

NAE4-HA Professional Development Awards

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Professional Development Award Application

Submit with the Professional Development Opportunity Award and the Stiles Memorial Scholarship applications

Susan Barkman Research & Evaluation

Please complete **BOTH** applications (the NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application and the additional application required above) for the award you are applying! Also make sure that you submit the correct number of copies of your complete application as specified in the award criteria.

**** States may submit more than one entry in each of the Professional Development award categories (excluding the First Time Conference Attendee Scholarship) because they are only judged on the national level and not on the state or regional level.**

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!

Purpose and Type of Award:

NAE4-HA FIRST TIME CONFERENCE ATTENDEE SCHOLARSHIP (NEW!)

Purpose and Type of Award:

One or more monetary awards will be given to be used toward the NAE4-HA conference registration fee. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage new and existing NAE4-HA members to attend national conferences who have never done so before. (2008

Galaxy conference attendees who have not attended an NAE4-HA conference are eligible to apply this year.)

Entries will be judged on the criteria specified in the application above. **Applications are to be submitted electronically to State Award Chairs by *April 1*. Don't forget to also attach the NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application Form State Award Chairs may submit one application for judging consideration directly to their respective NAE4-HA Regional Director (not the Member Recognition Regional Contact) by *April 10*.** Results of the application will be announced before Early Bird Registration for that year's conference.

For more details, please click on the application link above.

NAE4-HA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

One monetary award will be given up to \$1,000 which is available to be awarded at the annual meeting. These funds are not intended for college degree programs or for attendance at the NAE4-HA conference. Funds are intended for workshop or seminar fees, professional study tours, or individual educational experiences applicable to the youth development profession (i.e. fees, travel, support materials, lodging).

General Eligibility:

1. To qualify for participation, dues must be paid for two consecutive years including the current year.
2. Work for Extension with significant responsibility for 4-H youth programs.
3. Application indicates a definite career interest as an Extension 4-H youth professional.
4. An NAE4-HA member can receive an award only once in each category.
5. Funds cannot be used for professional development that has already been completed prior to application. The application must be for professional development sessions following the May 1 postmarked deadline. Funds will be distributed to successful applicants following successful completion of study.
6. Preference for Professional Development Opportunity Awards will be given to requests that enhance youth program educational goals and networking with youth serving organizations/professions.

Reporting & Securing Funds:

1. **A report must be completed and funds requested from the current NAE4-HA Professional Development Chair within one year of receipt of the award (by Sept. 30 of that year).** Money is rewarded after completion of report. Receipts are required. The report must be submitted also to the Extension Supervisor or Program Leader.
2. Each award recipient must submit a one or two paragraph article summarizing the professional development experience for the NAE4-HA professional newsletter. The article should include how you have shared your professional development experience with other Extension professionals.
3. In addition to the written report, the award recipient will submit this experience for consideration through the current annual conference seminar selection procedure as either a poster session or seminar/workshop.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application and NAE4-HA Professional Development Award Application.
2. Maximum of four (4) typewritten pages as follows:
 - * Effective Utilization and Needs (50%) – Please describe your professional development goals, plans, and needs. Include beginning and ending dates, place(s) of study, major course(s), and how your professional development experience will help you reach your professional development goal and increase your competency as an Extension 4-H youth professional. Include a budget and list the amount of funds you are requesting from NAE4-HA.
 - * Leadership Ability (30%) – Please describe your responsibility in 4-H youth development work, such as organizations, program development, volunteer and staff training, special programs, and size of program and youth staff. Also list your leadership roles in state, regional, or national Extension 4-H organizations and in community or other groups.
 - * Extension Experience and Career Interest (15%) – Please list job titles(s), place(s) of work, date(s) of employment, and percentage of time in your work for all positions listed. Also describe your career interest as an Extension 4-H youth professional. Training should be appropriate for your position and future professional needs.
 - * Description of your plan for sharing information gained (5%) - Results from funding can be shared through News and Views, The Journal of Extension, The Journal of Youth Development, or a seminar or poster session at NAE4-HA conference.
3. Letter of support from your Extension Supervisor or Program Leader (this will be page 5).

Application Procedure

1. Six (6) copies of the above, including letters of support, must be sent to your State Member Recognition Contact by the state deadline.

2. Award recipients will be notified and receive recognition at the annual NAE4-HA conference.

4-HA STILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 award to be presented to a 4-H professional who is enrolled in a college or university degree program (Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral).

General Eligibility:1. To qualify for participation, dues must be paid for two consecutive years including the current year.

2. Work for Extension with significant responsibility for 4-H youth programs. 3. Application indicates a definite career interest as an Extension 4-H youth professional.

