



UConn HARTFORD COUNTY 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE AWARD PROGRAM

*Following is a list of awards available to 4-H volunteers and 4-H youth members.
The Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee reviews applications for these awards.*

2019 Recipients

Exceptional Service to 4-H:

Nancy Hayes, Leslie Smith, Kim & Jonathan Stevens and Rebecca Stumpf

Friend of 4-H:

Stuart Grant and Stanton Equipment

The Judith Ferry Award:

Courtney Frombach

Unsung Hero:

Abby Magendantz

4-H MEMBER AWARDS

4-H Leaders, fair advisors, or parents may nominate 4-H members for awards in any of their project areas. A nomination form can be obtained from the 4-H office, at the 4-H Fair or in the 4-H Newsletter. Written narratives are also accepted. The completed form must be submitted by a specific due date to the 4-H office or to an Advisory Committee member. A current, updated 4-H record book must be submitted as well when a 4-H'er is being considered for a County Medal or a County Recognition Certificate. A 4-H member's age is determined as of January 1st of the 4-H program year. The following describes awards available to 4-H members.

COUNTY MEDALS

County medals are available to 4-H members 12 years or older who have been active in, and distinguished him or herself in a specific project area over a period of at least three years as demonstrated by the 4-H record book. 4-H record book must document demonstrated leadership and citizenship must also have exhibited leadership and citizenship in sharing these skills with other 4-Hers both in their club and in a broader sector, such as with other clubs, county programs, or other venues. Medals in each project area can only be awarded once. It is an honor to receive this distinguished award, not a right. The 4-H Advisory Committee reviews all nominations and makes selections for awards in September. Awards are presented in October at the "Annual 4-H Meeting and Fair Awards Program." A 4-H member does not need to have received any county recognition certificate in order to be eligible for a County Medal.

COUNTY RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

County Recognition Certificates are available for 4-H members of any age who have shown growth in their project skills and abilities in any project area as demonstrated by the 4-H record book. The member must have been active in the project area for at least two years. Certificates can be awarded as many times as a leader feels the 4-H'er should be recognized. Award nominations are considered in September for presentation at the "Annual 4-H Meeting and Fair Awards Program" held in early October. A 4-H member may receive a recognition certificate in the same project area more than once. This award is given independent of receiving any other recognition or award; a 4-H member does not need to have received a county medal in order to receive this award.

THE JUDITH FERRY AWARD

This award is presented to an individual or group who has done an outstanding job with public presentations, talks, speeches or demonstrations or has used opportunities to publicly promote the 4-H program in many forums.

THE UConn HARTFORD COUNTY 4-H UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Purpose of the Award:

The UConn Hartford County 4-H Unsung Hero Award recognizes one Hartford County 4-H youth or adult, club or group that displays exemplary outreach to another individual or group in need.

This award originated in 2004 and was inspired by a 4-H family who received support from others in Hartford County 4-H after suffering a hardship. The recipient will be chosen based on criteria listed below.

The candidate will show evidence of having:

- Reached out to those in need through their own initiative, not as part of any other service project or outreach program.
- Taken leadership for the service or outreach project that occurred.
- Shown initiative and purpose in assisting someone in need.
- Gone above and beyond normal everyday kindness.
- “Not be looking for glory”.

Nomination must include:

- A written explanation of what the individual or group has done and how the nominee has met the criteria above
- Nominations may be made by youth members, registered volunteers, parents or others. A group or individual may nominate themselves

- A \$25 cash award and plaque will be presented to the recipient at the annual Leader, Volunteer, and Teen Recognition Banquet in November.
- Should a group or club receive the award, the funds are to be placed in the club treasury and used for the benefit of the group as voted by the members.

ADULT AWARDS

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO 4-H AWARD:

Names of volunteer parents, leaders, or 4-H alumni who have made an outstanding effort in contributing to the 4-H program and youth of Hartford County in some significant way are considered for this award. Nominations should state why the person or business would be an excellent choice for the award and how their efforts have expanded the opportunities for youth and/or volunteer leaders. The Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee considers nominations for presentation at the Annual Leader, Volunteer and Teen Recognition Banquet in November.

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD:

Nominations of individuals, businesses or corporations who have exhibited an outstanding effort to benefit the 4-H program and youth of Hartford County are considered as recipients for this award. Nominations should state how significant impact has been realized by their efforts. The Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee considers nominations for presentation at the Annual Leader, Volunteer and Teen Recognition Banquet in November.



The UConn Hartford County 4-H Judith Ferry Award

Purpose of the Award:

This award is presented to an individual or group who has done an outstanding job with public presentations, talks, speeches or demonstrations or has used opportunities to publicly promote the 4-H program in many forums.

