

ASA, DSA, and MSA Service Awards Application

This application is designed to aid in the selection of ASA, DSA, and MSA service award applicants. The following questions are designed to highlight the applicant's experiences as they relate to the national scoring rubric. The number of ASA and DSA award winners selected is based off the current year's GAE4-HA membership. One MSA award is given each year for the whole state.

Name: Kasey Bozeman Service Award Level: ASA

**1. Please list association memberships, committee/task force work, and leadership positions held.
(15%)**

Memberships:

2011 - Present: GAE4-HA & NAE4-HA Membership

2012 - Present: Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia

Committee/Task Force Work:

2011 - Present: GAE4-HA Professional Development Committee: reviewed 2013 workshop and road runner presentations, scheduled presenter room assignments, and created presentation certificates for the GAE4-HA state meeting

2012 - Present: NAE4-HA Camping and Environmental Education Task Force Member (Programs Committee): participates in quarterly conference calls, annual meetings, and provides input on various camping and environmental education related programming, as needed. Co-presented NAE4-HA board approved seminar at 2014 NAE4-HA Conference titled "Classroom to Camp: Putting STEM Behind What We Do Best" about incorporating STEM into camp settings

Leadership

2013 - 2014: GAE4-HA Professional Development Committee Chair: Submitted committee reports and minutes in a timely manner to GAE4-HA leadership, compiled lists of upcoming professional development opportunities, conferences, and webinars that were published in each edition of the GAE4-HA newsletter, recruited committee members to interview a 4-H professional taking graduate courses and write an article about their experiences, coordinated the promotion, submission, selection, notification, and scheduling for 13 workshop and road runner presentations for the GAE4-HA state meeting. Collaborated with the National 4-H Council Customer Relations Coordinator to offer a professional Customer Relations Coordinator to offer a professional development webinar for GAE4-HA members.

2014 - Present: elected by the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents (GAE4-HA) membership to serve on the Executive Committee for four years (beginning August 2014) as the Vice President, President Elect, President, and Past President. Coordinated 2015 membership drive.

2. Please list formal education and continuing education trainings. (Also count state and national association meetings as well as Extension trainings. (15 %)

Formal Education:

2013 - Present: Doctor of Education, Georgia Southern University, Major: Curriculum Studies
2009 - 2010: Master of Science, Nova Southeastern University, Major: Environmental Education
2006 - 2009: Bachelor of Science, Piedmont College, Major: Environmental Science

Certifications:

2014: Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree Trainer
2013: Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree Instructor
2013: CITI Human Research Subjects Training
2012: UGA Extension - Master Evaluator Certificate Program
2012: Cotton Boll & Consumer Jamboree Certified Coach
2012 Wildlife Judging Certified Coach

Professional Conferences:

2012, 2013, 2014: GAE4-HA Annual Professional Development Conference
2012, 2013, 2014: NAE4-HA Annual Professional Development Conference
2014: National Youth at Risk Conference
2014: Georgia After-School Youth Development Conference

Educational Trainings:

2015: Retaining At-Risk Youth Populations, Fund-raising and Friend-raising
2014: County Extension Coordinator Foundations: Working with People, Georgia 4-H Curricula Day, Georgia 4-H Program Kick-Off, 4-H Program Preview, Linking Teaching and Learning Styles, Georgia 4-H Serving Students with Special Needs, Designing Professional Poster Sessions, Integrating Global Competencies into 4-H Programming, Policies, Procedures, and Protocol: Best Practices for Experienced Employees, Wet Science: Water Programming for Youth Audiences, Project WET, WILD, and Learning Tree Certifications
2013: "I am Georgia 4-H" Georgia 4-H Resources for National 4-H Week, Curriculum Day, 4-H District Update – Lyons, Grant Budget Development, 4-H Military Partnership Meeting, Introduction to Grants, Navigating Social Media for Youth Programs, Column Writing and Local Use of GA FACES Stories, Georgia 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application – Helping your 4-H'ers Through the Process, 4-H Robotics Program Training
2012: Wildlife Judging Certified Coach, 4-H Fundamentals – Rock Eagle, Introduction to the Program Development Model, Extension Foundations Phase II, Master Evaluator Program Sessions 1-8, Extension Volunteer Program Development Sessions 1-6, Introductory Protocol for 4-H Assemblies, Awards Programs and Events, 4-H Program Preview, Cotton Boll & Consumer Jamboree Certified Coach, Georgia 4-H Dean's Award – Learn How to Support 4-H'ers Through the Process, Basics of Youth Development – Rock Eagle, Building Extension's Public Value – Advanced, Promoting Your Facebook Page and Measuring Success, Extension Foundations Phase I – Athens, From Community Service to Service Learning in Three Easy Steps, The Right Tool for the Right Job – Understanding When and How to use Different Media, Getting Started in Social Media
2011: 4-H Update, Building Extension's Public Value

