



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

2019 SPECIALTY AWARD CRITERIA & SCORE SHEETS

SPECIALTY AWARD OBJECTIVE

To recognize NAE4-HA members for significant accomplishments in 4-H programming through a variety of strategies.

ELIGIBILITY

- All active and life members are eligible to submit awards.
- Applicants must have been an active member the year prior to applying as well as the current year of application. If there are additional requirements of membership for the award, these requirements take precedence over this eligibility requirement.
- Membership status is determined using the NAE4-HA database as of January 31, 2019.
- Multi-State entries are to be submitted in the State and Region of the primary applicant. The primary applicant should come from the state with the most members on the team.

GENERAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- All submissions must use the online submissions process. All award applications must be submitted by **8:00 a.m. Eastern on March 2, 2019**. No late entries will be accepted. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- A separate submission must be completed for each award in which a member is submitting.
- Entries must be produced/completed from January 1 to December 31, 2018.
- Previous national award winners may not enter the same class in consecutive years.
- Identical entries may not be submitted in more than one class.
- Rules and guidelines for each award will be strictly enforced.
- Team award applications may have up to 10 team members included on application (applicant and up to 9 team members). Applicants will not be able to add names of team members or information to their award application once it has been submitted.
- Unless specified in the specific awards information, Specialty awards will be judged at the State, Regional and National Level.
- All National awards will be presented at the NAE4-HA Conference. Regional awards will be presented at the appropriate regional event during the NAE4-HA Conference.
- Specialty awards may be individual or team submissions. All awards submitted in a category will be judged together. There are no separate awards for individuals and teams.
- For team applications, at least one member of the team must be an NAE4-HA member and meet the eligibility requirements to apply. Team awards are limited to 10 members (applicant and up to 9 other individuals).

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Below are requirements for submitting Specialty awards. Specific criteria for each award is included in this document. Some awards may not require all of these same things, and the specific awards criteria will take precedence over the general entry specifications.

1. Each entry must include an abstract of 150 words or less.
2. A narrative addressing the award criteria is required. Refer to the specific award criteria and score sheet for specifics to include. Narratives are limited to three (3) pages or less.
3. The abstract and narrative may be uploaded in any file format or typed/copied into a text box. If a file is uploaded, create the document using 8.5 X 11 inch layout with one-inch margins, single-spaced, and 12 point font.
4. Some awards may require additional documentation such as letters of support, samples of support materials, news clippings, etc. Awards that do not have required documentation will be disqualified.
5. We recognize the changing tools needed by 4-H professional to be successful. Entries that incorporate newer technology tools like podcasts, blogs, video, etc. are encouraged.

SPECIALTY AWARD CATEGORIES

1. 4-H Military Partnership Award (State winners advance to National Level)
2. Beyond Youth Leadership Award
3. Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award
4. Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award (State winners advance to National Level)
5. Diversity & Inclusion: Expanding the 4-H Audience Award
6. Educational Technology Award
7. Excellence in 4-H Club Support Award
8. Excellence in 4-H Volunteerism Award
9. Excellence in Ag Literacy Award
10. Excellence in After-School Programming Award
11. Excellence in Animal Science Award
12. Excellence in Camping Award
13. Excellence in Communication and Expressive Arts Award
14. Excellence in Geospatial Programming Award
15. Excellence in Global Citizenship Programming Award
16. Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award
17. Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education Award
18. Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Award
19. Excellence in Teamwork Award
20. Excellence in Urban Programming Award
21. Excellence in Workforce Development Programming Award
22. Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award
23. Life Member Award (State winners advance to National Level)
24. Search for Excellence in Teen programming Award
25. Susan Barkman Research and Evaluation Award (State winners advance to National Level)



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

4-H MILITARY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

SPONSOR:

U. S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, 4-H National Headquarters; U.S. Army Child and Youth Services; U. S. Air Force Child and Youth Programs; U.S. Navy Child and Youth Programs; and Cooperating Extension 4-H Programs through grant funding at Kansas State University

SPECIAL NOTE:

National winner must be in attendance at NAE4-HA Conference. A travel stipend of \$1,200 will be provided to assist recipient with expenses. If the winner is a team, the team will determine how to divide the stipend among the members attending the Conference. Receipts and other appropriate documentation are required by the sponsors and must be submitted within three months of receiving the award to receive reimbursement:

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ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any current NAE4-HA member in good standing and working with Army Child, Youth, & School Services, Air Force Child and Youth Programs, and/or Navy Child and Youth Programs staff, to include installation, National Guard and Reserve, is eligible for the NAE4-HA 4-H Military Partnership Award. If a team award, at least one member of the team must be a current member of NAE4-HA.
2. Each eligible state Association or unit may select one recipient for the state/unit award. This state/unit winner will be considered for the national award. No regional judging will be conducted.
3. County, state, and national Extension staff or NAE4-HA life members may be nominated.
4. The award will recognize the individual or team who has created a positive Extension image through his/her/their leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H Army, Air Force or Navy partnerships on U.S. military installations and in the community as it pertains to National Guard and Reserve families and children.
5. A previous year's state/unit award recipient will still be eligible for nomination for the national award if they are not named as the National winner.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

The required narrative should include the following information and be limited to 3 pages:

