



Washington State 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Early Career

Nominations must be received by August 15

The Washington State 4-H Program recognizes an outstanding 4-H volunteer, with less than 10-years' experience, who has contributed to making a positive impact on the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program, its members and/or fellow volunteers. The recipient of the Washington State 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Early Career Award will be honored at the State 4-H Annual Recognition Event held on October 25, 2025.

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Eligibility: Any adult who has served as a Certified 4-H Volunteer for less than 10 years at the county and/or state level. Nominations will be accepted by any person or group in the 4-H organization.

Nomination must include*:

- This cover sheet with nominee and nominator's name and contact information.
- Narrative essay by nominator that describes some of the impacts created because of the nominee's participation as a volunteer in the 4-H Youth Development Program. (Limited to 3 pages with 1-inch margins, no smaller than 12-point font).
- Letters of recommendation (3).
- If selected, a digital photograph (600 dpi or greater) will be requested no later than September 15.

*Guidance for content is provided on page two of this nomination package.

Nominator Contact Information (You may be contacted for further information.)

Nominator: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

For consideration, nomination form, narrative essay and letters of recommendation must be submitted by August 15 to:

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Instructions for Nominee Application

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a typed narrative essay that describes some of the nominee's 4-H activities. Please discuss:

- Nominee's positive impact on 4-H youth
- Explain any new programs, events and/or fundraising initiatives nominee created.
- This statement should be no longer than 3 pages in 12-point font with 1-inch margins.

Letters of Recommendation Guidelines

Please submit three (3) letters of recommendation for the nominee. The letters of recommendation should be written by a 4-H staff member, 4-H youth participant, another volunteer, or a parent/guardian, and address the following items:

- Work ethic and dedication to 4-H
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people
- Recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers
- Advocacy of the 4-H youth development movement
- Dedicated to youth empowerment or youth/adult partnerships
- Professional attitude, character, and morals