Peer-Reviewed and/or Formal Presentations:

2014: Georgia After-School Youth Development Conference - workshop
2014: GAE4-HA Annual Professional Development Conference - poster, roadrunner, and workshop (co-presenter)
2014: Extension Winter School - poster
2013: GAE4-HA Annual Professional Development Conference - poster and roadrunner
2013: Georgia 4-H Program Preview - poster

3. Please answer all three parts. (50%)

Part A. Please list the size and depth of the programs you have carried out.

Military Programs: Liberty County is home to Fort Stewart, the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River. The 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters, seven tenant units (including US Army Reserve and Army National Guard units), and the Georgia Garrison Training Center are all located at Fort Stewart. Youth face unique circumstances associated with challenges of having one or both parents serving in the military. The applicant has worked with the School Age Center Director and Youth Center Director to plan and implement a variety of 4-H programming for CYSS child and youth members. Since 2012, the applicant and the Program Assistants she supervises have provided a total of 57 programming sessions for 956 youth at Fort Stewart. Activities included Introduction to 4-H, Dairy Foods & Nutrition, Health Rocks! Stress Relief, Plants We Eat, Get Your Game On – Introduction to Public Speaking, Being a Better Leader & Teamwork, Let's Recycle, America Recycles Day Turkey Crafts, Operation: Military Kids Tech Discovery Days, Project Achievement Overview & Workshop, Putting the Pieces Together Art Day Gardening Days, and 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance.

Spring Break Day Camp: Although Liberty County is quite large for southeast Georgia, there are very few activities for youth to do during school holidays, outside of professional childcare facilities. In an effort to provide quality youth development programming and grow the county 4-H program, the applicant started a Spring Break Day Camp in 2012. Camp activities focused on healthy living, agriculture, and science. Due to the success of the Day Camp, the program was continued in 2013 & 2014, expanding for 2 additional days and increasing in the number of participants, teen leaders, and adult volunteers. The camp is being planned for 2015, too. To date, 67 youth, 12 teen leaders, and 8 adult volunteers have participated in the program. The program was awarded the state 2014 NAE4-HA Excellence in Camping – Team Award and is currently being judged on the Southern Region level. The candidate has also shared the schedule for each year's day camp with multiple 4-H Agents in Southeast District to provide them with ideas for conducting a similar program within their own county.

Community Service Programming: Developing a strong sense of personal identity, responsibility, compassion, and tolerance are essential first steps toward being engaged at the community level. As one of the national 4-H Mission Mandates, citizenship teaches young people the importance of being engaged and well-informed about their communities. Since 2012, 226 Liberty County 4-H members have completed 33 projects totaling 551 hours to benefit the local community. The applicant has provided the following community service and citizenship opportunities in which youth can participate: 8 litter collections cleanups, 4 Bring One for the Chipper with Keep Liberty Beautiful, 3 Christmas in the Park Ornament Booth, 2 Christmas cards & decorations for Liberty County Senior Citizen Center, 3 River's Alive with Keep Liberty Beautiful, 2 Hearts for Heroes – Valentine's Day Cards for Service Members with American Legion & Fort Stewart, and 1 trip to the Liberty County Senior Citizen Center for 4-H'ers to play games with visitors. Collection service projects include pet care items for the Liberty County Animal Shelter, soda pop-tabs, Georgia 4-H Cans Hunger and MLK Day of Service Canned Food Collection Drive benefiting the Liberty County Manna House, toys and games donations to benefit military children, and spare change drive to benefit Rock Eagle cabin campaign.

