



State Volunteer Awards

Nomination Package Requirements

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards are designed to recognize Certified UME 4-H Volunteers for their dedication, hard work and support of the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program. The nomination requirements for each award are different, focusing on either a specific quality or form of support rather than just a volunteer's years of service. All Certified UME 4-H Volunteers are eligible for nomination, but they may win an award only once.

All nominations are submitted online. The nomination process starts July 1 and closes September 30. All nominations are vetted according to the specific award requirements and are judged anonymously by a trio of assigned judges using a scoring rubric. Individual award winners and their nominators are notified in December and invited to attend the Maryland 4-H Gala where the award winner is recognized. All Maryland 4-H Awards are honored with a plaque housed in the Maryland 4-H State Office and updated annually with current award winners.

Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards:

- ✿ **Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award** – Designed to honor major leadership contributions to 4-H program.
- ✿ **W. Sherrard Wilson 4-H Service Award** – Designed to honor major service contributions to 4-H program
- ✿ **Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award** – Designed to honor major citizenship contributions to 4-H program
- ✿ **Honorary 4-H Member Award** – Designed to honor outstanding 4-H leadership to an individual who was not a 4-H member as a youth
- ✿ **4-H Alumni Plaque Award** – Designed to honor 4-H alumni that continues to support 4-H

- ✿ **Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame Award** – Designed to honor outstanding citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character. Winner eligible for National 4-H Hall of Fame Award
- ✿ **4-H Family of the Year Award** – For a family well-known for their steadfast dedication to the 4-H program
- ✿ **Maryland Friend of 4-H Award** – Designed to recognize significant support regardless of years of experience (as little as one year of service)
- ✿ **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
- ✿ **Dick Angus Spirit of 4-H Award** – Designed to recognize a UME professional that exemplifies the spirit of the 4-H program while serving as an educator and a volunteer.
- ✿ **Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year for Under 10 Years Service** – Designed to recognize an outstanding adult volunteer including military staff and overseas military.
- ✿ **Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year for Over 10 Years Service** – Designed to recognize an outstanding adult volunteer including military staff and overseas military.

Online Nomination Portal:

Information and additional resources to assist in the award process are available at:

- ✿ [Previous winners list](#)
- ✿ [Nomination requirement chart](#)
- ✿ [Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards and Recognition webpage](#)