1. **Professional Accomplishments** -- Summarize the leadership of this individual or team in developing 4-H Army, Air Force, and/or Navy partnerships, show clearly his/her/their role in establishing installation 4-H Clubs/programs and/or programs for geographically-dispersed military connected youth in communities where they reside, and achieving the goals set forth in the respective Service's Military 4-H Club grant. Include:
 - a. Description of the 4-H club program and/or programs for geographically-dispersed military-connected youth in the county/state of the individual or team where applicable.
 - b. Statistics on numbers of 4-H clubs and numbers of military-connected youth enrolled in 4-H on installations as well as National Guard and Reserve Youth outside the gates in the county or state in which the person or team works.
 - c. Description of collaborations with Army Child, Youth & School Services, Air Force Child and Youth Programs, and/or Navy Child and Youth Programs staff on the installations and with National Guard and/or Reserve in the community.
 - d. Description of programs/projects accomplished to meet the respective Service's Military 4-H Club grant goals.
 - e. Examples of successful integration of the 4-H clubs and youth into the county/state 4-H program.
 - f. Describe training and technical assistance provided to military staff responsible for the 4-H program.
 - g. Description of working collaboratively with the Extension 4-H Military Liaison to coordinate with other military 4-H programs in the state.
 - h. Describe efforts to reach out to the youth in families of deployed National Guard and Reserve members in the nominee's state/county.
2. **Professional Involvement:** Summarize significant leadership and citizenship roles this person or team has assumed in support of the 4-H military partnerships for youth in your county and state. Include provision and promotion of educational opportunities for installation Services staff, National Guard, and/or Reserve in your county/state.
3. **Personal Community Contributions:** Describe important leadership and citizenship contributions as they relate to increasing and improving community awareness of the 4-H military partnership, of 4-H clubs/programs and/or the understanding of the impact of deployments upon children, youth, and families of military personnel.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION:

1. Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting the nominee or team from the following categories:

- a. One from the State 4-H office
 - b. One from Army Child, Youth & School Services, or Air Force Child and Youth Programs, or Navy Child and Youth Programs professional staff;
 - c. One from either Army or Air National Guard/Army, Air Force or Navy Reserve staff OR clientele/community leaders.
 - d. No more than one letter from each category above.
2. A letter of nomination from a state Extension association is optional. Additional letters will not be accepted.
 3. No additional support material such as news articles, clippings, etc., will be accepted.
 4. A brief summary of no more than 50 words highlighting the program accomplishments. This will be used in the printed program.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

4-H MILITARY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

NAME _____ STATE _____

The Purpose of the 4-H Military Partnership Award is to recognize the individual or team who has created a positive Extension image through his/her/their leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H Military Partnerships on U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and/or U.S. Navy installations and in the community as it pertains to Reserve Component service members and families.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Abstract one hundred and fifty words (150) or less.
2. Narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below that is three (3) pages or less.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting the nominee or team from the following categories:
 - a. One from the State 4-H Office
 - b. One from Army Child, Youth & School Services, or Air Force Child & Youth Programs, or Navy Child & Youth Programs professional staff.
 - c. One from either Army or Air National Guard / Army, Air Force or Navy Reserve Staff OR clientele / community leaders.
 - d. A letter of nomination from a state Extension Association is optionalNo more than one letter from a category. Additional letters will not be accepted.
4. No additional support material will be accepted

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Professional Accomplishments – Summarize the leadership of this individual or team in developing 4-H Army, Air Force, and/or Navy partnerships, show clearly his/her/their role in establishing installation 4-H Clubs/programs and/or programs for geographically-dispersed military connected youth in communities where they reside, and achieving the goals set forth in the 4-H Military Partnership Grant.	60	
Professional Involvement – Summarize significant leadership and citizenship roles taken in support of the 4-H / Military partnerships for youth in your county and state.	20	
Personal Community Contributions – Describe important leadership and citizenship contributions as they relate to increasing and improving community awareness of the 4-H / Military partnerships, of Military 4-H Clubs / programs, and/or the understanding of the impact of the deployments upon children, youth, and families of Military personnel.	20	
Total	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

BEYOND YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

SPONSOR:

4-H National Council; Youth Empowerment Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

SPECIAL NOTE:

National Recipient will be awarded \$1,000 and Plaque; National Award Winner and/or Video Representing the Program must be present at the NAE4-HA Conference to receive the award. National recipient must submit information and be present for seminar or poster session at NAE4-HA National Meeting.

PURPOSE:

The Beyond Youth Leadership Award is to recognize a program that exemplifies strong youth-adult partnerships that impact their club, community, country or world. Programs may be initiated by youth or youth-adult partnerships to be considered for this award. Programs should have been in place for less than five years.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. An NAE4-HA member may only receive this award once.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

- 1) The application should meet the following criteria for evaluation and use a maximum of four (4) typed pages:
 - a) Justification - Include situation statement, program objectives, program implementation and/or plan of action, and program evaluation. 2 pages.
 - b) Level of youth involvement - Targeted programs should indicate how youth will be involved in authentic decision making roles, reflecting real youth influence, and the nature of the partnership with involved adults. (Creative or unusual approaches are valued.) 1 page.
 - c) Description of your plan for sharing information gained. 1 page.
- 2) Required letters of support (one each from the following)
 - a) From youth who has/have participated in writing or has/have reviewed the proposal
 - b) From an Extension or administrative supervisor

Regional winners will be asked to provide a brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than fifty (50) words and one digital photo showing youth in action during your project or reflecting youth in your projected project. These may be printed on a poster or included in

workshop slide presentation by the Youth Empowerment Working Group showcasing the awards during the NAE4-HA conference.

JUDGING PROCEDURE:

Youth involvement is encouraged in judging this award at each level of competition.



