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Please pay special attention to what is required in the criteria for each award (especially the number of copies that need to be submitted). Do not let your entry be disqualified

because of not providing copies as required or neglecting to include other critical pieces (like support letters).

If you received an award last year and have not sent a thank you note to the donor, please do so! We greatly appreciate the generosity of our donors and it is important that they hear from award recipients!!

NAE4-HA Air Force Recruiting Award of Excellence

*National Recipient: Plaque sponsored by the United States Air Force Recruitment Division
National winner recognized by the U.S. Air Force at the NAE4-HA conference and **must** be in attendance.*

General Eligibility:

1. Any current NAE4-HA member in good standing is eligible for the NAE4-HA Air Force Recruiting Salute Award.
2. Each state association or unit (CSREES/CYF, National 4-H Council, etc.) may select one recipient for the state/unit award. This state/unit winner will be considered for the national award. County, state, national or life Extension staff members may be nominated.
3. The award will recognize the individual who has created a positive Extension image through his/her leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H program.
4. A previous year's state/unit award recipient will still be eligible for nomination for the national award if resubmitted.

Specific Criteria:

1. **Professional Accomplishments: 60 points**
Summarize the outstanding leadership and citizenship accomplishments of the individual and show clearly his/her role in these areas.
2. **Professional Involvement: 20 points**
Identify significant leadership and citizenship roles in such areas as: Extension program areas, Extension organizations, special external Extension representatives, professional associations, and others.
3. **Personal Community Contributions: 20 points**
Describe important leadership and citizenship contributions as they relate to involvement in community, civic, service organizations, and other important volunteer roles.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.

2. No more than three pages (3) of narrative addressing the award criteria above.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting the nominee. You should select one from each of the three categories (clientele and community leaders, colleagues, and Extension administration). A letter of nomination from a state Extension association is optional. Additional letters will not be accepted.
4. No additional support material such as news articles, clippings, etc., will be accepted.
5. **A brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than 50 words to be printed in the program.**

Application Procedure:

State associations or units may submit only one application for national consideration. **Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies to the appropriate Member Recognition Region Contact.**

NAE4-HA "4-H/Army Youth Development Project Salute Award" **Sponsored by: National 4-H Headquarters & Army Child & Youth Services**

*National winner will be recognized by the National 4-H Headquarters and Army Child, Youth, & School Services at the NAE4-HA conference and **must** be in attendance**.*

General Eligibility:

1. Any current NAE4-HA member in good standing and working with Army Child, Youth, & School Services Garrison staff is eligible for the NAE4-HA 4-H/Army Youth Development Project Salute Award.
2. Each eligible state association or unit may select one recipient for the state/unit award. This state/unit winner will be considered for the national award. County, state, national or life Extension staff members may be nominated.
3. The award will recognize the individual who has created a positive Extension image through his/her leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H/Army partnerships on U.S. Army installations and in the community as it pertains to Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldier families.

A previous year's state/unit award recipient will still be eligible for nomination for the national award if resubmitted.

Specific Criteria:

Professional Accomplishments: 60 points

Summarize the leadership of this individual in developing 4-H/Army partnerships and show clearly his/her role in establishing Garrison 4-H Clubs and other 4-H programs for Army youth. Include:

- Description of the Army 4-H program in the county/state of the individual.
- Statistics on numbers of Army 4-H clubs and numbers of Army youth enrolled in 4-H on Garrisons and outside the gates in the county or state in which the person works.
- Description of collaboration with Army Child, Youth, & School Services staff on the installation and in the community.
- Examples of successful integration of the Army 4-H Clubs and Army 4-H'ers into the county/state 4-H program.
- Describe training and technical assistance provided to Army staff responsible for the 4-H program.
- Description of working collaboratively with State 4-H Military Liaison to coordinate with other military 4-H programs in the state.
- Describe efforts to reach out to the youth in families of deployed Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers.

Professional Involvement: 20 points

Summarize significant leadership and citizenship roles this person has taken in support of the 4-H/Army partnerships for youth in county and state. Include provision and promotion of educational opportunities for Army Child and Youth Services staff in county/state.

Personal Community Contributions: 20 points

Describe important leadership and citizenship contributions as they relate to increasing and improving community awareness of the 4-H/Army partnership, of Army 4-H clubs/programs and/or the understanding of the impact of deployments upon children, youth, and families of Army personnel.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. No more than three (3) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria above.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting the nominee from the following categories: one from the State 4-H office, one from Army Child, Youth, & School Services professional staff, and the third from either Army National Guard/Army Reserve staff or from clientele/community leaders. No more than one letter from a category. A letter of nomination from a state Extension association is optional. Additional letters will not be accepted.
4. No additional support material such as news articles, clippings, etc., will be accepted.
5. **A brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than 50 words to be printed in the program.**

Application Procedure:

State associations or units may submit only one application for national consideration. **Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies to the appropriate Member Recognition Region Contact.**

** Travel and conference expenses for national winner will be reimbursed up to \$1,000. Receipts and other appropriate documentation are required by the sponsors and must be submitted within three months of receiving the award to:

Kansas State University, Marlene Glasscock, 4-H/Army YDP – Kansas Project Director, 343 Justin Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-1423, email: glass@ksu.edu

NAE4-HA 4-H/Air Force “Aim High Award”

National winner will be recognized by National 4-H Headquarters and Air Force Family Member Programs at the NAE4-HA conference and **must** be in attendance**.

