



NAE4-HA Member Recognition Program at a Glance

About NAE4-HA:

The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) professional association for 4-H Youth Development Professionals. It is dedicated to promoting, strengthening, and enhancing the 4-H Youth Development professional and advocating for the profession. The association has more than 3,700+ members in our organization.

Award/Scholarship Deadlines:

March 1, 2017, 10pm Pacific Time – Membership must submit award/scholarship application online for state recognition. The system will close at 10pm Pacific Time. Please contact your state Member Recognition Contact to confirm this date. Some states set a different deadline. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

April 1, 2017 – State chairs must submit state winners into regional DropBox folder

May 1, 2017 – Regional chairs must submit regional winners into national DropBox folder

June 1, 2017 – National winners selected and notified

Eligibility:

All active and life members of NAE4-HA are eligible for regional and national awards. This includes all members of state associations and those members of NAE4-HA who are not eligible for membership in their state associations. Membership status is determined using the NAE4-HA database as of January 31, 2017, or your state membership deadline (whichever is earlier). For multi-state entries the state and region the award should be submitted through is that of the primary applicant. The primary applicant should come from the state with the majority of the team's members.

Award General Rules:

Please reference the awards application for General Rules and the score sheet for specific information for an award. Score sheets can be accessed within the awards application or the with the links below.

Application Process:

All award/scholarship entries **MUST** be completed online utilizing the online NAE4-HA Awards System. Enter the system via the link below, members will select their state and then proceed to their desired award applications or scholarship application. You will be walked step by step through the application process. Complete the necessary requirements and submit. Please reference the score sheet of the award category you are applying in for specific award criteria and submission requirements.

SERVICE AWARD APPLICANTS: All service awards applicants should contact their State Member Recognition Contact to determine proper application process for the NAE4HA Service Awards. State Chairs are responsible for submitting winners into the awards system to the National Chair for recognition.

State Member Recognition Contact / Committees:

It is the responsibility of the state designated contact / committee to select state winners from all eligible members and submit those winners to the Regional Contacts by April 1. More detailed information on how to submit state winners will come soon. State entries must be of appropriate standards of excellence in order to qualify for the next awards level. State contacts will input service award winners information for their state into the website for national recognition.



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NAE4-HA Awards Application Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/nae4ha/state-selection>

Questions:

For questions about the process or awards please contact your State Member Recognition Contact first. For issues with the application system please email awardshelpdesk@gmail.com

Award Categories

Service Awards - Please refer to your state and national criteria for submitting for service awards.

- 25 Years of Service Award
- Achievement of Service Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Meritorious Service Award

Communicator Awards (click on awards below for award score sheets)

1. [Educational Package \(Individual & Team\)](#)
2. [Educational Piece \(Individual & Team\)](#)
3. [Exhibit](#)
4. [Feature Story](#)
5. [Media Presentation](#)
6. [News Story](#)
7. [Periodical Publication \(Individual & Team\)](#)
8. [Personal Column](#)
9. [Promotional Package \(Individual & Team\)](#)
10. [Promotional Piece \(Individual & Team\)](#)
11. [Published Photo](#)
12. [Radio Program](#)
13. [Video Program](#)



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Specialty Awards (click on awards below for award score sheets)

1. [4-H Military Partnership Award](#)
2. [Beyond Youth Leadership](#)
3. [Diversity & Inclusion: Expanding the 4-H Audience Award](#)
4. [Educational Technology Award \(Individual and Team\)](#)
5. [Excellence in 4-H Club Support Award \(Individual and Team\)](#)
6. [Excellence in Teamwork Award](#)
7. [Excellence in Camping Award \(Individual and Team\)](#)
8. [Excellence in Global Citizenship Programming](#)
9. [Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education Award \(Individual and Team\)](#)
10. [Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award \(formerly Power of Youth Award\)](#)
11. [Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award](#)
12. [Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Award \(Individual and Team\)](#)
13. [Interactive 4-H Educational Web Site Award \(Team\)](#)
14. [Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award](#)
15. [Excellence in Urban 4-H Programming Award](#)
16. [Excellence in Animal Science Programming Award](#)
17. [Excellence in 4-H Volunteerism](#)
18. [Excellence in Geospatial Programs Awards](#)
19. [Life Member Award](#)
20. [Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award](#)
21. [Excellence in Communication and Expressive Arts Award \(Individual and Team\)](#)