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BEYOND YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

NAME _____ STATE _____

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APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below that is four (4) pages or less
2. One one-page letter of support from an Extension or Administrative supervisor.
3. One one-page letter from a youth who has/have participate in writing or has/have reviewed the proposal

****NOTE****- National Winner and/or Video Representing the Program must be present at the NAE4-HA Conference to receive the award.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Justification: Include situation statement, program objectives, program implementation/plan of action and program evaluation.	40	
Level of Youth Involvement: Targeted programs should indicate how youth will be involved in authentic decision making roles, reflecting real youth influence, and the nature of the partnership with involved adults. (Creative or unusual approaches are valued.)	30	
Budget: Description of how funds will be used and timeline for implementation.	20	
Information Sharing: Description of your plan for sharing information gained.	10	
Total	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

CITIZENSHIP IN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARD

SPONSOR:

Rixtine Recognition; Citizenship Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award is to encourage and recognize the efforts of Extension staff developing and/or conducting programs and/or projects for youth. These opportunities focus on increasing knowledge and skills of understanding, challenging and engaging with the main pillars of our democracy: politics, the economy and the law. Other components to consider include: appreciation of complexity, conflict management, the inevitability of change, and the interconnectedness between and among humans and their environment, understanding of their impact on others and how others impacts them, and understanding of their ability and responsibility to make choices that affect the future.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Goals and Objectives – Empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world. Specify the main focus of your program(s) and/or project(s) that includes at least one of the following:
 - a. Civic Education: Offering learning experiences to equip and empower youth to participate in democratic processes.
 - b. Civic Engagement: Arranging opportunities for young people to participate in the community life in order to improve conditions for others or to help shape the communities future.
 - c. Service: Providing occasions for youth to help others through their actions.
 - d. Personal Development: Developing youth leadership and decision-making skills to prepare young people for the future.
2. Target Audience – Describe briefly the number reached.
3. Program Content – projects, activities and/or events that include a focus on citizenship where society works together as a whole.
4. Delivery Method – appropriate for intended audience.
5. Outcomes/Impact – appropriate for goals and intended target audience and how it was measured. Appropriate outcome evaluation is provided with program development applications.
6. Supplemental materials limited to three pages. This may include photos, news clipping, letters or other information that shows program details/highlights, etc.



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APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below in 3 pages or less.
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Target Audience – Describe briefly the number reached.	10	
Program Content – Projects, activities, and/or events that include a focus on citizenship whereas the society works together as a whole.	30	
Delivery Method – Appropriate for intended audience.	15	
Outcomes / Impact – Appropriate for goals and intended target audience and how it was measured. Appropriate outcome evaluation is provided with program development applications.	20	
Total	100	



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DENISE MILLER NATIONAL 4-H INNOVATOR AWARD

SPONSOR:

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) –National Recipient will be awarded \$250 and Plaque.

SPECIAL NOTE:

This award is only judged at the State level. All state winners are forwarded on for National judging. One National winner will be selected.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award is to recognize an individual or team who exemplifies innovation, accomplishment, and commitment in the design and delivery of a unique 4-H program. Awards will only be granted to new innovations. This program should meet the highest standard of quality and innovation. An innovative program would be one that may include a new audience or expansion of a current audience, a new program subject matter area, a new program delivery method(s) or some other creative approach that is new to your work. An innovative program could be a new approach to a current program or the beginning of an entirely new effort.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Executive Summary of Innovation – Limit to 50 words.
2. Description of Innovation -- include type of innovation, intended target audience, and, if applicable, collaborative efforts.
3. Program impacts.
4. Program Replication Plan
 - a. Describe what you have done to encourage replication (i.e. presentation, articles, etc.)
 - b. Provide an action plan on how the innovative program could be replicated. (Include target audience and reach, description of replication activity and timeline.)



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NAME _____ STATE _____

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	Possible Score	Actual Score
Application Submission Requirements: All required information included, max of 3 pages, etc.	5	
Description of Innovation: Program represents a new innovation; description is clear and concise; why was innovation needed for the intended target audience; collaborative efforts (if applicable) in the innovation; impact of program	20	
Program Replication Plan: A clear replication action plan is provided; innovation will benefit other 4-H programs	5	
Total	30	

Comments:



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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: EXPANDING THE 4-H AUDIENCE AWARD

SPONSOR:

Rixstine Recognition; Diversity & Inclusion Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the NAE4-HA Diversity & Inclusion Award is to recognize outstanding effort and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in the NAE4-HA organization, programs, and/or audiences. Diversity is defined as acknowledging, understanding, appreciating, valuing, and celebrating differences among people relative to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation. (List is not all-inclusive and is not limited to those that are mentioned.)

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

- 1) No more than three (3) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria.
 - a) Purpose of program, accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity
 - b) How program fosters an environment of diversity and inclusion
 - c) Description of significant changes that occurred through program
 - d) Creative and innovative methods used to reach goals and objectives and to retain diverse audience
- 2) Three (3) letters of support, one of which may be from an Extension administrator or supervisor.



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OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: EXPANDING THE 4-H
AUDIENCE AWARD**

NAME _____ STATE _____

The purpose of the Diversity & Inclusion Award is to recognize outstanding effort and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in the NAE4-HA organization, programs, and/or audiences. Diversity is defined as acknowledging, understanding, appreciating, valuing, and celebrating differences among people relative to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status or sexual orientation. (List is not all-inclusive and is not limited to those that are mentioned.)

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. No more than three pages of narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below.
3. Three letters of support (one of which may be from an Extension administrator or supervisor).

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Community Contributions/Accomplishments (55%)		
1. Purpose reflects and recognizes outstanding effort and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in NAE4-HA.	25	
2. Applicant's efforts foster an environment of diversity and inclusiveness.	15	
3. As a result of programmatic efforts, a significant change occurred.	15	
Creative and Innovative Methods (45%)		
1. Creative methods were used to accomplish programs goals and objectives.	15	
2. Program demonstrated uniqueness and difference to warrant recognition.	15	
3. Methods were used to promote retention of diverse audiences.	15	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AWARD

SPONSOR:

A & T Industries

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Educational Technology Award is to recognize the use of technology in delivering or managing educational programs. Programming might include technology such as computers, video, satellite, web pages, etc.. Applicants should seek to showcase how technology has expanded the educational delivery of 4-H and promote logical problem-solving techniques using educational technology(ies).