General Eligibility:

1. Any current NAE4-HA member in good standing is eligible for the NAE4-HA 4-H/Air Force Aim High Award.
2. Each state association may select one recipient for the state/unit award. This state/unit winner will be considered for the national award. County, state, national or life Extension staff members may be nominated.
3. The award will recognize the individual who has created a positive Extension image through his/her leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H/Air Force partnerships on U.S. Air Force Bases or in the community as it pertains to Air Guard and Air Reserve families in the community.

A previous year's state/unit award recipient will still be eligible for nomination for the national award if resubmitted.

Specific Criteria:

Professional Accomplishments: 60 points

Summarize the leadership of this individual in developing 4-H/Air Force partnerships and show clearly his/her role in establishing 4-H programs and clubs for Air Force youth. Include:

- Description of the Air Force 4-H program in the county/state of the individual.
- Statistics on numbers of Air Force 4-H clubs and numbers of Air Force youth enrolled in 4-H in the county or state in which this person works.
- Description of collaboration with Air Force Family Member Programs staff on the base and in the community.
- Examples of successful integration of the Air Force 4-H clubs and members into the county/state 4-H program.
- Describe training and technical assistance provided to Air Force staff responsible for the 4-H program.

- Description of working collaboratively with State 4-H Military Liaison to coordinate with other military 4-H programs in the state.
- Describe efforts to reach out to the youth in families of deployed Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

Professional Involvement: 20 points

Summarize significant leadership and citizenship roles this person has taken in support of 4-H Air Force partnerships for youth in county and state. Include provision and promotion of educational opportunities for Air Force youth professionals in the county/state.

Personal Community Contributions: 20 points

Describe important leadership and citizenship contributions as they relate to increasing and improving community awareness of the 4-H/Air Force partnership, of Air Force 4-H Clubs/programs, and/or the understanding of the impact of deployments upon children, youth, and families of Air Force personnel.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. No more than three (3) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria above.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting the nominee from the following categories: one from the State 4-H office, one from Air Force Family Member Programs professional staff, and another from either Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve staff or clientele/community leaders. A letter of nomination from a state Extension association is optional. Additional letters will not be accepted.
4. No additional support material such as news articles, clippings, etc., will be accepted.
5. **A brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than 50 words to be printed in the program.**

Application Procedure:

State associations or units may submit only one application for national consideration. **Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies to the appropriate Member Recognition Region Contact.**

** Travel and conference expenses for national winner will be reimbursed up to **\$1,000**. Receipts and other appropriate documentation are required by the sponsors and must be submitted within three months of receiving the award to:

Kansas State University, Marlene Glasscock, 4-H/Army YDP-Kansas Project Director, 343 Justin Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-1423, E-Mail: glass@ksu.edu

NAE4-HA 4-H/Navy "Pledge" Award (NEW!)

NAE4-HA and Navy Child and Youth Programs are pleased to announce the 4-H/Navy "Pledge" award. The purpose of this award is to recognize NAE4-HA members for their exceptional or extraordinary contributions that have made a significant impact on the lives of the Navy children, youth, and families.

*National winner will be recognized at the NAE4-HA conference and **must** be in attendance**.*

General Eligibility:

Those nominated should have demonstrated their honor, courage, and commitment they have PLEDGED to "make the best better" and meet the following criteria:

1. Any current NAE4-HA member in good standing is eligible for the NAE4-HA 4-H/Navy "Pledge" Award.
2. Each state association may select one recipient for the state/unit award. This state/unit winner will be considered for the national award. County, state, national or life Extension staff members may be nominated.
3. The award will recognize the individual who has created a positive Extension image through his/her leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H/Navy partnerships on U.S. Navy Bases or in the community as it pertains to Navy Reserve families and children.

A previous year's state/unit award recipient will still be eligible for nomination for the national award if resubmitted.

Specific Criteria:

Professional Accomplishments: 60 points

Summarize the leadership of this individual in developing 4-H/Navy partnerships and show clearly his/her role in establishing 4-H programs and clubs for Navy youth. Include:

- Description of the Navy 4-H program in the county/state of the individual.
- Statistics on numbers of Navy 4-H clubs and numbers of Navy youth enrolled in 4-H in the county or state in which this person works.
- Description of collaboration with Navy Child Youth Programs staff on the base and in the community.
- Examples of successful integration of the Navy 4-H clubs and members into the county/state 4-H program.
- Describe training and technical assistance provided to Navy Child Youth Programs staff responsible for the 4-H program.

