from the state where they now reside. To nominate someone for this award, send a letter of nomination to Sharon Petefish, State 4-H Office, 1901 University Inn, 302 E. John Street, Champaign, IL 61820. All nominations are due to Sharon Petefish by **February 1, 2006**. The letter should include information pertaining to the criteria listed below.

### **Judging Criteria**

The following criteria have been developed for use in selecting county, state and national winners in the 4-H Alumni Recognition Program.

1.      Citizenship 25%  
As exemplified by participation in civic, church, community, school, 4-H, public service and related activities denoting concern for the welfare of others.
  
2.      Leadership 25%  
As exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, church, community, school, youth professional, business and related activities.
  
3.      Career Accomplishments 25%  
As exemplified by accomplishments and success in chosen profession or occupation.
  
4.      Personal 25%  
Evidence of influence in 4-H training in applicant's life and his or her continuing commitment to 4-H and its ideals.

## 4-H Alumni County Nomination Form

Name of Person Being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's Address:

Person's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person/Group Nominating the Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain in as much detail as possible for each area why you feel the person you have nominated should receive the DeKalb County 4-H Alumni Award.

**Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Leadership:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Career Accomplishments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal:** \_\_\_\_\_

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