Scholarship (Please see criteria below on page 12)

1. NAE4-HA First Timer Scholarship



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Service Awards	Achievement of Service Award (ASA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Have served more than three, less than seven years in 4-H programs as of January 31 of the award year • Have been a dues paying member for at least the immediate two consecutive years • One recipient for every 50 paid members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please check with your State Member Recognition Chair on how to apply • State Member Recognition Chairs will submit state winners • State Member Recognition Chairs will need the following information: name, address, state, e-mail address, a 50 word bio to be printed in the awards program, and a digital photo (head and shoulders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Award Winners will receive a plaque
	Distinguished Service Award (DSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Have served seven years or more in 4-H programs as of January 31 of the award year • Have been a dues paying member for at least the immediate two consecutive years • One recipient for every 50 paid members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please check with your State Member Recognition Chair on how to apply • State Member Recognition Chairs will submit state winners • State Member Recognition Chairs will need the following information: name, address, state, e-mail address, a 50 word bio to be printed in the awards program, and a digital photo (head and shoulders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Award Winners will receive a plaque
	Meritorious Service Award (MSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Have served fifteen years or more in 4-H programs as of January 31 of the award year • Have been a dues paying member for at least the immediate four consecutive years • Have previously received the NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award • One recipient per state per year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please check with your State Member Recognition Chair on how to apply • State Member Recognition Chairs will submit state winners • State Member Recognition Chairs will need the following information: name, address, state, e-mail address, a 50 word bio to be printed in the awards program, and a digital photo (head and shoulders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Award Winners will receive a plaque
	25 Years of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Have completed 25 years of service to 4-H programs as of January 31 of the award year • Have been a dues paying member for at least the immediate four consecutive years • No limit on the number of recipients per state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please check with your State Member Recognition Chair on how to apply • State Member Recognition Chairs will submit state winners • State Member Recognition Chairs will need the following information: name, address, state, e-mail address, a 50 word bio to be printed in the awards program, and a digital photo (head and shoulders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Award Winners will receive a plaque

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Specialty Awards	4-H Military Partnership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Individual or team who has created a positive Extension image through his/her/their leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H Army, Air Force or Navy partnerships on U.S. military installations and in the community as it pertains to National Guard and Reserve families and children. • A previous year's state recipient will still be eligible for nomination for the national award 	The Purpose of the 4-H Military Partnership Award is to recognize the individual or team who has created a positive Extension image through his/her/their leadership and citizenship as it relates to the development of the 4-H Military Partnerships on U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and/or U.S. Navy installations and in the community as it pertains to Reserve Component service members and families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque • Regional Award Winner(s) - None
	Beyond Youth Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Member can receive this award only once • Intended program should involve youth in significant decision making roles that impact their club. Community, country or world • Award funds may be used to visit a model site or for starting, expanding, or enhancing a current program 	The purpose of the Beyond Youth Leadership Award is to recognize a newer program (operating less than 5 years) that involves 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner(s) – Certificate(s) • Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificate(s)
	Diversity & Inclusion: Expanding the 4-H Audience Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • One recipient per year • Individual or team has exhibited outstanding effort and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in the NAE4-HA organization, programs and/or audiences 	The purpose of the Diversity & Inclusion: Expanding the 4-H Audience 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.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque • Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificate(s)

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Specialty Awards	Educational Technology Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual or team has utilized technology in delivering or managing educational programs 	The purpose of the Educational Technology Award is 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, and to promote logical problem-solving techniques using educational technologies.	Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner – Plaque Regional Award Winner – Certificate Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winners – Plaque Regional Award Winners – Certificates
	Excellence in 4-H Club Support Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current NAE4-HA member Member can receive this award only once Individual or team has made significant contributions to strengthening and expanding 4-H club programming 	The purpose of the Excellence in 4-H Club Support 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”.	Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner – Plaque Regional Award Winner – Certificate Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winners – Plaque Regional Award Winners – Certificates
	Excellence in Teamwork Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by a team of no more than ten members Program must have been conducted in the past year Program must involve two or more different program areas (i.e. Agriculture, 4-H, Family and Consumer Sciences...) At least one member of the team must be a current NAE4-HA member 	The purpose of the Excellence in Teamwork 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.	Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificates

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Specialty Awards	Excellence in Camping Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Individual or team that has made a significant contribution in 4-H camping 	The purpose of the Excellence in Camping Award is to recognize outstanding effort in youth development through 4-H camping as related to practice, evaluation, or research by members as individuals or as part of a team.	Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner – Plaque • Regional Award Winner – Certificate Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winners – Plaque • Regional Award Winners – Certificates
	Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Individual or team has made a significant contribution in Natural Resources/Environmental Education 	The purpose of the Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education Award is to recognize outstanding effort by members as individuals or as part of a team in this program area.	Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner – Plaque • Regional Award Winner – Certificate Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winners– Plaque • Regional Award Winners– Certificates
	Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award (Formerly the Power of Youth Award)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual or at least one member of the team must be a current NEA4-HA member • Individual or team has made a significant contribution to engage young people in decisions that affect our world 	The purpose of the Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award is to recognize the outstanding efforts of members that exemplify youth and adult partnerships which engage young people in making real decisions that affect them and their world. Programs should have been in existence for 5 or more years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque • Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificate(s)
	Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual or at least one member of the team must be a current NEA4-HA member • Individual or team has developed or conducted programs that empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world 	The purpose of the Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award is to encourage and recognize the efforts of Extension staff developing and/or conducting programs and/or projects for youth. These opportunities focus on increasing knowledge and skills of understanding, challenging and engaging with the main pillars of our democracy: politics, the economy and the law. Other components to consider include: appreciation of complexity, conflict management, the inevitability of change, and the interconnectedness between and among humans and their environment, understanding of their impact on others and how others impacts them, and understanding of their ability and responsibility to make choices that affect the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque • Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificate(s)

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Specialty Awards	Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual or at least one member of the team must be a current NEA4-HA member Individual or team has developed or conducted programs for and with teen audiences 	The purpose of the Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Award is to provide recognition for outstanding programs conducted for and with teen audiences and to gain national recognition for program accomplishments relative to scholarly and creative activities, teaching and/or research effectiveness, to show evidence or collaboration with others who help meet community teens' needs, and to strengthen the commitment to programs with teen audiences.	Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner – Plaque Regional Award Winner – Certificate Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winners – Plaque Regional Award Winners – Certificates
	Interactive 4-H Educational Website Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team has developed an interactive website that holds youth interest and facilitates learning Team must have at least one youth member One entry per state 	The purpose of the Interactive 4-H Educational Web Site Award is 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, and to encourage youth-adult partnerships in creating educational technology.	Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winners – Plaque Regional Award Winners – Certificates
	Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current NAE4-HA member Awarded to an individual or team that exemplifies innovation, accomplishment and commitment in the design and delivery of a unique 4-H program 	The purpose of the Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award is to recognize one 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. This program should meet 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificates

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Specialty Awards	Excellence in Urban 4-H Programming Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any NAE4-HA member that has made a significant contribution to Urban 4-H Programming Program must have been conducted within the last two years, and it should be part of the ongoing 4-H program in the county. Participants must live in an urban community (population 50,000 and a population density of 1,000 per square mile) 	The purpose of the Excellence in Urban 4-H Programming Award is to recognize outstanding efforts by members in urban programming and to strengthen the commitment to urban programming curriculum. The nominee should have conducted the program or activity within the last two 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 people and a population density of 1,000 per square mile.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificates
	Excellence in Animal Science Programming Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current NAE4-HA member Individual or team has made a significant contribution in Animal Science Education 	The purpose of the Excellence in Animal Science Programming Award is to recognize outstanding effort by members in youth development through animal science programming, evaluation, or research projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificates
	Excellence in Global Citizenship Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current NAE4-HA member Individual or team has made a significant contribution in international cultural immersion opportunities for 4-H aged youth 	The purpose of the Excellence in Global Citizenship Programming Award is to recognize those who strive to develop and/or conduct programs and/or projects that provide opportunities for youth to develop a “world view” including a global perspective and the skills necessary for global citizenship and the development of appreciation for living in a global society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificates
	Excellence in Communication and Expressive Arts Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current NAE4-HA member Any NAE4-HA member that has made an outstanding effort in Communication and Expressive Arts Education 	The purpose of the Excellence in Communication and Expressive Arts Award is to recognize outstanding effort by NAE4-HA members in Communication and Expressive Arts Education.	<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winner – Plaque Regional Award Winner – Certificate <p>Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **National Award Winners – Plaque Regional Award Winners – Certificates