- Description of working collaboratively with State 4-H Military Liaison to coordinate with other military 4-H programs in the state.
- Describe efforts to reach out to the youth of deployed Navy Reserve families.

Professional Involvement: 20 points

Summarize significant leadership and citizenship roles this person has taken in support of 4-H Navy partnerships for youth in county and state. Include provision and promotion of educational opportunities for Navy youth professionals in the county/state.

Personal Community Contributions: 20 points

Describe important leadership and citizenship contributions as they relate to increasing and improving community understanding of the impact of deployments upon Navy children, youth, and families.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. No more than three (3) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria above.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting the nominee from the following categories: one from the State 4-H office or State 4-H military liaison, one from Navy Child and Youth Programs professional staff, and another from clientele/community leaders. A letter of nomination from a state Extension association is optional. Additional letters will not be accepted.
4. A letter of recommendation from the State 4-H Program Leader.
5. No additional support material such as news articles, clippings, etc., will be accepted.
6. **A brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than 50 words to be printed in the program.**

Application Procedure:

State associations or units may submit only one application for national consideration. **Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies to the appropriate Member Recognition Region Contact.**

** The 4-H/Navy Partnership will reimburse travel and conference expenses for the national winner up to **\$1,000**. Receipts and other appropriate documentation are required by the sponsors and must be submitted within three months of receiving the award to:

University of Hawaii, Carol Ikeda
 4-H Youth Development
 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
 79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy.
 Kealahou, HI 96750-7911
 e-mail: cikeda@hawaii.edu

NAE4-HA Beyond Youth Leadership Grant

Sponsor: National 4-H Council

National Recipient: \$1,000.00 & Certificate(s)

Regional Recipients: Certificates

Purpose:

The intended program should involve youth in significant decision making roles that impact their club, community, country or world. Programs initiated by youth or youth/adult partnerships should be exemplified in the proposal. Funds may be used to visit a model site or for starting, expanding, or enhancing a program. Expenses may include the costs of travel, registration, purchase of supplies, materials, or any other relevant expenses. Award recipients receive recognition at the annual NAE4-HA conference.

General Eligibility:

1. To qualify for participation, NAE4-HA dues must be paid by December 15, 2008 for current membership and for the previous year.
2. An NAE4-HA member can receive a grant only once.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. The application should meet the following Criteria for Evaluation (maximum of four (4) typed pages):
 - a. Justification - Include situation statement, program objectives, program implementation/plan of action, and program evaluation. 2 pages. (40%)
 - b. Level of youth involvement - Targeted programs should indicate how youth will be involved in authentic decision making roles, reflecting real youth influence, and the nature of the partnership with involved adults. (Creative or unusual approaches are valued.) (30%)
 - c. Budget - Listing how the funds will be used and time-line for implementation. 1 page. (20%)
 - d. Description of your plan for sharing information gained. 1 page. (10%).
3. Required letters of support (**one each from the following**):
 - from youth who has/have participated in writing or has/have reviewed the proposal
 - from Extension or administrative supervisor.

4. Regional winners will be asked to provide a brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than fifty (50) words and one digital photo showing youth in action during your project or reflecting youth in your projected project. These may be printed on a poster and poster hand-out by the Youth in Governance Task Force showcasing the awards during the NAE4-HA conference and summarized in a future News & Views article. (Remember that your own article should appear in News & Views if you are selected as the national winner.)

Nominations:

Individuals or teams may nominate themselves. Applications should be submitted to the State Awards Chair. The winning entry in each state is to be sent on for regional judging with the regional winner sent forward for determination of the national winner. *Youth involvement is encouraged in judging this award at each level of competition.*

Judging Procedure:

State: State Awards Chairs are strongly encouraged to engage youth in the judging process.

Regional: Member Recognition Region Contacts are strongly encouraged to engage youth in the judging process.

National: Youth in Governance Task Force is responsible for the selection of the national award recipient. Youth will be part of the judging process.

Reporting and Securing Funds:

1. Funds for the grant will be presented in the year awarded.
2. Each recipient must submit either (a) an article about the program and impacts to News & Views or Journal of Youth Development or (b) a seminar or poster session proposal for the NAE4-HA national meeting.
3. A grant report must be completed within two (2) years of receipt of grant (by Sept. 30th of that year) and sent to the current NAE4-HA Programs Committee Chair and copy to Youth in Governance Task Force Chair. (Current chairs can be found at www.nae4ha.org/directories/teamscomms.html.)
4. Report must include:
 1. Programming results & impacts (1 page).
 2. Basic financial summary (1 page). (Any funds not spent within two years of receipt of grant must be returned.)
 3. A copy of the submission to News & Views, Journal of Youth Development, or poster session proposal for the NAE4-HA national meeting.
5. If attending NAE4-HA conference, the recipient is encouraged to participate in Youth in Governance Task Force seminars, poster sessions, and committee meetings.