Nomination must include:

A written explanation of what the member has done for public presentations, talks, speeches, or demonstrations, or how they have used opportunities to publicly promote the 4-H program.

Who may nominate candidates?

Club leaders, parents, fair advisors or others working with 4-H youth may submit names for this award.

Review Committee:

All nominations will be reviewed by the Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee.

Choose one of these ways to submit form:

- Return to Fair Office by Sunday of fair at 2:00PM
- Email form to jennifer.cushman@uconn.edu by midnight, August 31 of calendar year
- Return completed form by regular mail postmarked by midnight, August 31 of calendar year to:
 UConn Hartford County Extension Center Attn: Jen Cushman
 Exchange Building – Suite 262
 270 Farmington Ave
 Farmington, CT 06032

Date: _____

Name of 4-H Member being nominated: _____

Contact Information for Nominee: _____
 (Address / phone, etc.)

Nominated by: _____ Contact info _____

Write your recommendation (on back):



The UConn Hartford County 4-H Unsung Hero Award

Purpose of the Award:

The UConn Hartford County 4-H Unsung Hero Award recognizes one Hartford County 4-H youth or adult, club or group that displays exemplary outreach to another individual or group in need. This award originated in 2004 and was inspired by a 4-H family who received support from others in Hartford County 4-H after suffering a hardship. The recipient will be chosen based on criteria listed below.

The candidate will show evidence of having:

- Reached out to those in need through their own initiative, not as part of any other service project or outreach program
- Taken leadership for the service or outreach project that occurred
- Shown initiative and purpose in assisting someone in need
- Gone above and beyond normal everyday kindness
- “Not be looking for glory”

Nomination must include:

- A written explanation of what the individual or group has done and how the nominee has met the criteria above
- Nominations may be made by youth members, registered volunteers, parents or others. A group or individual may nominate themselves.

Award:

- A \$25 cash award and plaque will be presented to the recipient at the annual Leader, Volunteer, and Teen Recognition Banquet in November.
- Should a group or club receive the award, the funds are to be placed in the club treasury and used for the benefit of the group as voted by the members.

Review Committee:

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Date: _____

Name of 4-H Member, Club, or Group being nominated: _____

Contact Information for Nominee: _____

(Address / phone, etc.)

Nominated by: _____ Contact info _____

Write your recommendation (on back):



UConn Hartford County 4-H Program Exceptional Service to 4-H Nomination Form

The UConn Hartford County 4-H Program Exceptional Service Award honors 4-H volunteers, parents, leaders, or 4-H alumni whose outstanding effort has made a significant contribution to the county 4-H program in some meaningful way.

All nominations are reviewed by the Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee during their September meeting. Awards are presented at the Annual Hartford County 4-H Volunteer and Teen Recognition Banquet.

To apply or recommend someone for this award, please complete the following:

- Write a descriptive paragraph or more describing the outstanding efforts that the person you are nominating has made to the Hartford County 4-H Program and youth members.
- State why you believe this person would be an excellent choice for the Exceptional Service to 4-H Award, and how their efforts have expanded the opportunities for youth or adult leaders in this program.
- Use the back of the form or additional paper if needed.

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Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Contact Information for nominee: _____
(Address / phone, etc.)

Nominated by: _____

Write your recommendation (on back):



UConn Hartford County 4-H Program Friend of 4-H Nomination Form

The UConn Hartford County 4-H Program Friend of 4-H Award recognizes individuals, corporations or businesses whose outstanding effort has benefited or made a significant contribution to the Hartford County 4-H Program and youth members.

All nominations are reviewed by the Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee during their September meeting. Awards are presented at the Annual Hartford County 4-H Volunteer and Teen Recognition Banquet in the fall.

To apply or recommend someone for this award, please complete the following:

- Write at least one descriptive paragraph describing the outstanding efforts that the person you are nominating has contributed to the Hartford County 4-H Program and youth members.
- State why you believe this person should be chosen for the Friend of 4-H Award and how their efforts have benefited or made a significant contribution to youth or adult leaders in the Hartford County 4-H Program.
- Use the back of the form or additional paper if needed.

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Date: _____

Name of Individual, Business or Corporation being nominated:

Contact Information for Nominee: _____
(Address / phone, etc.)

Nominated by: _____

Write your recommendation (on back):



UConn Hartford County 4-H Program Award Application

County Recognition Certificate & County Medal

What are County Medal and Recognition Certificate Awards?

County medals and County Certificates are awards presented once a year to outstanding 4-H members for their project work. Recipients are chosen by the Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee in the fall from nominations that have been submitted.