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Specialty Awards	Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Individual or team that has made an outstanding effort in Healthy Living programming, evaluation or research projects 	The purpose of the Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Award is to recognize outstanding efforts and impacts of NAE4-HA Members in Healthy Living programming, evaluation, and/or research projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque • Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificates
	Excellence in 4-H Volunteerism Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Individual or team that has made significant contributions to strengthening or developing 4-H volunteer programs • Programs may have taken several years to implement or may be short-term, single year efforts 	The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize the efforts of Extension professionals who do excellent work managing a 4-H volunteer program and/or enhancing 4-H volunteer development. A volunteer program can be within a local unit, district, statewide, or a national effort. Efforts recognized can be in the area of volunteer development or volunteer program management.	<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner – Plaque • Regional Award Winner – Certificate <p>Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winners – Plaque • Regional Award Winners – Certificates
	Excellence in Geospatial Programs Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Programs may be either a one year program or a program which has taken several years to develop and implement 	The purpose of this award is to promote 4-H geospatial programs and to encourage and recognize exemplary efforts of 4-H staff who work in this area.	<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner – Plaque • Regional Award Winner – Certificate <p>Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winners – Plaque • Regional Award Winners – Certificates
	NAE4-HA Life Member Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current NAE4-HA member • Served the association during his/her career 	The purpose of the NAE4-HA Life Member Award is to recognize outstanding effort and accomplishments of Life Members in NAE4-HA in serving the association during their career up to and including their involvement, dedication and exceptional service to their community during their retirement years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner – Plaque • Regional Award Winner – Certificate

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Communicator Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Package (Individual & Team) • Educational Piece (Individual & Team) • Exhibit • Feature Story • Media Presentation • News Story • Periodical Publication (Individual & Team) • Personal Column • Promotional Package (Individual & Team) • Promotional Piece (Individual & Team) • Published Photo • Radio Program • Video Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have been a member in good standing for two years • Dues must have been paid by January 31, 2017 • Team awards must include at least one NAE4-HA member • State may submit one entry per class to be judged at the regional level • One member may represent their state in more than one award category • An identical entry cannot be submitted in more than one award category • All entries must be produced from January 1 to December 31 of 2016 • Previous national award winners may not enter the same class in consecutive years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract should include information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objectives ○ Target audience ○ Current population ○ Publisher’s requirements ○ Methods used ○ Production costs ○ Impact results ○ Role the applicant has in the entry ○ Other • Required supplemental material(s) • Entries must address issues relevant to 4-H and CES • Late and/or incomplete entries will be disqualified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **National Award Winner(s) – Plaque • Regional Award Winner(s) – Certificate

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Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Timer Scholarship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each State may nominate one applicant Applicant may not have attended a previous NAE4-HA Annual Conference as an Association Member. If the applicant attended previously as a guest, they can apply. Applicant must attend the NAE4-HA Conference in the Fall of the year selected. If applicant selected does not attend, they will not receive the scholarship which is given during the Regional breakfast/brunch. If a selected applicant decides they are unable to attend, they are to notify the respective Regional Director as soon as possible so that the scholarship can be offered to the alternate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications will be submitted through the NAE4-HA Online Awards Portal. State Member Recognition Chairs will have the award judged and designate one applicant for Regional Judging. Regional Directors will complete selection process and notify all candidates of results. Develop the items below under Materials Required and save as a PDF. Upload in the Awards Portal as instructed for the NAE4-HA First Timer Scholarship. Materials Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Information (Name, Title, Full Address, email, office phone, etc.) Region (North Central, North East, Southern or Western) Work Experience which includes the following: Date, Extension Job Title, and Major Job Responsibilities What do you hope to gain by attending the NAE4-HA conference? Describe your need for financial assistance to attend the NAE4-HA conference. How will you apply information you gain from the NAE4-HA conference when you return home? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Award – 2 awards selected from each Region for a total of 8 awards Award is a \$250 scholarship

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