NAE4-HA Diversity Award

Sponsor: National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

National Recipient: Plaque sponsored by NAE4-HA Diversity Committee

Regional Recipients: Certificates

Purpose:

The purpose of the NAE4-HA Diversity Award is to recognize outstanding effort and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in the NAE4-HA organization, programs, and/or audiences. Diversity is defined as acknowledging, understanding, appreciating, valuing, and celebrating differences among people relative to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation. (List is not all-inclusive and is not limited to those that are mentioned.)

Award:

State associations will recognize state winners. Regional winners will be recognized at the regional meetings held during the NAE4-HA annual conference. The national winner will be recognized with a plaque at the NAE4-HA annual conference.

Criteria for Evaluation:

1. Community contributions/accomplishments: (50%)

Purpose reflects and recognizes outstanding effort and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in NAE4-HA

25 points

Applicant's efforts foster an environment of diversity and inclusiveness

15 points

As a result of programmatic efforts a significant change occurred

15 points

2. Creative and Innovative Methods: (50%)

Creative methods were used to accomplish programs goals and objectives

15 points

Program demonstrated uniqueness and difference to warrant recognition

15 points

Methods were used to promote retention of diverse audiences

15 points

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. No more than three (3) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria.
3. Three (3) letters of support, one of which may be from an Extension administrator or supervisor.

Application Procedure:

State association/units may submit only one application for regional consideration. **Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies to the appropriate State Awards Chair.** Regional winners will compete for the national award as evaluated by the NAE4-HA Diversity Committee through the Member Recognition Committee process.

NAE4-HA Educational Technology Award

National Recipients: Plaques sponsored by A & T Industries for Individual & Team

Note: For the national team award, one plaque will be awarded.

Objectives:

- To recognize the use of technology (such as computers, video, satellite, web pages, etc.) in delivering or managing educational programs.
- To expand the use of technology education in 4-H.
- To promote logical problem-solving techniques using educational technologies.

General Entry Requirements:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. All entries must have a cover page which includes: name(s), address(es), phone numbers, objectives, intended audience, and category for item submitted (Individual or Team).
3. A success story limited to five (5) pages on how you have applied educational technology (such as computers, satellite, video, etc.) to your work and the impact to the intended audience.
4. States may submit one nominee in each category (Individual or Team). Late entries will not be accepted.

Entry Division/Categories:

One general division but two (2) categories. Specify whether you are entering the Individual or Team category. The targeted audience may be youth, adult, or a combination. Adult audience may include staff, volunteers, or other youth educators.

Criteria for Evaluation:

- Clear and concise objectives (30%)
- Appropriate application of technology to educational/promotional program (30%)
- Impact to intended audience according to its stated objectives (40%)

Award:

One plaque will be awarded to the team who wins the national team award. Certificates will be presented to any additional team members. The individual award winner will receive a plaque.

Excellence in 4-H Club Support

National Recipient: Plaque sponsored by National 4-H Council

Regional Recipients: Plaque sponsored by National 4-H Council

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize the efforts of Extension professionals who support and strengthen their 4-H club program. A club is "an organized unit providing a long term experience for youth and adults".

Award:

- * There are two (2) categories: Individual and Team.
- * Only one winning entry per state for each category.
- * Individual winners at the regional and national levels will receive a plaque.
- * There will be one plaque presented to each of the winning regional and national teams. All team members at each level will receive a certificate.
- * Winners of the national award will also receive a \$500 cash award for the individual or team.

Eligibility:

Any NAE4-HA member making significant contributions to strengthening and expanding 4-H club programming can apply. Only NAE4-HA members who have paid their current dues are eligible for recognition. In the case of team entries, at least one member must meet eligibility requirements.

Programs nominated for this award may have taken several years to implement or may be short-term, single year efforts. An individual cannot receive this national award more than once.

Application Must Include:

- Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
- Summary statement of two hundred (200) words or less. Describe your work or project and efforts to strengthen and support the 4-H club program.

In addition:

- State the effort's goals and objectives. Indicate program need.
- Describe outcomes or impacts. How did the effort strengthen your 4-H program?
- Limit supplementary materials to three (3) pages. You may include photos, news clippings, or letters, etc.
- Total number of pages of narration should be three (3) typed double-spaced pages or less.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Goals and objectives

(15%)

Content or methods used to support and strengthen clubs

(25%)

Outcomes or impacts on the 4-H program

(25%)

Leadership/volunteer development

(15%)

Scope of adults/youth involvement

(10%)

Supplementary materials

(10%)

NAE4-HA Excellence in Teamwork

National Recipient: Plaque sponsored by A & T Industries

Regional Recipients: Certificates

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize outstanding Extension programs or projects conducted by a team that demonstrate effective performance and significant results (impact) at community, area, state or multi-state levels.

Award:

One plaque will be presented to the national winning entry. All team members will receive certificates.