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

- 1) A success story limited to three (3) pages to include the following:
 - a) Objectives of the project
 - b) Intended audience
 - c) Description of the type(s) of educational technology used in the project
 - d) The impact to the intended audience

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Educational Technology Award is to recognize the use of technology (such as computers, video, satellite, web pages, etc.) in delivering or managing educational programs, to expand the use of technology education in 4-H, and to promote logical problem-solving techniques using educational technologies.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. A success story limited to three (3) pages to include the following:
 - a. Objectives of the project
 - b. Intended audience
 - c. Description of the type(s) of educational technology used in the project
 - d. The impact to the intended audience

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Clear and concise objectives	30	
Appropriate application of technology to Educational/ promotional program	30	
Impact to intended audience according to its stated objectives	40	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



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EXCELLENCE IN 4-H CLUB SUPPORT AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in 4-H Club Support Award is to encourage and recognize the efforts of Extension professionals who support and strengthen their 4-H club program. A club is "an organized unit providing a long term experience for youth and adults." Programs nominated for this award may have taken several years to implement or may be short-term or single year efforts.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. State the program's goals and objectives. Indicate program need.
2. Summarize methods used to support and strengthen clubs.
3. Describe outcomes or impacts. How did the effort strengthen your 4-H program?
4. Describe leadership and volunteer development included in the program
5. Describe the scope of adult and youth involvement
6. Limit supplementary materials to three (3) pages. You may include photos, news clippings, or letters, etc.



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APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Outline criteria described below in score sheet and on award description.
2. Limit supplementary materials to three (3) pages. You may include photos, news clippings, or letters, etc.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Goals and objectives	15	
Content or methods used to support and strengthen clubs	25	
Outcomes or impacts on the 4-H program	25	
Leadership/volunteer development	15	
Scope of adults/youth involvement	10	
Supplementary materials	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



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EXCELLENCE IN 4-H VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in 4-H Volunteerism is to encourage and recognize excellent work in managing a 4-H volunteer program and/or enhancing 4-H volunteer development. A volunteer program can be within a local unit, district, state or national effort. Efforts recognized can be in the area of volunteer development or volunteer program management.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Describe the need for the effort.
2. State the goals and objectives of the program.
3. Describe outcomes and impacts. How did the effort strengthen your 4-H volunteer program and your overall 4-H program.
4. Describe partners involved in helping implement the effort.
5. Limit supplementary materials to three (3) pages. You may include photos, news clippings, or letters, etc.



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APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Describe the need for the effort.
2. State the goals and objectives of the program.
3. Describe outcomes and impacts. How did the effort strengthen your 4-H volunteer program and your overall 4-H program.
4. Describe partners involved in helping implement the effort.
5. Limit supplementary materials to three (3) pages. You may include photos, news clippings, or letters, etc.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Goals, objectives and need for the effort	15	
Ingenuity of program	5	
Content or methods used to support and strengthen volunteer program	25	
Outcomes or impacts on the 4-H volunteer program	20	
Outcomes or impacts to the overall 4-H program	20	
Partner involvement (volunteers, youth, staff, stakeholders, etc.)	10	
Supplementary materials	5	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



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EXCELLENCE IN AG LITERACY PROGRAMMING AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Ag Literacy Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Ag Literacy Programming Award is to recognize outstanding 4-H programming efforts by members in the area of agricultural literacy whether in a rural, suburban or urban setting.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Documentation of community need.
2. Objectives and overview of the program.
3. Evaluation process used and impact of the program.
4. Renewability/Sustainability of the program.
5. Collaborations used to implement the program.
6. Supplementary materials up to three pages that show details and highlights of the program.
This may include photos, news clippings, letters, video, podcast, etc.



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APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

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	Possible Score	Actual Score
Documentation of community need	20	
Objectives	10	
Overview	10	
Evaluation process	10	
Impact of program	20	
Renewability/sustainability of the program	10	
Collaboration	20	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; After School Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in After School Programming Award is to encourage and recognize exceptional work in 4-H after school programming by NAE4-HA members. After school program must have occurred over a period of time.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Goals and objectives – Describe needs assessment and how goals and objectives relate to the needs assessment.
2. Content/Methods – Describe scope of program, youth audience, program content, delivery methods, and resources/curricula used. Also include cost and funding source.
3. Outcomes/Impacts – Type of evaluation, results of program, outcomes and impacts.
4. Sustainability and replication – how will the program be sustained or continued after completion; how can it be replicated?
5. Lessons learned – Describe what you learned by doing this program that could help other 4-H after school program providers.
6. Materials Developed – Provide a sample of materials developed to support the program i.e. flyers, news releases, activity outlines, impact reports, etc.
7. One letter of recommendation supporting the nominee from a representative of the school, school district or PTA.
8. Supplementary materials limited to three pages. This may include photos, news clippings, report summaries, etc.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in After School Programming Award is to encourage and recognize exceptional work in 4-H after school programming by NAE4-HA members. After school program must have occurred over a period of time.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Criteria as outlined on score sheet below.
2. One letter of recommendation supporting the nominee from a representative of the school, school district or PTA.
3. Supplementary materials limited to three pages. This may include photos, news clippings, report summaries, etc.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Goals and objectives – Describe needs assessment and how goals and objectives relate to the needs assessment.	10	
Content/Methods – Describe scope of program, youth audience, program content, delivery methods, and resources/curricula used. Also include cost and funding source.	20	
Outcomes/Impacts – Type of evaluation, results of program, outcomes and impacts	20	
Sustainability and replication – how will the program be sustained or continued after completion; how can it be replicated?	10	
Lessons learned – Describe what you learned by doing this program that could help other 4-H after school program providers.	20	
Materials Developed – Provide a sample of materials developed to support the program i.e. flyers, news releases, activity outlines, impact reports, etc.	20	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE PROGRAMMING AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Animal Science Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Animal Science Programming Award is to recognize outstanding effort by members in youth development through animal science programming, evaluation or research.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Description of the animal science programming, evaluation or research project.
2. Description of the collaborative efforts in industry, agencies or organizations.
3. Description of demonstrated educational value and impact of the program on youth, the 4-H program, industry or the community.
4. Description of innovative teaching and learning strategies used.
5. Two standard 8.5 X 11 inch pages of supporting material may be included such as newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE PROGRAMMING AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Animal Science Programming Award is to recognize outstanding effort by members in youth development through animal science programming, evaluation or research.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Description of the animal science programming, evaluation or research project.
2. Description of the collaborative efforts in industry, agencies or organizations.
3. Description of demonstrated educational value and impact of the program on youth, the 4-H program, industry or the community.
4. Description of innovative teaching and learning strategies used.
5. Two standard 8.5 X 11 inch pages of supporting material may be included such as newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Scope and content of the program, evaluation or research project	20	
Collaborative efforts in industry, agencies or organizations.	10	
Educational value and significance of the program on youth, the 4-H program or the community	30	
Impact of the program on youth, the 4-H program, industry or community	30	
Innovative teaching and learning strategies used	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN CAMPING AWARD