4. An NAE4-HA member can receive an award only once in each category.

5. Funds cannot be used for course work or studies that have already been completed prior to application. The application must be for academic sessions following the May 1 postmarked deadline. Funds will be distributed to successful applicants following successful completion of course work or study.

6. Preference for Stiles Memorial Scholarships will be given to requests that enhance youth program educational goals and networking with youth serving organizations/professions.

Reporting & Securing Funds:

1. A report must be completed and funds requested from the current NAE4-HA Professional Development Chair within one year of receipt of the award (by Sept. 30 of that year). Money is rewarded after completion of report. Receipts are required. The report must be submitted also to the Extension Supervisor or Program Leader.

2. Each award recipient must submit a one or two paragraph article summarizing the professional development experience for the NAE4-HA professional newsletter. The article should include how you have shared your professional development experience with other Extension professionals.

Application Must Include

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application and NAE4-HA Professional Development Award Application.

2. Maximum of four (4) typewritten pages as follows:

- * Effective Utilization and Needs (50%) – Please describe your professional development goals, plans, and needs. Include beginning and ending dates, place(s) of study, major course(s), and how your professional development experience will help you reach your professional development goal and increase your competency as an Extension 4-H youth professional. Include a budget and list the amount of funds you are requesting from NAE4-HA.
 - * Leadership Ability (30%) – Please describe your responsibility in 4-H youth development work, such as organizations, program development, volunteer and staff training, special programs, and size of program and youth staff. Also list your leadership roles in state, regional, or national Extension 4-H organizations and in community or other groups.
 - * Extension Experience and Career Interest (15%) – Please list job titles(s), place(s) of work, date(s) of employment, and percentage of time in your work for all positions listed. Also describe your career interest as an Extension 4-H youth professional. Training should be appropriate for your position and future professional needs.
 - * Description of your plan for sharing information gained (5%) - Results from funding can be shared through News and Views, The Journal of Extension, The Journal of Youth Development, or a seminar or poster session at NAE4-HA conference.
3. Letter of support from your Extension Supervisor or Program Leader (this will be page 5).

Application Procedure

1. **Six (6) copies of the above, including letters of support, must be sent to your State Member Recognition Contact by the state deadline.**
2. Award recipients will be notified and receive recognition at the annual NAE4-HA conference.

NAE4-HA SUSAN BARKMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

This scholarship is in honor of Susan Barkman, 2004 Vice-President for Research, Evaluation, and Programs, and is awarded to one national winner at the NAE4-HA conference.

Purpose and Type of Award:

One monetary award will be given up to \$750, which is available to be awarded at the annual meeting. These funds are intended for use in a research and/or evaluation project by a NAE4-HA professional. The funds can be used to offset the cost of research including, but not limited to, copies, mailings, travel, and evaluation assistance. The award can be used for research as a part of graduate school, but not to pay the cost of graduate school.

General Eligibility:

1. To qualify for participation, dues must be paid for two consecutive years including the current year.
2. Work for Extension with significant responsibility for 4-H youth programs.
3. Funds cannot be used for work that has already been completed prior to application. The application must be for work following the May 1 postmarked deadline. Funds will be distributed to successful applicants following successful completion of work.
4. Preference for the scholarship will be given to requests that enhance youth program educational goals and networking with youth serving organizations/professions.
5. An NAE4-HA member can receive an award only once in 3 years.

Reporting and Securing Funds:

1. **A report must be completed and funds requested from the current NAE4-HA Professional Development Chair within one year of receipt of the award (by Sept. 30 of that year).** Money is awarded after completion of report. Receipts are required. The report must be submitted also to the Extension Supervisor or Program Leader.
2. Each award recipient must submit an article with the findings to NAE4-HA's Journal of Youth Development or other appropriate juried professional publication. Recipients will be encouraged to submit a seminar or poster session proposal for presentation at the NAE4-HA conference within the one year time limit.

Application Must Include:

1. Completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application and Susan Barkman Scholarship for Research and Evaluation Application.
2. Maximum of four (4) typewritten pages as follows:
 - * Justification must include information related to the judging criteria listed in the criteria for evaluation below. Include the purpose, review of literature, methodology, and expected results/outcomes. Describe the expected educational impact of the project upon the 4-H program and/or its contribution to youth development. Include discussion, implications, and conclusions.
 - * Budget must list the amount of funds you are requesting from NAE4-HA.
3. Letter of support from Extension or administrative supervisor indicating how this study is advancing the profession.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Quality, appropriateness, and rigor of the research or evaluation study - 50 points

Implications of the research or evaluation on youth development and/or 4-H program - 30 points

Contribution of new knowledge - 15 points

Report on professional development experiences - 5 points

Application Procedure:

1. **Six (6) copies of the above, including the letter of support, must be sent to your State Member Recognition Contact by the state deadline.**
2. Award recipients will be notified and receive recognition at the annual NAE4-HA conference.