Eligibility:

1. Entries must be submitted by a team and limited to ten (10) members.
2. Program/project must have been conducted in the past year.
3. Program must involve two (2) or more different program areas (i.e. Agriculture, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Sciences, Natural Resources, or Community Development).
4. At least one (1) member of the team must be a member of NAE4-HA and currently employed.
5. There is a limit of one (1) entry from any one (1) state/unit.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. Summary statement of one hundred and fifty (150) words or less.
3. Narrative - Describe significant program accomplishments in three (3) double-spaced pages or less using the following format:
 - A. Situation statement that describes the events indicating the need for the program.
What is unique about this program?
 - B. State the program goal/objectives.
 - C. Describe the target audience, their participation, involvement, and contribution.
 - D. Explain the role of the team members and state the percent of time contributed by each.
 - E. Describe collaborative/partnership with others.
 - F. Describe outcomes/results/impacts.
 - G. Describe how this program contributes to Extension's commitment to diversity.
4. Supplementary materials - Limit to three (3) pages. This may include pictures, news clippings or letters.
5. **Three (3) letters of support (one of which shall be from a state association president).**

Criteria For Evaluation:

Judging will be based on significant program accomplishments of individuals in two (2) or more program areas working as a team.

1. Successful outcomes/results/impacts related to the goals/objectives - 60%
2. Uniqueness/need of program - 20%
3. Collaboration - 10%
4. Contribution to diversity - 10%

Nomination: Individuals may nominate themselves and should be submitted to the State Awards Chair. The winning entry in each state is to be sent on for regional judging with the top regional winner sent forward for determination of the national winner.

NAE4-HA Excellence in Camping Award

National Recipient: Plaque sponsored by the NAE4-HA Camping and Environmental Education Task Force

Regional Recipients: Certificates

Purpose: To recognize outstanding effort (Individual and Team) by NAE4-HA members in youth development through 4-H camping, practice, evaluation, or research.

Eligibility:

Any NAE4-HA member making a significant contribution in 4-H camping. Only NAE4-HA members who have paid current dues are eligible for recognition.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. Description and scope of the camping program, evaluation, or research.
3. Description of any collaborative efforts.
4. Description of demonstrated educational impact of program on youth, the 4-H program, or the community.
5. If applicable, how adult and teen leaders and other youth were involved in major leadership roles in the program.
6. Describe innovative teaching and learning strategies used, if applicable.

Two (2) standard (8 1/2 x 11) pages of supporting materials may be included, such as newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Scope and content of the program, evaluation or research project - 35%
 2. Collaborative efforts with other agencies/organizations - 10%
 3. Educational value and the significance of the program, evaluation or research project - 25%
 4. Impact of the program (KASA), evaluation or research project of youth, the 4-H program, or the community - 20%
 5. The involvement of adult and teen volunteers and other youth (if applicable) in key leadership roles - 10%
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NAE4-HA Excellence in Natural Resource/Environmental Education

National Recipients: Plaques (one Team and Individual) sponsored by NAE4-HA Programs Committee – Natural Resources and Environmental Education Task Force

Purpose:

To recognize outstanding effort by staff in Natural Resources/Environmental Education.

Eligibility:

Any NAE4-HA member making a significant contribution in Natural Resources/Environmental Education can apply. Only NAE4-HA members who have paid current dues are eligible for recognition.

Application Must Include:

- * Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
- * Describe the Natural Resources/Environmental Education program, project or event and the number of people reached.
- * How did the effort demonstrate collaborative programming with other natural resource agencies/organizations?
- * Describe the educational impact of the program, project or event upon the community and/or 4-H program. How was this determined?
- * How were adults, teen leaders, and other youth involved in major leadership roles in the Natural Resources/Environmental Education program, project or event? Be specific.

Two (2) standard (8 1/2 x 11) pages of supporting materials may be included, such as newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.

Evaluation Criteria:

- * The scope and content of the program - 20%
- * The number of people reached by the program - 10%
- * Collaborative programming efforts with natural resource agencies/organizations - 10%
- * The educational value and the significance of the effort on the environment - 25%
- * The impact of the educational program on the community and/or 4-H program - 25%
- * The involvement of adult and team volunteers and other youth in key leadership roles - 10%

Nomination:

Individuals may nominate themselves and should be submitted to the State Awards Chair. The winning entry in each state is to be sent on for regional judging with the top regional winner sent forward for determination of the national winner.

NAE4-HA Power of Youth Award

National Recipient: Plaque (Individual or Team) sponsored by NAE4-HA Programs Committee - Youth in Governance Task Force
Regional Recipients: Certificates

Purpose:

To recognize the outstanding efforts of NAE4-HA members that exemplify youth and adult partnerships which engage young people in decisions that affect them and their world.

Award:

Only one (1) entry (Individual or Team) will be recognized at each level of judging (regional and national). One regional plaque and one national plaque will be presented per winning entry. If the winning entry is a team effort, certificates will be presented to all team members. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual NAE4-HA conference.

