



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.

Number of Recipients	Approximately 8 honorees selected per year With a goal of a minimum of one honoree per county
Eligibility	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.
Nomination Process	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.
Selection Process	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.
Selection	Nominator must electronically submit photo, narrative and 250-word bio describing the honoree's qualifications.
Recognition	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 10th year of volunteer service with UConn 4-H.

Questions can be directed to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office 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.



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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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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.

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