Each year NAE4-HA offers a wide variety of award opportunities to recognize your outstanding contributions to the 4-H Youth Development profession. A complete list of these awards, with award applications, can be found at [http://www.nae4ha.com/awards.htm](http://www.nae4ha.com/awards.htm) (Member Resources to Awards/Scholarships to the 2012 Awards Book). All 4-H professionals should find awards suitable for recognizing the outstanding 4-H programs you conducted in 2011. Take time to submit your award applications and get recognized for your hard work!
GENERAL GUIDELINES:

DEADLINES:

✔ March 1, 2012 or your state awards deadline (whichever is earlier) - All applications must be sent to your state Member Recognition contact.

✔ April 1, 2012 - Winning state entries must be postmarked and submitted to the appropriate Regional Contact. State’s service awards must also be submitted online by this date.

✔ NOTE: State entries not adhering to the date guidelines will not be judged or considered.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

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, 2012 or your state membership deadline (whichever is earlier).

✔ For multi-state entries submit the award through the state/region of the primary applicant. Primary applicant should come from the state/region with majority of team members.
STATE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEES:

- It is the responsibility of the state M.R. committee to select state winners from all eligible and submit those winners to the Regional Contacts by April 1.
- States are responsible for verifying members qualify for a given award before selecting and submitting them as a state winner.
- State contacts are to document the number of entries received in each award category on the State Member Recognition Contact Report Form (in 2012 Awards Book) and submit to Regional Contact.
- Score sheets to use for state award selection are posted online.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Specialty, Communicator, and P.D. submissions must include the 2012 version of the NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application form with the appropriate signatures and include all the required information for that award (new for 2012-service awards are online only).
- A separate application form must be completed for each award in which you are submitting.
- All forms and entries must be typed.
- Read the rules and guidelines for each award category – every award is different!
### 2013 NASE-HIA Monday Recognition Application

All stories must be typed.

1. **Promotional Material:** Include a note to the editor for the week in which you would like your story to appear. A Monday business meeting is required for the award to be considered.
2. **Format:** Applications should includevideotapes of the promotion or a 30-second video. A Monday business meeting is required for the award to be considered.

**Name of Person Submitting Application:**

- All correspondence will be treated in confidence. No award ceremony will be held.

**Award Nominee Mailing Address:**

- City
- State
- Zip Code
- E-mail
- Telephone
- Office
- Cell
- Fax
- Views in Mailing Address
- Tapes or NASE-HIA Member

**Check NASE-HIA Region:**

- [ ] South Central
- [ ] Mid-States
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How are awards selected?

✓ Awards are submitted to your state’s Member Recognition Committee contact by **March 1, 2012 or your state awards deadline (whichever is earlier)**

✓ Awards are judged at the state level and State Nominees are forwarded to the Regional Contacts by April 1.

✓ Regional winners are selected and then forwarded to be judged nationally by May 1.

✓ National winners are selected by June 1.

✓ Letters of congratulations are sent by June 15 to winners.

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Award Categories

More than 50 opportunities!

✓ Service Awards (4 Awards)

✓ Specialty Awards – Two New Awards in 2012 (26 Awards)

✓ Communicator Awards (18 Awards)

✓ Professional Development Awards (3 Awards)
25 Years of Service Award: Completed 25 years or more of service to Extension 4-H youth programs as of January 31, 2012. Dues must be paid for at least the immediate 4 consecutive years prior to the current year.

Achievement of Service Award (ASA): Served more than 3 years but less than 7 years in Extension 4-H youth programs as of January 31, 2012. Dues must be paid for at least the immediate 2 consecutive years prior to the current year.

Distinguished Service Award (DSA): Served 7 years or more in Extension 4-H youth programs as of January 31, 2012. Dues must be paid for at least the immediate 2 consecutive years prior to the current year.