Land Judging: Beginning in the summer of 2012, the applicant began coaching a Land Judging team. The applicant gathered soil samples, arranged field trips, and secured locations for 4-H'ers to study soil profiles. In 2012, the candidate coached 12 youth that participated in the state contest. The senior team placed 1st and participated in the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City. The junior team placed 2nd. Liberty County had the 1st and a tie for 2nd high senior individuals. In 2013, the candidate coached 14 youth that participated in the state contest. Both the junior and senior teams placed 2nd. Liberty County had the 2nd high individual junior. In 2014, the candidate coached 19 youth that participated in the state contest. The senior team placed 2nd, and Liberty County had 3 junior teams that placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Liberty County had the 1st and 3rd high junior competitors and the 2nd and 3rd high senior competitors.

SET Programming: There is a concern that the United States is not preparing a well-trained workforce to work in the fields of sciences, engineering, and technology (SET). For the first time ever, in-school 4-H club meetings were provided for 6th grade students in Liberty County. The candidate worked with school administrators and teachers to create, implement, and evaluate lessons that correlate to Georgia Performance Standards. A total of 444 students have participated in monthly 4-H SET lessons in past two years.

Part B. Please list innovative or new practices used in these programs.

Collaboration with Liberty County School System: In an effort to have more youth participate in the Project Achievement competition (at the county and district level), the applicant worked with the LCSS teachers to promote Project Achievement as a class assignment. There were 232 youth completing a demonstration at the county level in 2014. When asked what is the most important thing they learned during the Project Achievement process, one youth commented, "the most important thing I learned is to give good eye contact to the audience I am talking/presenting to. Another is to speak in a loud voice so the audience can hear me. Lastly, I learned that I don't need to put the paper in front of my face because then no one can see or hear me," while another youth commented that, "The most important thing is that it takes time and practice to get your Project Achievement right."

Training Fort Stewart Staff: In an effort to reach more military children and youth with 4-H programming, the applicant led 2 sessions of a 2 hour "Introduction to 4-H" for 18 CYSS staff that work at Child Development Centers, School Age Center, and Youth Center. Training topics included: overview of 4-H structure and leadership, specific activities and events in Georgia 4-H programming, adult volunteer behavior guidelines, ages and developmental stages of youth, discipline strategies, accident and illness procedures, and Georgia 4-H policies and guidelines. Additionally, the applicant led 1 session of a 1 hour "Project Achievement Basics Training" that the applicant developed for 12 CYSS staff. Training topics included: overview of Project Achievement, research methods, writing skills, creating visual aids, and guiding 4-H'ers through the process.

Volunteer Recruitment: Even though Liberty County is a very transient community, the applicant has worked to build a solid adult volunteer base. She has recruited 3 volunteers to serve as leaders to the 4-H Horse Club, 1 volunteer to serve as the leader of the Crafty Corners Club, and 1 volunteer to serve as the leader of the Cloverbud Club. With these volunteers, programs are able to be expanded and more youth are being reached through 4-H programming.

Additional New Program Efforts:

Began Spring Break Day Camp program for 20 Cloverleaf 4-H'ers in 2012 with a 3-day program focusing on science and Health Rocks! In 2013, the program expanded to include 30 youth and 5 volunteer leaders for a 5-day program, including field trips to a local farm, state historic site, and Burton 4-H Center. Traditional activities such as Health Rocks!, science, arts & crafts, and scavenger hunts were also included. Camp was featured on front page of the "Coastal Courier" during Spring Break. In 2014, the program continued and has now become an annual 'tradition.' Increased youth community involvement by working with City of Hinesville Public Relations Manager to have 4-H artwork on display (in City Hall) during America Recycles Day and Ga Cities Week. 4-H'ers made luminaries for Hinesville Area Arts Council Movie Night and recycled centerpieces for Liberty Solid Waste Authority Luncheon. 4-H'ers worked at National Night Out, Safe Kid's Day, and Relay-for-Life events. The Jr/Sr Club has an "Adopt Liberty" area in downtown Hinesville and complete quarterly clean-ups. Began Robotics Club that meets on monthly basis. Uses JunkDrawer curriculum and Lego Mindstorms Kit to allow students to build/program robots and learn more about science and engineering.

Part C. Please list improvements to quality and quantity of programs.