Eligibility:

Any NAE4-HA member making significant contributions to engage young people in decisions that affect our world may apply. Only NAE4-HA members who have paid current dues are eligible for recognition. In the case of team entries, at least one member must meet eligibility requirements.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. In two (2) pages or less, describe the program/project/initiative using the criteria listed in the judging section below. Include the purpose, how young people are involved in the decision making process, and any evaluation or outcome information which will document the success of this project.
3. Two (2) additional single-sided standard (8 ½" x 11") pages of supporting materials may be included, such as newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.
4. Letter of support from a young person or group of young people.
5. Regional winners will be asked to provide a brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than fifty (50) words and one digital photo showing youth in action during your project or reflecting youth in your projected project. These may be printed on a poster and poster hand-out by the Youth in Governance Task Force showcasing the awards during the NAE4-HA conference and summarized in a future News & Views article.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Purpose of program

10%

Size, scope and content of program

20%

Description of how and to what depth youth exhibited voice and decision making authority including evidence of real influence and the nature of the partnership with the adults involved (creative or unusual approaches are valued)

30%

Evidence of change in youth, adults, 4-H club, organization, community or world as a result of the program

30%

Personal or professional growth achieved as a result of this program, i.e. insights gained or lessons learned

10%

Nominations:

Individuals or teams may nominate themselves and should be submitted to State Awards Chairs. The winning entry in each state is to be sent on for regional judging with the regional winner(s) sent forward for determination of the national winner. *Youth involvement is encouraged in judging this award at each level of competition.*

Judging Procedure:

State: State Awards Chairs are strongly encouraged to engage youth in the judging process.

Regional: Member Recognition Region Contacts are strongly encouraged to engage youth in the judging process.

National: Youth In Governance Task Force is responsible for the selection of the national award recipient. Youth will be part of the judging process.

NAE4-HA World Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award

National Recipient: Plaque (Individual or Team) sponsored by NAE4-HA Global Education Taskforce

National recipient will be asked to make a presentation at the NAE4-HA International Luncheon

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize the efforts of Extension staff developing and/or conducting programs and/or projects that provide opportunities for youth to develop a "world view" including a global perspective (appreciation of complexity, conflict management, the inevitability of change, and the interconnectedness between and among humans and their environment, understanding of their impact on the world and that the world impacts them, and understanding of their ability and responsibility to make choices that affect the future), and the skills for living in a global society.

- To develop understanding of the concept of community: what it means, where it is found, and how each person is part of the whole from the local to the global.
- To develop an understanding and appreciation for the differences and similarities among peoples based on culture, ethnicity, country of origin, religion, place of residence, etc.
- To take leadership for seeing and addressing problems in communities by working together.
- To develop an understanding of democracy and citizenship including the rights and responsibilities and all their implications for a democratic society.
- To encourage youth to take responsibility for the common good by working in youth/adult partnerships.
- To facilitate the development of a world view and a sense of place in it.
- To develop an understanding of sustainable development and its implications for individual and community actions. (Sustainable development is "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." [Brundland Commission, 1987].)

General Eligibility:

Only NAE4-HA members who have paid current dues are eligible for recognition. In the case of a team, at least one member must meet eligibility requirements.

Application Must Include:

- Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
- Summary statement of one hundred and fifty words (150) or less.
- Narrative description of significant program accomplishments in three (3) double spaced pages or less.

Include:

- Goals and objectives
- Target audience and program content
- Delivery methods and
- Outcome evaluation
- Supplemental materials may be included - limit to four (4) pages and may include photos, newspaper clippings, letters, or other information that shows program details, highlights, etc.

Specific Criteria:

Goals and Objectives: 25 points

Provide an educational opportunity that develops skills and knowledge, attitudes and aspirations that enhance development of a world-view and global literacy. Examples:

Citizenship: global issues, consumerism, sustainable development, culture and geography

Open-mindedness: accepting and living with diversity, similarities and differences, strengths of working together

Self-understanding: place in the world, family dynamics, multicultural relationships, heritage, appreciation of other cultures, anthropology

Intercultural communications: opportunities to use intercultural skills and knowledge

Advocacy: learning to think globally and act locally, develop methods and processes for including under-represented people in global education programs, provide opportunities for cross cultural exchange programs (interstate, intrastate, international) that meet the needs of youth and adults in the new millennium

Target Audience: 10 points

Include the number the program reached if the application is for program implementation.

Program Content: 30 points

Incorporate a global perspective into all projects, activities, and events.

Delivery Method: 15 points

Appropriate for intended audience.

Outcomes/Impact: 20 points

Appropriate for goals and intended target audience and how it was measured.

Appropriate outcome evaluation is provided with program development applications.