Meritorious Service Award (MSA): Served 15 years or more in Extension 4-H youth programs as of January 31, 2012. Dues must be paid for at least the immediate 4 consecutive years prior to the current year and must have previously received the NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

New for 2012: All service awards are to be submitted online. No hard copies of paperwork for Regional/National are to be submitted however states may require additional paperwork in selecting their winners.
Specialty awards are each different so read the guidelines in terms of what to submit because no two are exactly alike!

☑️ Air Force Recruiting Salute Award
☑️ 4-H/Army Youth Development Project Salute Award
☑️ 4-H/Air Force Aim High Award
☑️ 4-H/Navy "Pledge" Award

Winners receive one plaque and up to $1000 in travel expenses to Orlando.

***Military Award winners must attend the NAE4-HA meeting in Orlando***

☑️ Beyond Youth Leadership ($1000 & a certificate)
☑️ Diversity Award (plaque)
☑️ Educational Technology Award (Individual & Team, plaques)
☑️ Excellence in 4-H Club Support Award (Individual & Team, $500 each with one individual plaque and one team plaque)
☑️ Excellence in Teamwork Award (plaques)
☑️ Excellence in Camping Award (Individual and Team, plaques)
☑️ Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education Award (Individual & Team, plaques)
☑️ Power of Youth Award (plaque)
☑️ World Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award (plaque)
☑️ Search For Excellence in Teen Programming Award (Individual & Team, plaques)
Interactive 4-H Educational Web Site (one team plaque)

Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator ($1500 & a certificate)

Excellence in Urban 4-H Programming ($500 & one plaque)

Excellence in Animal Science Programming ($1500 & one plaque)

Excellence in Global Citizenship Programming ($800 & one plaque to national winner & $300 to regional winners)

Excellence in 4-H Volunteerism (Individual & Team, $500 each with one individual plaque & one team plaque and $150 & one plaque to regional winners)

Excellence in Geospatial Program (Individual & Team, plaque)

APPLICANTS/SUBMITTED BY:
NEW JERSEY 4-H STAFF MEMBERS: Laura Bovitz, Rachel Lyons, Tamara Pellien, Lisa Rothenburger, Alayne Torretta, Jim Nichnadowicz, Phil Myers, Jennae DuBois, Abbie Kesely, Terri Yost

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
- NORTH JERSEY 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE (NJTC) is a three day educational program for North Jersey 4-H teen members.
- The program focuses on leadership development, team building, service learning and building youth adult partnerships.
- NJTC is run by a planning committee of youth and adults who work together to design, implement and evaluate the program.

PROGRAM IMPACT:
- 100% of planning committee felt the conference was a true youth adult partnership.
- 100% of teens felt that had a meaningful role in all aspects of the conference.
- Of all youth attending the conference, over 75% self-reported increases in leadership skills developed and ability to work in cooperation with others.
Subcommittees are formed to work on various aspects of planning the conference such as program theme, weekend schedule and afternoon and evening programs.

Teens teach workshops and design programs such as the “Real World Challenge” in which youth learned about college selection, child care, budget planning and other issues.

**OBJECTIVE:**

To recognize NAE4-HA members for significant accomplishments in presenting 4-H to the general public, civic groups, 4-H groups, or individuals through public information methods.
GENERAL RULES:

- States may submit ONE entry per class. One member may represent their state in more than one class. An identical entry cannot be submitted for more than one class. Unless there is the designation of team/individual, there will be only one entry per state in each class.
- All entries must be produced from January 1 to December 31 of 2011.
- Previous national award winners may not enter the same class in consecutive years.
- Team entries will be allowed provided at least one individual meets the eligibility requirements.
- Each NAE4-HA winner receives a plaque and winning team members that are not NAE4-HA members receive certificates.
- All national awards will be presented at the NAE4-HA conference. Regional award recipients will be recognized at the appropriate regional breakfast/brunch at the NAE4-HA conference.

ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS:

- Each entry must include a completed NAE4-HA Member Recognition Application Form (http://www.nae4ha.com/awards.htm)
- Each entry must include an ABSTRACT. The abstract should include information such as: objectives, target audience, current population, publisher’s requirement, methods used (if applicable), production costs (if applicable), impact results (if known), information on the role the applicant had in the entry, other
- Late entries and/or incomplete applications will be disqualified
- All entries become the property of the NAE4-HA member recognition committee and will not be returned!
- Winners will be notified directly.
- Entries must address issues relevant to 4-H youth development and the Cooperative Extension System.
**2006 NAE4-HA Communicator Award**

**News Story Abstracts**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kasey Reid

**Worth County 4-H Agent**

**204 E. Franklin Street, #9**

**Sylvester, GA 31791**

**Objectives**

The main objective of the news story “Worth 4-Hers Attend Poultry Judging Contest” was to inform the general public of the local 4-H club’s participation in the area Poultry Judging competition in Tifton, Georgia. The applicant also wanted to recognize the youth for their hard work in preparing for the contest and at the same time, she wanted others to learn more about the variety of different activities that are offered for youth through the 4-H club.

**Target Audience**

The target audience was primarily the general public of Worth County and the readership of “The Sylvester Local”, the newspaper that printed the article and the three photos. Of course, the 4-Hers and their families would be taking a special interest in reading the article and seeing the photos, as well.

**Current Population**

The current estimated population of Worth County is 22,028, and the current estimated population of Sylvester (the county seat) is 5,658. (These figures are reported from the 2005-2006 Georgia County Guide.) The newspaper that printed the article (“The Sylvester Local”) has a circulation of approximately 4,000.

**Publisher’s Requirement**

The article was written by the applicant and typed on Microsoft Word and then e-mailed to the newspaper staff. The photos submitted with the article were taken with a digital camera and modified using the PhotoShop image software before they were e-mailed to the newspaper.

**Resources & Costs**

No resources were used by the applicant to write the article, and no costs were incurred.

**Applicant’s Role in the Entry**

The applicant wrote the article using information she knew about the Poultry Judging contest. She described how the contest is set up and gave a report on how some of the individual 4-Hers placed overall. She also took photos of three individual 4-Hers while they were competing along with a group picture to submit to the newspaper with the story.

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**2007 NAE4-HA Communicator Award**

**Radio Program Abstracts**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy Rucker, University of Tennessee Extension

This radio program was broadcast live at WQSV 790 AM in Ashland City, Tennessee, May 24, 2006. Featured is the Power U pilot program. The first 60 seconds is set up time on the tape. The program lasts approximately 45 minutes. Extension has a monthly radio broadcast on WQSV.

During this program five 4-H members who participated in Power U brought their perspective to the show. Each shared what they learned and the difference that this health and nutrition program has had on them and their classmates and family. The 4-H members cover each of the ten sessions and share experiences with the audience. During that morning the students at two schools listened to the program as well as others who were in the listening area and more listened by way of the internet. The WQSV station covers a large portion of the western Nashville area.

In 2006, Power U was a pilot program for five counties in the middle Tennessee area. Cheatham County was one county that benefited from this program. The Memorial Foundation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of TN, and Tennessee Farm Bureau Allied Health Partners provided funds for this program. Power U was piloted at three schools with approximately ninety students in Cheatham County. The state specialists and program leaders are in the process of taking the program state-wide.
Educational Package (Individual & Team)
Educational Piece (Individual & Team)
Exhibit/Display
Feature Story
Media Presentation
News Story
Periodical Publication (Individual & Team)
Personal Column
Promotional Package (Individual & Team)
Promotional Piece (Individual & Team)
Published Photo
Radio Program (new for 2012-no cassette tapes)
Video Program (new for 2012-no VHS tapes)

APPLICANTS/SUBMITTED BY:
Warren Crawford, Youth Development Specialist, University of Wyoming

ABSTRACT:
• Wyoming Extension Educators took on the challenge of developing an in-depth leadership development program and as a result produced Six Pillars of Leadership: Wyoming Youth Leadership Development as an educational package. The curriculum, based around 6 modules of leadership development, include self assessment, communication, teambuilding, group dynamics, business etiquette, and youth in governance. The curriculum also includes components of "Josephson Institute's Six Pillars of Character" by weaving character development into skill-based learning activities to add the value-based leadership training.
• Each notebook cost approximately $63.00 to reproduce. A copy was distributed to every county Extension educator in Wyoming. Funding to write, compile, and produce the curricula was obtained through a $100,000 grant from The Daniels Fund, Denver Colorado.
Questions for Guiding Experiential Learning
A Field Guide for Adult Volunteers, Mentors, Coaches, Fair Judges, etc.