County Medal criteria:

- Outstanding work in project area
- Demonstrated leadership and citizenship in sharing/teaching project skills to others as demonstrated in 4-H record book
- Awarded one time in a project area; may be considered for a second award if additional outstanding work, leadership and shared knowledge beyond previous award can be documented as demonstrated in 4-H record book
- Must be involved in a project area for at least 3 years as demonstrated in 4-H record book
- Must be 12 or older
- County Certificates are not criteria for receiving County Medal

County Recognition Certificate criteria:

- Awarded to 4-H members of any age
- Individual shows growth with skills and abilities in a project area as demonstrated in 4-H record book
- Must be involved in the project for at least 2 years
- Can be awarded multiple times.
- Certificates may be awarded to 4-H members who have previously been awarded a county medal but continue to show growth in the project area.

Who can nominate 4-H members for Recognition Certificates and County Medals?

- Leaders
- 4-H Members
- Parents

What must be submitted?

- Completed application with a narrative statement
- Narrative statement on back of application or separate sheet
- Current, updated 4-H Record Book

Choose one of these ways to submit form:

- At the Hartford County 4-H Fair: Return to Fair Office by Sunday of Fair at 2:00PM
- Either bring or mail completed form **AND** record book to:
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Farmington, CT 06032

Must be submitted or postmarked by midnight, August 31 of the calendar year

UConn Hartford County 4-H Medals and Certificates

Explanation and listing of available medals

County Medal Awards may be received in the areas listed in the chart below. Please indicate the medal being recommended on the front side of the application form. **Youth must be at least 12 years old and in a project for at least 3 years for County Medal consideration.** It is not a criterion to have received a County Recognition Certificate in a project area in order to receive a County Medal.

County Recognition Certificates may be received in *any area* in which a 4-H member has met the criteria. Indicate the name of the project area being recommended on the front side of the application form. **Youth may be any 4-H age and must be involved in a 4-H project for at least 2 years.** A County Certificate may be received multiple times. **If you would like to recommend someone for an award not listed, please contact Jen Cushman at jennifer.cushman@uconn.edu.**

Medals Available:

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| Achievement | Engines, Tractors and Field Equip. | Outdoor Education & Recreation |
| Aerospace | Entomology and Bees | Performing Arts |
| Agriculture | Environmental Stewardship | Personal Development |
| Alpaca | Equine Science | Pets |
| Animal Husbandry | Family Lifestyles | Photography & Video |
| Aquaculture | Fashion Revue | Physical Science |
| Arts & Crafts | Fine Arts | Plant Science |
| Beef | Food and Nutrition | Poultry |
| Bicycle | Food Science | Public Speaking |
| Biological Sciences | Forestry | Rabbits |
| Cake Decorating | Gardening & Horticulture | Reporting Media |
| Cats | Genealogy | Robotics |
| Cavy | Geology | Rocketry |
| Child Care & Development | Goats | Safety |
| Citizenship & Civic Education | Guide Dog | Scrapbooking |
| Clothing and Textiles | Healthy Living | Sheep |
| Coding | Herpetology | Shooting Sports |
| Communications | Hippology | Swine |
| Community Service | History | Technology and Engineering |
| Computer Science | Hobbies & Collections | Vet Science |
| Computer Technology | Home Environmental | Visual Arts |
| Consumer and Family Sciences | Horse | Waterfowl |
| Consumer Education | Industrial Arts | Wildlife and Fisheries |
| Cooking | Judging | Wood Science |
| Cultural Engagement | Leadership | Yoga |
| Dairy | Llama | Other (Specify) |
| Demonstration | Mentorship | |
| Dogs | Money Management | |
| Electricity | Music | |

County Award Application – 2020

Complete this form to be considered for Hartford County Recognition Certificate(s) and/or Hartford County 4-H Medal Consideration. If an individual is being nominated for more than one award, narrative statements must be provided for each nomination.

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Must be submitted or postmarked by midnight, August 31 of the calendar year

Date of Submission _____

Name of person to be considered for award _____

Number of Years in 4-H _____ Age of 4-H Member _____ Grade entering in fall if known _____

Name of Club _____ or Independent Member _____

Please consider nominee for:

County Medal in (name the project area):

County Certificate in (name the project area):

Name of person submitting form _____

Relationship to nominee _____

Narrative statements must contain information that includes the following:

- DETAILED information of the applicant's qualifications.
- Whether the person has initiated any workshops, demonstrations or other events with other groups in his/her project area
- Examples of the applicant's leadership, citizenship and sharing/teaching of project skills
- Why the person should be considered for recognition
- What the person has done in the project area
- How the project has grown or changed over time
- Specific indication of the award being applied for