

Each year Utah 4-H recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers at the annual Leadermete with the following awards.

SALUTE TO 4-H VOLUNTEERS (INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM)

Each county selects one outstanding 4-H volunteer each year to receive this award at Leadermete. Recipient also receives a ticket to the awards banquet.

SALUTE TO 4-H YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM)

Each county selects one outstanding 11th - 12th grade level 4-H volunteer each year to receive this award at Leadermete. Youth may be in grades 11-12 in the current or previous school year as best suits your local recognition program. Emphasis will be placed on youth who have helped other youth discover the opportunities of 4-H. Recipients also receive a ticket to the awards banquet.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARDS, COUNTIES NOMINATE VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH CATEGORY. A COMMITTEE THEN SELECTS THE AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THOSE NOMINATED.

NOTE: MOST, IF NOT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AWARDS ARE AWARDED ONE PER REGION IF MERITED.

FRIEND OF 4-H

This award is for an individual or organization that has provided support and encouragement to 4-H. Recipient receives a special award and two tickets to the awards banquet.

4-H ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

One to three people are selected for this award. Recipients also receive two tickets to the awards banquet.

The purpose is to:

- Identify and recognize former 4-H members whose accomplishments in their chosen careers exemplify mentor models for 4-Hers.
- Honor former 4-H members whose accomplishments exemplify effective citizenship, leadership, community and public service.
- Encourage former 4-H members to continue their interest in and cooperation with 4-H and other phases of the Extension program.

4-H VOLUNTEER MENTOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes outstanding efforts of 4-H Mentors to recruit, train and mentor fellow 4-H volunteer leaders. Recipients also receive a ticket to the awards banquet.

4-H YFP MENTOR AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding efforts of adults working with youth in the YFP Program. Recipient receives \$50 award to support mentoring activities.

CLOVER KEY AWARD

The KEY to 4-H growth lies in new, committed and creative leaders. This award recognizes new and outstanding 4-H volunteers, those with service from 1 to 5 years. Recipient also receives a ticket to the awards banquet.

DOORKNOB AWARD

In 1984, at the first State Leadermete, Al Prince presented a “doorknob” from his unique collection to an outstanding 4-H volunteer leader. This represented a unique way of saying thanks for opening the “door of opportunity” for youth. The recipient also receives a ticket to the awards banquet.

UTAH 4-H FAMILIES OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes families for outstanding 4-H involvement and service. Families are selected from each of the Extension Regions. Each family also receives two tickets to the awards banquet.

4-H AFTERSCHOOL AWARD

As volunteers are vital to the success of 4-H Afterschool, we invite you to nominate a volunteer from your local program or region. This individual or team may help with training, provide front line time with youth and/or staff, organize an afterschool club, provide activities to afterschool programs, or serve as an advocate promoting and supporting 4-H afterschool in the community. Recipient also receives a ticket to the awards banquet.

FARM BUREAU AWARD

Recognizes contributions in the form of club leader, project leader, council member, etc. It is not necessary to be a member of Farm Bureau, but preferred. It is also preferred if recipients are within an easy commute of Salt Lake City, as awards are presented during the annual Farm Bureau Convention in November of each year. No award is presented at Leadermete, but recipient will be recognized at the banquet.

Additional awards in which you may be interested. These nominations are submitted directly to the sponsoring agency by the county extension office.

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE - WESTERN REGION [NEW PROCESS]

National 4-H recognizes one Volunteer of the year (less than 10 years of service) and one Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer (greater than 10 years) in each of the eight regions. Nominations are due to National in December and involve three letters of recommendation focusing on specific criteria. Recipients receive \$200 in support of a local 4-H program of their choice. Please indicate if the volunteer nominated for a Utah award should also be considered for this award.

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE - NATIONAL

One volunteer of the Year, and one Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer will be selected from the recipients selected in each region. Recipients are recognized at National 4-H Conference, and receive \$1,000 in support of a local 4-H program of their choice.

GOVERNOR'S POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

One page narrative (< 700 words). Awards are presented annually, recipients receive a declaration signed by the Governor and presented at the State Capitol. More information and form at:

http://volunteers.utah.gov/awards/points_of_light_award/

No award is presented at Leadermete but recipient will be recognized provided we have information from the county.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

Recognizes youth in grades 5-12 for volunteer service. Applications are due late October each year. For information and forms/certificates visit

<http://www.prudential.com/community/spirit>

Prudential sends packets directly to county Extension offices. Certificates are included for local recognition. You may then submit for state and national recognition with awards of \$1,000 and \$5,000 respectively. No award is presented at Leadermete but recipient will be recognized provided we have information from the county.

THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Recognizes individuals, families and groups who have performed at least 50-100 hours of service within a 12 month period. Recipients receive a pin and certificate from the President of the United States. Award recipients have the opportunity to earn multiple awards based on the level of service commitment achieved.

<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.org>

No award is presented at Leadermete but recipient will be recognized provided we have information from the county office.

AWARD NOMINATION PROCESS:

- Each county may nominate someone for each of the awards listed each year by completing a nomination form and submitting it to the State 4-H Office by mail, fax or email by FEBRUARY 1.
- Please be sure to indicate on the nomination form which award the volunteer is to be considered. The same individual may be nominated for more than one award - check all that apply on the top of the form.
- After the awards committee makes selections, the state office will notify county offices and award recipients. The county is encouraged to see that volunteers are in attendance at Leadermete when awards are presented. Most of the awards provide a full Leadermete scholarship or a scholarship to the awards banquet.
- All awards will be presented at Leadermete unless otherwise indicated.
- The additional awards listed may be submitted directly to the sponsoring agency by the County office.

ALL NOMINATION FORMS DUE TO THE STATE 4-H OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 1!



4-H Volunteer Awards Nomination Form

Utah 4-H Volunteers Association

Deadline - February 1
(each year)

Please check for which award(s) this person is to be considered:

Utah Salute to 4-H Volunteers (one from each county) 4-H YFP Grand Mentor

Utah Salute to 4-H Youth Volunteers (one from each county) Clover Key

Friend of 4-H Doorknob

4-H Alumni of the Year Family of the Year (see attached)

4-H Volunteer Mentor (Leader to Leader) Farm Bureau

4-H YFP Mentor 4-H Afterschool Volunteer

This volunteer should also be considered for Regional Salute To Excellence (separate application will be sent to you).

Name _____ County _____ Region _____

Address _____ Phone or e-mail: _____

Years of volunteer service _____. Approximate number of 4-H members led _____. In what projects, events and/or activities: *(Required for alumni award only)*

Briefly describe the most significant contributions of this volunteer to 4-H?

Please limit to 250 words. May use a separate sheet.

Number of years as a 4-H member _____. Briefly describe this person's 4-H experience and projects as a member (required for alumni award).

Extension Agent Signature

Additional pages may be used if needed.

SALUTE TO 4-H VOLUNTEERS - Since each county selects this person, please send the following information via fax or email:

Name _____ County _____ Phone # or email _____

Address _____
Street or Box # _____ City _____ Zip _____

In 250 words or less describe this volunteer's contribution to the 4-H Program. Things to consider are the length of service; approximate number of youth reached; how did this volunteer's 4-H involvement begin; highlights of this volunteer's achievement and the most significant contributions of this volunteer to 4-H. (This form is not necessary -- the information can be submitted via fax or email.)

SALUTE TO 4-H YOUTH VOLUNTEERS - (11th - 12th Grade levels) - Since each county selects this person, please send the following information via fax or email:

Name _____ County _____ Phone # or email _____

Address _____
Street or Box # _____ City _____ Zip _____

In 250 words or less describe this youth volunteer's contribution to the 4-H Program. Things to consider are the length of service; approximate number of youth reached; how did this volunteer's 4-H involvement begin; highlights of this volunteer's achievement and the most significant contributions of this volunteer to 4-H. (This form is not necessary -- the information can be submitted via fax or email.)

UTAH 4-H FAMILIES OF THE YEAR AWARD

Family Name _____ County _____ Phone # or email _____

Address _____
Street or Box # _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please submit the following information (250 words or less) via fax or email.

How did your family get started in 4-H?

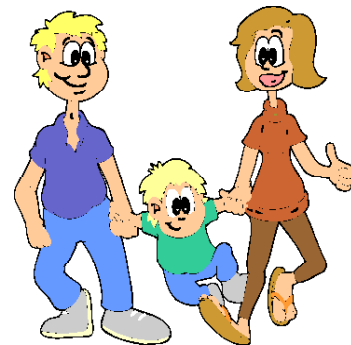
How many years has your family been involved in 4-H?

Explain your family's 4-H involvement.

What has been the impact of 4-H on your family?

What impact has your family had on others in your community?

Share a unique 4-H experience you have enjoyed in your family.



COMPLETE INFORMATION DUE AT THE STATE 4-H OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 1!!