OBJECTIVES/PURPOSE:

• Provide a practical tool to assist adults working with youth through an experiential learning model.
• Build skills for questioning/guiding youth so as to ultimately create a stronger, deeper learning experience for youth.
• Enhance the experiential learning process for youth.
• Create a tool that is easy to carry along (small, sturdy, etc.) for use by staff or volunteers as they work “on-site” with youth (e.g. at fairs, camps, project meetings, classes, etc.).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDED:
Target Audience, Number Distributed, Funding Source, Educator Role in development and writing, and Impact Results To Date.
ABSTRACT:
As the local county fair marked its 100th year located at the current fairgrounds, the fair board asked the 4-H staff and volunteers to find creative ways to celebrate the special occasion. As a result, the Extension 4-H staff created a fun and original project called “Celebration of Clovers” with a “Parade of Clovers.”
2007 4-H'ER MEMBER RECOGNITION Communicator Award • Exhibit/Display

A Celebration of Clovers Sponsored by the Dodge County 4-H Council

Dodge County Fair
Süßer, Nebraska
August 24, 2004

The Power of 4-H 4-H Enlarges Every Young Person’s Life
A Celebration of Clovers

2007 4-H'ER MEMBER RECOGNITION Communicator Award • Feature Story

APPLICANT/SUBMITTED BY:
Melissa Henry, Extension Agent - 4-H, University of Tennessee Extension

ABSTRACT:

OBJECTIVES
• To promote Putnam County 4-H youth programs to all eligible persons
• To recognize 4-H'ers for their achievements
• To inform citizens of Cookeville and Putnam Counties about 4-H activities

TARGET AUDIENCE
• 4-H members, parents, volunteers and supporters
• Readers of The Herald-Citizen, daily newspaper of Putnam County

CURRENT POPULATION
• The population of Putnam County is around 64,000
• Putnam County 4-H enrollment is 2,527 4-H members in 117 organized clubs

OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED IN ABSTRACT
Publisher’s Requirements, Methods Used, Resources and Costs, Impacts or Results
First Time Conference Attendee Scholarship

State’s may submit one application directly to Regional Directors (not to Regional Member Recognition Contact) by March 15

Stiles Memorial Scholarship ($1,000 & certificate)

Susan Barkman Scholarship for Research & Evaluation (up to $750 & certificate)
WHY APPLY

• To showcase your hard work & programs, and to be recognized on a state, regional, and/or national level.
• To network among fellow 4-H youth development professionals, increasing your opportunity to make contacts regarding your professional accomplishments.
• Award winners are encouraged to apply to present a seminar or poster session at NAE4-HA annual meetings, resulting in a national level presentation to add to your list of professional achievements.
• In 2011 there were approx. 1,350 awards applications submitted to states with 500 advancing to Regionals

DESCRIPTION:
As the local county fair marked its 100th year located at the current fairgrounds, the fair board asked the 4-H staff and volunteers to find creative ways to celebrate the special occasion. As a result, the Extension 4-H staff created a fun and original project called “Celebration of Clovers” with a “Parade of Clovers.”

The following steps were taken to develop a “Parade of Clovers”: (Steps were listed in bulleted form. – Refer to poster on next side.)

As a result of the “Celebration of Clovers”/”Parade of Clovers” design, the presenters received the NAE4-HA National Communicator Award - Exhibit/Display in 2007.

By attending this poster session, participants will receive a website locating all the information presented including complete descriptions and photos of the clovers.
Who can answer my awards questions?

NAE4-HA membership Recognition Contacts

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