NAE4-HA Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Award

National Recipient: Plaque sponsored by A & T Industries

Note: If team entry, one plaque will be awarded

Objectives:

1. To provide recognition for outstanding programs conducted for and with teen audiences.
2. To gain national recognition for program accomplishments relative to scholarly and creative activities, teaching, and/or research effectiveness and to show evidence or collaboration with others who help meet community teens' needs.
3. To strengthen the commitment to programs with teen audiences.

General Eligibility Rules:

1. An NAE4-HA member may submit one entry in each division: Individual and Team.
 - A. Individual: Programs developed by an Agent or county staff for primary use in a single county or area. Encourages networking with others, but primary programming was for a single community.
 - B. Team: Must show evidence of joint planning and implementation by two (2) or more county/state individuals.
2. The same educational program cannot be submitted more than once.
3. All program entries must be conducted between January 1 and December 31 of previous year.

Applications Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. Title page should include: name, job title, address, phone number, and title of teen program conducted.
3. Limit the next two (2) pages to standard print and give a description of the program that illustrates the following:
 - A. Documentation stating how program meets the needs of the community.
 - B. Objectives of the program.
 - C. Tell how program was evaluated.
 - D. Give results or impact of program.
 - E. Show evidence of how the program is/can be an ongoing program.
 - F. Show evidence of how the collaboration in planning/conducting the program (i.e. agencies, youth clubs, teen boards, etc.).
4. On the fourth and final page, provide an abstract of your program and include information on the title page.
5. States may select one nominee in each category (Individual and Team).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Documentation of community need

20 points

Objectives

10 points

Overview

10 points

Evaluation process

10 points

Impact of program

20 points

Renewability

5 points

Collaboration

20 points

Abstract

5 points

NAE4-HA Interactive 4-H Educational Website Award

National Recipient: Plaque sponsored by friends of Allan Smith

Objectives:

- To recognize the power of interactive websites in holding youth interest and facilitating youth learning.
- To encourage 4-H curriculum developers to routinely include an interactive website component in educational materials development.
- To encourage youth-adult partnerships in creating educational technology.

General Entry Requirements:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. All entries must have a cover page which includes: names, addresses, titles, phone numbers of all team members (including at least one youth member), subject or name of website, and website address.
3. Process evaluation that describes how the interactive website operates, the need(s) it addresses, and the activities it carries out.
4. Outcome evaluation identifying the results of the program's efforts, and what difference the interactive website made to young people who participated. Evidence of positive evaluation by target audience.
5. Each state may submit only one (1) team and one (1) individual entry by the deadline date.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Functionality: (30 points)

- * Compatible with major browsers
- * Works for monitor resolution of 800 x 600 or higher
- * Can be used with dial-up and higher bandwidth connections
- * Meets ADA and Children's Online Privacy Protection Act Web site guidelines
- * Effective use of web technologies to enhance the experience

Design: (35 points)

- * Design is appropriate for technology-based instruction
- * Site is visually appealing for target audience
- * Navigation is clear and intuitive
- * Effective use of fonts, color, and space
- * Graphics and other design elements enhance contextual understanding and reinforce the instructional design of the site
- * Site is interactive and engaging for target audience
- * Interactive strategies are clearly intuitive so learners can focus on instructional concepts without being distracted by technical aspects of the site.
- * Site includes a variety of creative teaching and learning components
- * Site uses technology effectively to present content for broader or deeper understanding than would occur with more traditional instructional methods
- * Design motivates learners to use the program repeatedly to complete or extend their work

Content: (35 points)

- * Objectives clearly stated and specific
- * Content embeds extensive critical thinking and decision-making activities
- * Content has a logical structure that reveals information in a way that the intended audience can understand. Users can find content of individual interest using multiple paths.
- * Content is informative and accurate
- * Users can assess their level of mastery of the content
- * Spelling and grammar are correct

NAE4-HA Dr. Jim Duncan Program of Distinction Award

National Recipient: Plaque and a \$500.00 check presented to the Outstanding Program of Distinction.

This award was created with the generous support of Mr. E. Neil Carey in honor of his 4-H agent, Dr. Jim Duncan.

Objectives:

- Share the outstanding life-long contributions and achievements of 4-H Agent Dr. Jim Duncan that can inspire and encourage others.

- Serve as an incentive for increasing the number of high quality youth development Programs of Distinction submissions by 4-H educators from throughout the country.
- Recognize the achievements of outstanding 4-H youth educators and their highest quality programs.

