

February 6, 2012

Attention Club Leaders:

Again this year, in an effort to do what is fair for the program, the procedure will be the same as last year. To “send home” ballots to the clubs. While this may take additional time during your club meeting, we feel that it is important to get the most program involvement.

The voting procedure is as follows:

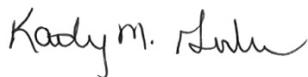
- The Club President and a designated adult will manage the process. Preferably, this adult will not be a UME volunteer since the club leaders and other volunteers may potentially be nominees.
- UME Volunteers may be asked to leave the room for voting or only those who have been nominated can be asked to leave. That is at the discretion of the Club President.
- After the voting, exact counts will be sent to the Extension Office to be tabulated by the 4-H Educators and current Volunteer of the Year.
- Each club will still get 2 “votes”. As with the in-person voting, the votes will be split if there is a tie or split decision. If the majority votes for one person, both votes will go to that individual.

More detailed information about the voting procedure will be included in the voting packets to be sent in end of February to be returned by the end of March.

Within this packet, you will find the nomination forms for youth and adult awards. PLEASE take the time to nominate your club members, fellow volunteers, and even yourself. All too often we don't get nominations from every club or even a large percentage of clubs. It would be nice to give the youth and adults the recognition they deserve. We often hear, “It's always X family or Y club that gets recognized” which is not the case; however some clubs do consistently nominate youth and adults. Please take the time to share these forms (which are also available online under County Events) with your club members and families.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

Thanks for your help with this matter!



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UME – Carroll County



VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Return to: Carroll County Extension Office (4-H), 700 Agriculture Center,
Westminster, MD 21157

Return by: March 10, 2012 Preferably by email to kgordon1@umd.edu

BE SURE TO: Attach a 50 - 100 word paragraph, illustrating the nominee's contributions and participation for each award. Attach a separate sheet of paper. Nominees without this support will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

NOTE: Those nominated DO NOT have to be a volunteer with your local 4-H club.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR -- This is a 4-H volunteer who has served for 1 to 12 months, as of January 1, 2011, benefiting the entire program and not just the local club. This leader implements a worthwhile scope of programs in club projects, community service, county/state activities, record books, and workshops. This leader makes time to attend meetings and other 4-H activities (local and county). The leader encourages youth to participate in the overall 4-H program, is cooperative, congenial, and considerate in working with 4-H'ers, leaders, parents, and Extension staff. [Volunteers should be considered for their accomplishments between January 2011 and December 2011.]

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR -- This is a 4-H volunteer who has served a minimum of three years as of January 1, 2011, benefiting the entire 4-H program (local, county, state). Same criteria as "Rookie of the Year". [Volunteers should be considered for their accomplishments between January 2011 and December 2011.]

UNSUNG VOLUNTEER -- This volunteer is dependable and responsible, yet is not often in the spotlight. Participates in local, county, and state competitive and non-competitive educational activities.

I DARE YOU VOLUNTEER -- This volunteer dares 4-H'ers to head somewhere with an inner urge for leadership. Shares talents, knowledge, and encourages the use of safety practices. The volunteer supports active participation of members and parents in the local, county, and state 4-H program. This volunteer has done a lot for 4-H, but is being dared by 4-H'ers to go a step further "to make the best better".

HEAD AWARD -- This volunteer is creative, plans local and county workshops, activities, and events, thinks clearly, uses good judgement, and brings new interests into 4-H programs.

HEART AWARD -- This volunteer gives time willingly and is devoted to the 4-H program, is understanding, patient, responsible, loyal, and hospitable to 4-H'ers, parents, and the community.

HANDS AWARD -- This volunteer is most helpful and supportive to the overall 4-H program, is skillful and trained to do the practical things well, supports the motto "Learning To Do By Doing" by their own actions.

HEALTH AWARD -- This volunteer works efficiently with a conscious, energetic effort; practices safety, good nutrition and participates in fitness activities; is involved in the community, making life better for others such as helping with therapeutic riding, visiting nursing homes, and other community service areas.

SPIRIT AWARD -- This volunteer has the most enthusiasm for 4-H, getting youth involved in local, county, and state activities. Promotes 4-H, bringing new clubs and members into the program. Reaches out and touches the community -- making it a better place to live. Is happy and cheerful, always a smile for others.

CARROLL COUNTY 4-H FAMILY -- This family (at least two people) is involved in 4-H, not only on the local club level, but also finds the opportunity to become involved with 4-H activities on the county level, or state, or regional, or national level. This family will gain for themselves but also share so that others may grow through their leadership. (Please include specific examples of involvement for your nominated family(s)).

**PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM BY
MARCH 10, 2012, to:**

**CARROLL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE (4-H)
700 AGRICULTURE CENTER
WESTMINSTER, MD 21157**

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CARROLL COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
MEMBER NOMINATIONS

(recognizing youth for their achievements for the 2011 4-H Enrollment Year

Return to: Carroll County Extension Office (4-H), 700 Agriculture Center,
Westminster, MD 21157

Return no later than: **March 10, 2012**

Attach a 50-100 word summary of the 4-H'ers accomplishments, Preferably by email to kgordon1@umd.edu

Age is based on January 1, 2011

OUTSTANDING 1ST YEAR 4-H'ERS (AGES 8 THROUGH 18) (Do Not Include Clover Age Youth)

JUNIORS UP AND COMING (AGES 8, 9, AND 10)

JUNIORS GROWING AND GOING (AGES 11, 12, AND 13)

OUTSTANDING JUNIORS -- [TWO OUTSTANDING & TWO ALTERNATES SELECTED]

SENIORS - (YOUTH AGES 14 THRU 18)

ALL STAR LEADERSHIP (2) -- Nominee takes opportunities to work with youth, peers, and adults in leadership roles -- actively participating in program planning, development, and implementation, strives "to make the best better" for club, community, and country.
