

GAE4-HA Professional Achievement Award
(Over 3 but not more than 10 years work experience required)
Do not exceed two page application

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Phone 912-876-2133 Position 4-H Agent
Number of years as a GAE4-HA member 4

(Professional Responsibilities/Duties: 20%)

List other professional associations in which you have current membership:

Epsilon Sigma Phi: Alpha Beta Chapter, Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia, American Educational Research Association, American Evaluation Association, American Camp Association

List work experience in chronological order beginning with present year:

Present - August 2014: Long County Extension Coordinator
Present - November 2011: Liberty County Extension Agent: 4-H & Youth Development
October 2011 - September 2010: Air Force Reserve Command Family Member Programs Specialist
January 2010 - August 2010: Dept of Defense Military-Extension Intern
August 2009 - December 2009: UGA Extension - 4-H Environmental Educator at Wahsega 4-H Center

List offices/committees held in the following associations:

NAE4-HA-

Camping and Environmental Education Task Force Member - Programs Committee

GAE4-HA-

2016 President-Elect
2015 Vice-President
2014 Professional Development Chair

Other Associations-

American Educational Research Association - Environmental Education Special Interest Group

Annual Association Meetings attended (#):

NAE4-HA: 4 GAE4-HA: 4

Please describe your professional growth such as participation in academic study, professional meetings, and trainings. **(Professional Growth: 40%)**

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:

2015: Poultry Judging Certified Coach
2015: Developing and Teaching Online Courses, Certification
2015: Youth Mental Health First Aid, Certified Participant
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, 2015: GAE4-HA Annual Professional Development Conference
2012, 2013, 2014, 2015: NAE4-HA Annual Professional Development Conference
2016: American Camp Association Conference
2016: Joint Counsel of Extension Professionals Conference
2014, 2015: National Youth at Risk Conference
2014: Georgia After-School Youth Development Conference

Please describe your most outstanding accomplishments as an Extension worker.

(Outstanding Accomplishments: 40%)

Military Programs: Liberty County is home to Fort Stewart, the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River. 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.

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 has continued for the past 4 years, expanding for 2 additional days and increasing in the number of participants, teen leaders, and adult volunteers.

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.

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 first, attending the national contest in Oklahoma. Since 2012, the junior and senior teams have placed either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the state contest each year.