General Entry Requirements:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. Eligible programs will be those that have been designated a Program of Distinction by Dec. 31 of the previous year (i.e., to be eligible in 2009, your program must have been designated a Program of Distinction by Dec. 31, 2008).
3. Programs that have received a 4-H Families Count Family Strengthening Award from National 4-H Council (funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation) are not eligible for this recognition.
4. Individuals do not have to complete an additional application cover sheet or provide additional information.
5. Nominee(s) must be a member(s) in good standing of NAE4-HA.
6. Nominee's program must be a 4-H program (with permission to use the 4-H name and emblem).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Eligible programs are reviewed by current Programs of Distinction peer reviewers using the criteria below:

- (1) Research Base: Strong evidence that the program's design and content are based on a solid research base.
- (2) Program Goals and Objectives: Program goals and objectives are clearly stated and are relevant to the program and/or needs assessment.
- (3) Evidence of Collaboration: Strong evidence of collaboration, especially cross-disciplinary collaboration.
- (4) Results/Impacts: Outcomes and impacts that resulted from the program are clearly presented. Strong evidence that there were real, measurable short-term, mid-term, and/or long-term changes in knowledge, attitudes, skills, practices, or conditions.
- (5) Evidence of Sustainability: Strong evidence provided that program is sustained or has the potential to be sustained over time.
- (6) Innovativeness of Program: Program is innovative and original.
- (7) Reflects Values and Accomplishments of Dr. Jim Duncan: Strongly reflects values and accomplishments of Dr. Jim Duncan, including citizenship, leadership, perseverance, teamwork, courage, and/or commitment to education.

The National Chair works with the National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA National Program Leader, Youth Development Research to ensure evaluation of award entries is completed.

NAE4-HA Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award

National Recipient: \$1,500.00 Cash Grant

Description:

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. National 4-H Council is proud to partner with the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents to promote this award that will recognize the innovations of 4-H educators in honor of the timeless contributions of former Council associate, Denise Miller.

As the director of communication and marketing at National 4-H Council, Denise Miller worked diligently to promote the fresh and innovative work of 4-H. An innovator herself, Denise encouraged staff to tap their creative thinking to continually "make the best better" for all 4-H programs. She gave tirelessly of her energy and expertise to 4-H until her untimely death in 1991. As a memorial tribute to Denise, her family and friends have created the Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award to continue the work to which she was so committed.

Guidelines:

The Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award is a **\$1,500 cash grant** awarded to one national recipient (individual or team) who exemplifies innovation, accomplishment, and commitment in the design and delivery of a unique 4-H program. **Awards will only be granted to new innovations.**

Granted as a competitive award, the Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award is intended to be awarded annually to a program that meets the highest standard of quality and innovation. An innovative program would be one that may include a new audience or expansion of a current audience, a new program subject matter area, a new program delivery method(s) or some other creative approach that is new to your work. An innovative program could be a new approach to a current program or the beginning of an entirely new effort.

Application Format:

In addition to the NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application Form, the following information must be submitted for consideration for the Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award. Applications must be submitted on one (1) side of 8.5 x 11" white paper with one (1) inch margins, single-spaced 12 point font, and a maximum length of three (3) pages. All pages must be numbered. A complete application will contain:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application.
2. **Executive Summary of Innovation** (Limit to fifty (50) words.)
3. **Description of Innovation**
4. **Program Replication Plan**
 - a. Describe what you have done to encourage replication (i.e. presentation, articles, etc.)
 - b. Provide an action plan on how the innovative program could be replicated. (Include target audience and reach, description of replication activity and timeline.

Application Submission Information:

Applications must comply with all NAE4-HA submission requirements. All NAE4-HA members are eligible for the award.

Application Scoring Criteria:

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the award applicants. A maximum of thirty (30) points may be awarded.

Application Submission Requirements:

Submission Requirements Met: (5 points)

1. The applicant has included all required information.
2. The applicant has adhered to the page format, font size, line spacing, and maximum page length.

Description of Innovation: (20 points)

1. The program represents a new innovation.
2. The description of the innovative program is clear and concise.
3. A description of why this innovation was needed for the intended target audience is provided.
4. If there were collaborative efforts in the innovation, a description of the partnership is described.
5. What is the existing or potential impact of the innovation?

Program Replication Plan: (5 points)

1. A plan is provided that clearly articulates how the program could be replicated.
2. It is clear that the innovation will benefit other 4-H programs.

NAE4-HA Excellence in Urban 4-H Programming Award (NEW!)

National Recipient: Plaque awarded to an individual or a team

Note: If team entry, one plaque will be awarded

Objectives:

- To recognize outstanding efforts by NAE4-HA members in the area of urban 4-H programming.
- To strengthen the commitment to urban programming curriculum.

Eligibility:

- Any NAE4-HA member that has made a significant contribution in the area of urban 4-H programming.
- The nominee should have conducted the program or activity within the last two (2) years, and it should be part of the ongoing 4-H program in the county.
- Youth participants must live in an urban community or the program must take place in an urban community. For these purposes, an urban community is defined as a contiguous community with a total population of at least 50,000 and a population density of 1,000 per square mile.

Application Must Include:

- Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application Form.
- Description of program:

Introduction – Objectives, audience, needs assessment, description of urban community.

Program Description – Delivery method, content, materials developed, collaborative efforts.

Program Impact – Evaluation method, results/impact, significance

Supporting Materials – Newspaper clipping, personal stories

Judging Criteria:

- Introduction – 10 points
- Program Description – 40 points
- Program Impact – 40 points
- Supporting Materials – 10 points