In-School Club Meetings: When the applicant began in November 2011, Liberty County 4-H was not providing 5th grade in-school club meetings at three of the seven public schools in Liberty County. The candidate met with teachers, school principals and Board of Education administrators to propose the addition of in-school 4-H club meetings at many public schools within Liberty County. To date, the candidate has added all 3 elementary schools, reaching an additional 13 classes/clubs for 5th grade students. Additionally, the applicant has met with administrators at two of three middle schools and began in-school 4-H programming with 6th grade students attending those schools. In-school 4-H enrollment has increased from 530 students in 2011-2012 to 990 students for the 2014-2015 school year. (87% increase in enrollment)

Project Achievement: Understanding the importance of the Project Achievement competition, the applicant has continually increased the number of participants at the county and district level. In 2014, the applicant partnered with the Media Coordinator for the Liberty County School System and worked with teachers to have 232 youth at 10 schools completed a demonstration at the county level. Over the past three years, the candidate has prepared 63 Cloverleaf youth, 17 Junior youth, and 18 Senior youth for competition at the district level. The county has received recognition for their Project Achievement efforts: 2013 Cloverleaf 2nd Greatest Increase in Participants, 2014 Cloverleaf 2nd Highest Percentage of Winners, 2014 Cloverleaf 3rd Highest Amount of First Place Winners, and 2015 Jr/Sr 3rd Greatest Increase in Participants. In 2013, the county had 1 delegate to State Congress and mastered in the Human Development project. Liberty County has 2 delegates attending State Congress in 2015.

Summer Camp: The applicant has successfully promoted summer camp each year by creating flyers and informational brochures. Since the summer of 2012, the candidate has camped 207 total 4-H members at a variety of residential camping programs offered by Georgia 4-H. Each year, she had exceeded her assigned Cloverleaf Camp quotas. (2012: quota = 30, actual = 48, 2013: quota = 45, actual = 65, 2014: quota = 65, actual = 69).

Judging Teams: Continued CBCJ judging team in county. Increased youth interest and participation: 3 youth in 2011, 12 youth in 2012, and 9 youth in 2013. Junior Team placed 3rd at area competition in 2013. Established a Land Judging team; recruited team members and community support by partnering with the soil and water conversation district to receive funding and practice supplies. 12 competitors at 2012 contest with the Junior Team placing 3rd and the Senior Team placing 1st, earning the position to compete at the National Land Judging Contest. Coached the Senior High Individual in 2012, too. 12 competitors at the 2013 contest with the Junior Team placed 2nd and the Senior Team placing 2nd. It was 5 years since Liberty County 4-H had a Poultry Judging team. Rebuilt team with 4 members competing at the 2013 competition.

4. Please list your community involvement (other associations, civic, religious, and other community based organizations) (15%)

Keep Liberty Beautiful: The applicant serves as a member of the Keep Liberty Beautiful Board of Directors. She has served as the secretary for the 2012-2013 year, and has been serving as the Vice-Chairman since July 2013. In these roles, she had co-coordinated the River's Alive waterway cleanup for 2 years, recruiting and leading 600+ community volunteers each year to participate in the event. She has also co-coordinated the spring Great American Cleanup in 2014, recruiting over 900 volunteers to participate in the event. She is currently coordinated the 2015 Great American Cleanup. She has also volunteered numerous years at the Bring One for the Chipper event, Arbor Day Celebration, Native Plant Giveaways, Recycle It! Fairs, and Earth Day Celebration. She has delivered Earth Day placemats to schools. She also has taken recycling items to large processing centers in Savannah and Statesboro.

Hinesville Area Arts Council: The applicant serves on the Hinesville Area Arts Council Board of Directors. She attends monthly art gallery exhibit openings (hosted many of those openings), Blues & BBQ event, musical events in the community, book signings, painting parties, etc. She is currently leading the Cupcake Wars event for March 2015.

Liberty County Historical Society: The applicant attends monthly meetings of the Liberty County Historical Society.

Member of Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia

5. Please list your awards and honors received. (5%)

2014: NAE4-HA 4-H/Military Partnership Award (national, regional, and state)

2014: National Youth Organization of the Year by Keep America Beautiful

2014: GAE4-HA Outstanding Young Professional Award (state and district)

2014: NAE4-HA Excellence in Camping - Team (state)

2014: NAE4-HA Promotional Piece - Individual Award (state)

2013: NAE4-HA Education Piece - Individual Award (national, regional, and state)

2013: NAE4-HA 4-H/Military Partnership Award (regional and state)

2013: NAE4-HA Promotional Piece - Individual Award (state)

2013: Epsilon Sigma Phi Outstanding Young Professional Award (district)