

GAE4-HA State Award Descriptions

Please note that all GAE4-HA Awards have an accompanying application. Submissions must be made on the application provided. Altered forms will disqualified from the competition.

- 1. Outstanding New Extension Professional** (Formerly Outstanding Young Professional) - Recognized for outstanding work (with at least 1 year of service) in his/her first 1-3 years of Extension employment. Nominees should be outstanding among the agent group and be working in 4-H at the time of selection. Each District will have one winner; the state winner will be selected among the district winners. Applications are scored on the following categories: Professional Accomplishments (40%), Professional Improvements (20%), Professional Recognition (20%) and Involvement in Other Organizations (20%).
- 2. Professional Achievement Award** - Six outstanding GAE4-HA members receive this award every year. It is not awarded on a district basis, but on ability. Applicants must be working in 4-H and Youth at the time the selections are made. The award may be received only once. Nominee must have worked more than **3 years but not more than 10 years** as an Extension Professional. Applications are scored on the following categories: Professional Responsibilities/Duties (20%), Professional Growth (40%), and Outstanding Accomplishments (40%).
- 3. Continuing Excellence Award** - Nominee should have worked for at least 10 years and should have been a GAE4-HA member for 5 consecutive years. Current active involvement in 4-H work is required. Judging based on professional development and association activities. Applications will be scored on the following rubric: Innovative 4-H Programming (50%), Professional Improvement/Development Activities (25%) and GAE4-HA Activities (25%).
- 4. Outstanding Secretary** - Eligible agents may nominate their secretaries who work actively in support of the 4-H program. Each District will have one winner; the state winner will be selected among the district winners. Applications are scored based on day to day responsibilities (40%) and work beyond normal job duties (60%).
- 5. Outstanding Program Assistant** - Eligible agents may nominate their full-time or part-time 4-H program assistant for this award. Each District will have one winner; the state winner will be selected among the district winners. Submissions will be judged on: responsibilities in core programming (15%), responsibilities outside of core programming (15%), significant leadership responsibilities (35%) and accomplishments (35%).
- 6. Outstanding Support by Agriculture or Family & Consumer Science Professional-** GAE4-HA members may nominate any Agriculture or Family & Consumer Science Agent/Specialist/administrator who has shown outstanding support to 4-H club work. Each District will have one winner; the state winner will be selected among the district winners. Submissions will be judged on: 4-H programming involvement (20%), leadership roles within 4-H programming (40%) and 4-H programming accomplishments (40%).
- 7. Outstanding Support by Retiree**— GAE4-HA members may nominate any active Extension Retiree who is a GAE4-HA Life Member and has shown outstanding contribution to GAE4-HA since their retirement. Each District will have one winner; the state winner will be selected among

the district winners. Applications will be scored according to association activities and involvement (50%) and 4-H/Extension activities and awards (50%).

8. **Outstanding Individual Volunteer Leader**- Agents may nominate an individual in their county who has shown outstanding volunteer interest/involvement. Each District will have one winner; the state winner will be selected among the district winners. Judging criteria for the award includes program involvement (20%), roles and responsibilities (50%) and accomplishments (30%).
9. **Outstanding Volunteer Leader Program** - Agents may nominate themselves or other counties for outstanding utilization of volunteers in the total 4-H program. Applications will be judged based on: methods of recruitment (20%), volunteer leadership roles (20%), leader training (20%), recognition for volunteers (20%) and accomplishments of volunteer-led efforts (20%).
10. **Outstanding Support by Public Media** - Given to any public news medium that has shown superior support to 4-H club work. Submissions will be scored on communication activities (35%), scope of media (15%), purpose and results (50%).
11. **Innovative Work in School Relations** – GAE4-HA members may nominate themselves or any agent who has shown innovative work in regards to school relations. Each District will have one winner; the state winner will be selected among the district winners. Applications will be judged on activity (20%), content and scope (40%) and results (40%).
12. **Scholarship** - (Professional Improvement) Must be an active member of GAE4-HA for the year they receive the award and must not have received this award previously. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an agent seeking financial aid for academic work or professional improvement. Award will be reimbursement only. The applicant is responsible for submitting the 1-2 page report required and requesting money from the State President within one year. Applications will be scored on professional/academic experiences (40%), program of study (50%) and budget plan (10%).
13. **Peach of a Profession Scholarship** - Must be an active member of GAE4-HA for the year they receive the award. It is for a \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP which must be used to attend the NAE4-HA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference. Submissions will be judged by personal plan (30%), professional development (20%), leadership positions (30%) and extenuating circumstances (20%).