SPONSOR:

A&T Industries; Camping & Environmental Education Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Camping Award is to recognize outstanding effort in youth development through 4-H camping as related to practice, evaluation, or research by members as individuals or as part of a team.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Description of the scope of the camping program, evaluation, or research.
2. Description of any collaborative efforts.
3. Description of demonstrated educational impact of the program on youth, the 4-H program, or the community.
4. If applicable, how adult and teen leaders and other youth were involved in major leadership roles in the program.
5. Describe innovative teaching and learning strategies used if applicable.
6. Two standard (8 ½ x 11") pages of supporting materials may be included.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN CAMPING AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Camping Award is to recognize outstanding effort in youth development through 4-H camping as related to practice, evaluation, or research by members as individuals or as part of a team.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Description of the scope of the camping program, evaluation, or research.
2. Description of any collaborative efforts.
3. Description of demonstrated educational impact of the program on youth, the 4-H program, or the community.
4. If applicable, how adult and teen leaders and other youth were involved in major leadership roles in the program.
5. Describe innovative teaching and learning strategies used if applicable.
6. Two standard (8 ½ x 11") pages of supporting materials may be included.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Scope and content of the program, evaluation or research project.	35	
Collaborative efforts with other agencies/organizations.	10	
Educational value and the significance of the program, evaluation, or research project.	25	
Impact of the program, evaluation, or research project on youth, the 4-H program, or the community.	20	
Involvement of adult and teen volunteers and other youth (if applicable) in key leadership roles	10	
TOTAL	100	



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSIVE ARTS AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Communication & Expressive Arts Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

1. Create 4-H Communication & Expressive Arts (CEA) opportunities for youth, volunteers, and extension professionals incorporating CEA into one or more of the National 4-H Mission Mandates: Science, Healthy Living, Civic Engagement.
2. Show the impact of a Communication & Expressive Arts program(ing) through formal or informal evaluation and/or published article/story/media coverage.
3. Recognize Excellence in Communication & Expressive Arts.

** Refer to our <https://4hartshowcase.wordpress.com/> for more information and examples applicable to this award.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Describe the purpose and scope of the program as it relates to the incorporation of Communication and Expressive Arts into one or more of the 4-H Mission Mandates.
2. Explain the educational value and significance of the program, including innovative teaching and learning strategies used.
3. Explain the impact of the program on youth, volunteers, the 4-H program and/or the community.
4. *Describe* the involvement and major leadership roles of adult and teen volunteers and other youth who were involved in the program.
5. Description of collaborative programming efforts with other agencies/organizations *within a community/county/state(s)*.
6. Define the audience and number reached.
7. Up to three pages of supplementary materials may be included. We encourage photos, news clippings, letters, etc.



“The Arts” defined

Performing Arts – Music, Dance, Drama

Fine Arts – Painting, Sculpture, Dance, Theatre, Architecture, Printmaking, Textiles and more.

- **Decorative Arts** – wood, ceramic, glass, metal, textile, sculpture, etc.
- **Folk Art** – craft traditions and culture, etc.
- **Craft** – skill especially involving practical arts or trade (i.e. floriculture, landscape architecture, culinary arts, etc.)
- **Visual Arts** – painting, drawing, comics, photography, printmaking, film, cinematography, etc.
- **Electronic Media** – digital photography, printmaking, interactive pieces, video, games, etc.
- **Language Arts** – Story, essay, poetry, play, fiction or non-fiction, speaking, dramatics, etc.
- **Culinary Arts** – pleasing presentation

Arts-based youth-based organizations are defined as

“Activities in the arts engaging young people in a variety of media – visual, technical, musical and dramatic.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

**EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATION &
EXPRESSIVE ARTS AWARD**

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Communication and Expressive Arts Award is to recognize outstanding effort by NAE4-HA members in Communication and Expressive Arts Education.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. No more than three pages of narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below.
3. Up to three pages of supplementary materials which might include photos, news clippings or other documents.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Describe the purpose and scope of the program as it relates to the incorporation of Communication and Expressive Arts into one or more of the 4-H Mission Mandates.	25	
Explain the educational value and significance of the program, including innovative teaching and learning strategies used.	25	
Explain the impact of the program on youth, volunteers, the 4-H program and/or the community.	20	
Describe the involvement and major leadership roles of adult and teen volunteers and other youth who were involved in the program.	10	
Description of collaborative programming efforts with other agencies/organizations within a community/county/state(s).	10	
Define the audience and number reached.	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN GEOSPATIAL PROGRAMS AWARD

