



## UConn 4-H Rising Star Volunteer Nomination



UConn 4-H recognizes UConn 4-H Volunteers who have demonstrated significant dedication and achievement in their first 10 years of UConn 4-H volunteerism with the UConn 4-H Rising Star Volunteer Award. Individuals must have 4-H volunteer involvement at the county, state, regional and/or national level.

<b>Number of Recipients</b>	Approximately 8 honorees selected per year With a goal of a minimum of one honoree per county
<b>Eligibility</b>	4-H volunteers, 4-H supporters, external collaborating organizations and businesses, and community leaders who have made significant contributions of time, energy, and/or resources to the UConn 4-H Youth Development program. Service at the county, state, regional or national level is required. A volunteer with less than 10 years of UConn 4-H Volunteer Service.
<b>Nomination Process</b>	Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination for consideration. Nominations due to the county 4-H office by July 1, 2022. A maximum of two nominations per county may be submitted annually.
<b>Selection Process</b>	Selections made by state level committee based on submitted nominations (signature of UConn Extension Educator required on the nomination signature page) UConn Extension is an equal opportunity program provider.
<b>Selection</b>	Nominator must electronically submit photo, narrative and 250-word bio describing the honoree's qualifications.
<b>Recognition</b>	Recognition in conjunction with a statewide 4-H event and listing on the UConn 4-H website. UConn 4-H may share the contact information of the nominee and the nominator with local media.

### Guidelines

- The UConn 4-H Rising Star Award will use criteria consistent with the National 4-H volunteer recognition programs.
- Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination to the state selection committee.
- All nominations must include the signature of a County 4-H Educator.
- Complete nominations include the nomination cover page, nomination signature page, and 2 page word document outlining nominee's qualifications based on the National 4-H volunteer recognition programs, a digital head and shoulder photograph (600 dpi) and a brief (no more than 250 words) biography.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated for future consideration with an updated nomination submission until they enter their 10<sup>th</sup> year of volunteer service with UConn 4-H.

Questions can be directed to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office [nancy.wilhelm@uconn.edu](mailto:nancy.wilhelm@uconn.edu)



## UConn 4-H Rising Star Volunteer Award Nomination Cover Page



The UConn 4-H Rising Star Volunteer Award recognizes individuals with significant contributions to the UConn 4-H Youth Development program on the county, state, regional or national level within the first 10 years of their 4-H volunteer career. Any group or individual is eligible to nominate an individual for consideration by the state level selection committee.

All nominations must be submitted electronically to your county 4-H office no later than **July 1, 2022**.

### Nominee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Relative/contact person if nominee is deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Nominee know about this Nomination?     Yes                       No

### Nominator Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

The Rising Start Volunteer Award recognizes **significant** contributions (depth, scope and impact) with 4-H service on the county, state, regional and/or national level within the first 10 years of the nominee's career.

Selection is based on four criteria:

- Evidence of a positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth
- Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program
- Personal Attributes
- Personal Involvement in 4-H

Clear evidence of significant contributions with impact and influence on 4-H is essential. Describe things the nominee established that were multi-faceted, unique and grew because of their leadership. Contributions and leadership that extend beyond county impact are important. This includes changes or additions to 4-H programs initiated by the nominee or as a member of a team. Supportive data should include numbers that show 4-H growth, an increase in member and leadership opportunities and/or evidence of how the nominee extended 4-H potentials to existing and new audiences.



## UConn 4-H Rising Star Volunteer Nomination Narrative Questions



The Selection Committee is primarily interested in learning of the nominee's significant impacts on 4-H'ers and/or the 4-H program. The nomination is **limited to 2 pages** and fonts no smaller than 12 point and margins a minimum of .5 inches.

Below are suggested National 4-H volunteer recognition program questions to adapt based on nominees.

1. Evidence of a positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth:
  - a. Demonstrated ability to work with young people in way that promotes youth empowerment, decision-making, problem-solving, meeting challenges, and mastery.
  - b. Nominee's dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
2. Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program:
  - a. Nominee's innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
  - b. Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
  - c. Nominee's innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth service agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.
3. Personal Attributes
  - a. Evidence of professional attitude, character, and morals.
  - b. Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer (that you have observed).
4. Personal Involvement in 4-H
  - a. List local 4-H roles (4-H Project leader; Community 4-H Club Leader, etc.). Include summary of years, roles, and organizations.
  - b. List County 4-H roles (County Extension Committee, etc.). Include summary of years, roles, and organizations.
  - c. List State/Regional/National 4-H roles (State species committees, New England 4-H, etc.). Include summary of years, roles, and organizations.
  - d. List relevant 4-H honors/awards and years received.
  - e. List relevant non-4-H volunteer roles. Include a summary of years, roles, and organizations.
5. Additional informational purposes only
  - a. If nominee was involved in 4-H as a young person, please indicate the state where nominee was involved, type of involvement (4-H projects, camper, etc.), years of membership, exemplary awards, leadership roles, etc.
  - b. Current position (professional/homemaker). If retired, most recent role.



## UConn 4-H Rising Star Nomination Signature Page



**Nominee's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

As the nominator, I verify the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

**Nominator** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

If the nominee is selected, UConn 4-H may share the contact information of the nominee and the nominator with local media.

Submission of this form implies the undersigned UConn Extension Educator approves this nomination.

**UConn Extension Educator (print name)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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nominations include a:

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3. 2 page narrative document outlining the nominee's qualifications based on the National 4-H volunteer recognition programs criteria
4. Digital head and shoulder photograph (600 dpi)
5. Brief (no more than 250 words) biography.

Recognition will take place during the UConn 4-H Volunteer Recognition Program.