SPONSOR:

ESRI; Geospatial Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee. This award provides a \$750 cash award to the National winner.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to promote 4-H geospatial programs and to encourage and recognize exemplary efforts of 4-H staff who work in this area.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. The purpose and goals of the project and how they were determined.
2. How youth were involved in planning, implementation and sharing/dissemination.
3. Efforts made to reach underserved youth and communities.
4. Resources needed for the project and how they were acquired.
5. Partners involved and their contributions.
6. How project evaluation was carried out.
7. Impact of the project on the community or issue and on the youth involved, including potential impact on career choice.
8. Evidence that the program increased knowledge and skills of participants.
9. Plans to replicate the program.
10. Up to three pages of supplementary materials such as maps, photos, news clipping, letters may be included.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN GEOSPATIAL PROGRAMS AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of this award is to promote 4-H geospatial programs and to encourage and recognize exemplary efforts of 4-H staff who work in this area.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Narrative should address criteria outlined on score sheet and the award information.
2. Up to three pages of supplementary materials such as maps, photos, news clipping, letters may be included.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
The purpose and goals of the project and how they were determined.	20	
How youth were involved in planning, implementation and sharing/dissemination.	10	
Project uses GPS, GIS and/or other geospatial technology to impact the community or an issue of significance and the youth involved, including potential impact on career choice.	20	
Project evaluation shows evidence of increased knowledge and skills of youth and volunteers,	20	
Project connects youth to businesses, agencies or organization in their community or state.	10	
Project reaches underserved youth and communities	10	
Evidence of plans to replicate project.	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMMING AWARD

SPONSOR:

States' 4-H International Exchange Program; Citizenship Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Recognition for Excellence in Global Citizenship Programming Award is to recognize those who strive to develop and/or conduct programs and/or projects that provide opportunities for youth to develop a “world view” including a global perspective and the skills necessary for global citizenship and the development of appreciation for living in a global society.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Describe significant program accomplishments in three (3) double spaced pages or less. Include: Goals and Objectives, Target Audience, Program Content, Delivery Methods, and Outcome-based Evaluation.
2. Supplemental materials may be included – limit to four (4) pages. This may include photos, newspaper clippings, copies of websites, letters or other information that shows program results or impacts.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMMING AWARD

NAME _____ STATE _____

The purpose of the Recognition for Excellence in Global Citizenship Programming Award is to recognize those who strive to develop and/or conduct programs and/or projects that provide opportunities for youth to develop a “world view” including a global perspective and the skills necessary for global citizenship and the development of appreciation for living in a global society.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Describe significant program accomplishments in three (3) double spaced pages or less. Include: Goals and Objectives, Target Audience, Program Content, Delivery Methods, and Outcome-based Evaluation.
2. Supplemental materials may be included – limit to four (4) pages. This may include photos, newspaper clippings, copies of websites, letters or other information that shows program results or impacts.

	Possible	Actual Score
Program Content: Incorporates a global perspective into all projects, activities and events	30	
Goals and Objectives: Provides an educational opportunity that develops skills and knowledge, attitudes and aspirations that enhance development of a world-view and global literacy.	25	
Outcomes or impact on target audience and how it was measured.	20	
Delivery method appropriate for intended audience.	15	
Target Audience	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAMMING AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Healthy Living Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award is to recognize outstanding efforts and impacts of NAE4-HA members in Healthy Living programming, evaluation and/or research projects.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Define the goals and objectives of the program.
2. Identify the target audience and recruitment strategies.
3. Explain program content, delivery methods and program significance.
4. Describe outcome evaluation results.
5. Describe partnerships, collaborations, volunteer and youth involvement.
6. Explain lessons learned from the program.
7. Optional: Up to three pages of supplementary materials which may include photos, news clippings, letters, or other information that shows program details and highlights.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAMMING AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award is to recognize outstanding efforts and impacts of NAE4-HA members in Healthy Living programming, evaluation and/or research projects.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. No more than three pages of narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below and in award information.
2. Optional: Up to three pages of supplementary materials which might include photos, news clippings or other documents.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Purpose of Program – The Significance of the program objectives in the area of healthy lifestyles.	5	
Audience, Size and Scope of the Program – number of youth reached, recruitment and diversity strategies.	15	
Program Content – Appropriate and creative delivery methods used for intended audience, how and to what depth healthy living approaches were incorporated, creative in programming, significant educational value that teaches youth to live a healthy lifestyle.	30	
Volunteer and Youth Leader Involvement – Roles of each and key leadership roles of youth.	10	
Collaborative Efforts – Collaborative programming with healthy living-related agencies/organizations.	5	
Impact – The impact of the educational program on the community and/or 4-H program; evidence of change as a result of the program, increased knowledge, attitudes, skills	30	
Professional Development – Personal or professional growth achieved as a result of the program.	5	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

**EXCELLENCE IN NATURAL RESOURCES/
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING AWARD**

SPONSOR:

A&T Industries; Camping & Environmental Education Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education Award is to recognize outstanding effort by members as individuals or as part of a team in this program area.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Describe the natural resources/environmental education program, project, or event and the number of people reached.
2. How did the effort demonstrate collaborative programming with other natural resource agencies/organization?
3. Describe the educational impact of the program, project, or event upon the community and/or 4-H program. How was this determined?
4. How were adult and teen leaders and other youth involved in major leadership roles in the natural resources/environmental education program, project, or event? Be specific.
5. Two standard (8 ½ x 11") pages of supporting materials may be included.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN NATURAL RESOURCES/ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education Award is to recognize outstanding effort by members as individuals or as part of a team in this program area.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Describe the natural resources/environmental education program, project, or event and the number of people reached.
2. How did the effort demonstrate collaborative programming with other natural resource agencies/organization?
3. Describe the educational impact of the program, project, or event upon the community and/or 4-H program. How was this determined?
4. How were adult and teen leaders and other youth involved in major leadership roles in the natural resources/environmental education program, project, or event? Be specific.
5. Two standard (8 ½ x 11") pages of supporting materials may be included.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Scope and content of the program.	20	
Number of people reached by the program.	10	
Collaborative programming efforts with natural resource agencies/organizations.	10	
Educational value and the significance of the effort on the environment.	25	
Impact of the educational program on the community and/or 4-H program.	25	
Involvement of adult and teen volunteers and other youth in key leadership roles.	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

**EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING
AND MATHEMATICS AWARD**

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; STEM Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in STEM Award is to recognize outstanding effort by NAE4-HA members in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programming, curriculum, project or event.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

- 1) Define the Scope of the STEM program, curriculum, project or event.
- 2) Identify the audience – number of people reached by the program, curriculum, project or event. Include the type of audience, i.e. underserved, etc.
- 3) Explain collaborative programming efforts with other agencies or organizations, if applicable.
- 4) Explain the educational value and significance of the program, including any innovative teaching and learning strategies used, if applicable.
- 5) Describe the impact of the program on youth, the 4-H program or the community.
- 6) Up to three pages of supplementary materials may be included. This may include photos, webpages, news clippings, letters, etc.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

**EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING
AND MATHEMATICS AWARD**

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in STEM Award is to recognize outstanding effort by NAE4-HA members in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programming, curriculum, project or event.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. No more than three pages of narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below and in award information.
2. Up to three pages of supplementary materials which might include photos, news clippings or other documents.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Define the Scope of the STEM program, curriculum, project or event.	30	
Identify the audience – number of people reached by the program, curriculum, project or event. Include the type of	10	
Explain collaborative programming efforts with other agencies or organizations, if applicable.	10	
Explain the educational value and significance of the program, including any innovative teaching and learning strategies used,	25	
Describe the impact of the program on youth, the 4-H program or the community.	25	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK AWARD

SPONSOR:

A&T Industries

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Teamwork Award is to encourage and recognize outstanding Extension programs or projects conducted by a team that demonstrate effective performance and significant results (impact) at community, area, state, or multi-state levels.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. What was the need for the program. What was unique about the program?
2. State the program goals and objectives.
3. Describe the target audience, their participation, involvement, and contribution.
4. Explain the role of the team members and state the percent of time contributed by each.
5. Describe collaborative efforts and/or partnerships with others.
6. Describe outcomes, results and/or impacts.
7. Describe how this program contributes to Extension's commitment to diversity.
8. Two letters of support
9. Up to three pages of supplementary materials which may include pictures, news clippings, letters, etc.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Teamwork Award is to encourage and recognize outstanding Extension programs or projects conducted by a team that demonstrate effective performance and significant results (impact) at community, area, state, or multi-state levels.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Application must address the criteria outlined on score sheet and award information.
2. Two letters of support.
3. Up to three pages of supplementary materials which may include pictures, news clippings, letters, etc.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Successful outcomes/results/impacts related to the goals/objectives	60	
Uniqueness/need of program	20	
Collaboration	10	
Contribution to diversity	10	
TOTAL	100	

COMMENTS:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN URBAN 4-H PROGRAMMING AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Urban Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Urban 4-H Programming Award is to recognize outstanding efforts by members in urban programming and to strengthen the commitment to urban programming curriculum. The nominee should have conducted the program or activity within the last two years, and it should be part of the ongoing 4-H program in the county. Youth participants must live in an urban community or the program must take place in an urban community. For these purposes, an urban community is defined as a contiguous community with a total population of at least 50,000 people and a population density of 1,000 per square mile.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Program goals and objectives.
2. Information on needs assessment and description of urban community.
3. Delivery method, content, materials developed and collaborative efforts.
4. Evaluation method, results/impact and significance.
5. Supporting materials up to 3 pages which may include news clippings, photos, personal stories, etc.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN URBAN 4-H PROGRAMMING AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Urban 4-H Programming Award is to recognize outstanding efforts by members in urban programming and to strengthen the commitment to urban programming curriculum. The nominee should have conducted the program or activity within the last two years, and it should be part of the ongoing 4-H program in the county. Youth participants must live in an urban community or the program must take place in an urban community. For these purposes, an urban community is defined as a contiguous community with a total population of at least 50,000 people and a population density of 1,000 per square mile.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Program goals and objectives.
2. Information on needs assessment and description of urban community.
3. Delivery method, content, materials developed and collaborative efforts.
4. Evaluation method, results/impact and significance.
5. Supporting materials up to 3 pages which may include news clippings, photos, personal stories, etc.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Objectives, audience, needs assessment and description of urban community	10	
Delivery method, content, materials developed and collaborative efforts	40	
Evaluation method, results/impact and significance	40	
Supporting materials	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

**EXCELLENCE IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMING AWARD**

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Workforce Development & Career Exploration Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Excellence in Workforce Development Award is to recognize outstanding efforts by members in workforce development and career exploration programming and to strengthen the commitment to workforce development programming curriculum. The program should be part of the ongoing 4-H program in the geographical area the nominee serves (county, district, region or state).

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

- 1) Introduction – Objectives, audience, needs assessment and description of the program.
- 2) Program Description – Delivery method, content, materials developed and collaborative efforts.
- 3) Program Impact – Evaluation method, results/impact and significance.
- 4) Up to three pages of supplementary materials may be provided. This may include photos, news clippings, personal stories, etc.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

EXCELLENCE IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING AWARD

NAME _____ **STATE** _____

The purpose of the Excellence in Workforce Development Award is to recognize outstanding efforts by members in workforce development and career exploration programming and to strengthen the commitment to workforce development programming curriculum. The program should be part of the ongoing 4-H program in the geographical area the nominee serves (county, district, region or state).

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. No more than three pages of narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below.
2. Up to three pages of supplementary materials which might include photos, news clippings or other documents.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Introduction – Objectives, audience, needs assessment and description of the program.	10	
Program Description – Delivery method, content, materials developed and collaborative efforts.	40	
Program Impact – Evaluation method, results/impact and significance.	40	
Up to three pages of supplementary materials may be provided. This may include photos, news clippings, personal	10	
TOTAL	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

GREG YOST MEMORIAL YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Youth Empowerment Working Group, NAE4-HA Programs Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award is to recognize the outstanding efforts of members that exemplify youth-adult partnerships which support young people in programs that affect them and their world.

SPECIAL NOTE: National award winner and/or video representing the program must be present at the NAE4-HA conference to receive the award.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Purpose of the program.
2. Size, scope and content of the program.
3. Youth involvement – how and to what depth youth were involved in the decision-making process including the nature of the partnership with the adults involved. Creative or unusual approaches are valued.
4. Evaluation/Outcome – evidence of change in youth, adults, 4-H club, organization, community or world as a result of the program. Document the success of the project.
5. Personal or Professional Growth achieved (i.e. insights gained or lessons learned).
6. Up to three pages of supplementary materials which may include photos, news clippings, program impact report, etc.
7. Letter of support from a young person or group of young people highlighting: 1) what their role was/is in the program as a youth; 2) what specific tasks the youth completed as a part of the program; 3) what skills the youth gained to help them grow into a stronger leader.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

GREG YOST MEMORIAL YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

NAME _____ STATE _____

The purpose of the Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award is to recognize the outstanding efforts of members that exemplify youth-adult partnerships which support young people in programs that affect them and their world. Award Winner and/or Video Representing the Program must be present at the NAE4-HA Conference to receive the award.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Narrative addressing the award criteria detailed below in scoresheet and the award information.
2. Supplementary materials limited to three (3) pages or less. This may include photos, news clippings, program impact report, etc.
3. Letter of support from a young person or group of young people highlighting 1) what their role was/is in the program as a youth, 2) what specific tasks the youth completed as a part of the program and 3) what skills the youth gained to help them grow into a stronger leader.

Note: National award winner and/or video representing the program must be present at the NAE4-HA conference to receive the award.

	Possible Score	Actual Score
Purpose of Program	10	
Size, Scope, and Content of Program	20	
Youth Involvement: Description of how and to what depth youth were involved in the decision making process including the nature of the partnership with the adults involved. (Creative or unusual approaches are valued.)	30	
Evaluation / Outcome Evidence of change in youth, adults, 4-H Club, organization, community, or world as a result of the program. Information which will document the success of the project.	30	
Personal or Professional Growth: As a result of this program describe any personal or professional growth you achieved (i.e. insights gained or lessons learned).	10	
Total	100	

Comments:



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA; Life Member Committee, NAE4-HA Member Services

PURPOSE:

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REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Involvement in NAE4-HA as an active employee.
2. Involvement with NAE4-HA since becoming a Life Member.
3. Volunteer work with 4-H since becoming a Life Member.
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	Possible Score	Actual Score
Involvement in NAE4-HA as an active employee.	25	
Involvement with NAE4-HA since becoming a Life Member.	15	
Volunteer work with 4-H since becoming a Life Member.	20	
Volunteer work within the community since becoming a Life Member.	40	
Total	100	

Comments:



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SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEEN PROGRAMMING AWARD

SPONSOR:

A&T Industries

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Award is to provide recognition for outstanding programs conducted for and with teen audiences. Programs should strive to gain national recognition for program accomplishments relative to scholarly and creative activities, teaching and/or research effectiveness, to show evidence or collaboration with others who help meet community teens' needs, and to strengthen the commitment to programs with teen audiences.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Goals and objectives of the program.
2. Documentation of community need.
3. Program evaluation process.
4. Impact of the program.
5. Evidence of how the program is/can be and ongoing program.
6. Evidence of collaboration in planning and conducting the program with other agencies, youth clubs, teen boards, etc.



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APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Goals and objectives of the program.
2. Overview of the program.
3. Documentation of community need.
4. Program evaluation process.
5. Impact of the program.
6. Evidence of how the program is/can be and ongoing program/sustainable program.
7. Evidence of collaboration in planning and conducting the program with other agencies, youth clubs, teen boards, etc.

	Possible	Actual Score
Documentation of community need	20	
Goals and Objectives	10	
Overview	10	
Evaluation process	10	
Impact of program	20	
Sustainability of the program	10	
Collaboration	20	
TOTAL	100	



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SUSAN BARKMAN AWARD FOR RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

SPONSOR:

NAE4-HA

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to recognize NAE4-HA members for excellence in research and evaluation of Extension programs. This award is presented in honor of Susan Barkman, 2004 Vice President for Research, Evaluation and Programs.

SPECIAL NOTE:

This award is only judged at the State level. All state winners are forwarded on for National judging. One National winner will be selected.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Purpose, review of literature, methodology and expected results/outcomes of project.
2. Description of expected educational impact of the project upon the 4-H program and/or its contribution to youth development. Include discussion, implications and conclusions.
3. Letter of support from Extension or administrative supervisor indicating how this study is advancing the profession.



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	Possible	Actual Score
Quality, appropriateness and rigor of the research or evaluation study	50	
Implications of the research or evaluation on youth development and/or the 4-H program.	30	
Contribution of new knowledge	20	
TOTAL	100	

Comments: