Each year, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that provide support to the 4-H program. All awards are presented at the Salute to Excellence Banquet on **Wednesday, June 15, 2011**, at Texas 4-H Roundup. The Salute to Excellence Banquet will be held during the lunch hour at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center, located adjacent to the George Bush Presidential Library.

A list of prior award winners is available on the Texas 4-H Website at:  http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteers/

**NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

Recognition of individuals who have made significant contributions to the youth of Texas is one of the most important things the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program can do. Any Extension employee, 4-H member and/or volunteer may make nominations for the awards. Therefore, County Extension Agents are encouraged to share this information with co-workers, volunteers and 4-H members. Self-nomination is discouraged.

For all award nominations, the correct corresponding award application/nomination form must be completed, typed and submitted to the respective County Extension Agent by the deadline listed. Be concise, brief and interesting. Use only the space provided on the nomination form. Do not add pages to any application.

The various applications can be downloaded in Microsoft Word format from the Volunteer Recognition page on the Texas 4-H Website (http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteers/)

**NOMINATION DEADLINES**

Deadline for County Office to receive nominations:
**February 25, 2011**

Deadline for District Office to receive nominations:
**March 11, 2011**

Deadline for State Office to receive nominations:
**March 25, 2011**

All applications sent to the state 4-H office should be mailed to the following address:
Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program
c/o Toby Lepley
4180 State Highway 6
College Station, TX 77845

**2011 LIST OF AWARDS**

**CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO 4-H**

This award recognizes an individual or a business who has made an outstanding contribution to Texas 4-H programs on a regional or state basis. Awards are generally made based on a long-term commitment rather than a one-time program. Individuals or businesses that are local supporters, and in some cases local programs, should be recognized at the local level. The number of citations awarded will vary from year to year.

**TEXAS 4-H ALUMNI AWARD**

The Texas 4-H Alumni Award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated...
an outstanding record of achievement as a 4-H member and who have shown evidence of 4-H's influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important. This award is sponsored by the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association. No current Extension employee may receive this award. The number of 4-H alumni awards presented will vary from year to year.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

The 4-H Volunteers Leaders' Association of Texas annually recognizes two outstanding Extension professionals for their role in making 4-H volunteers more effective with the Meritorious Service Award. These nominations should not be limited to 4-H Faculty. Nominees must be a resident of Texas and have been paid staff or faculty with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service/Texas 4-H for the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

**TEXAS 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD**

This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people. Each district may select two recipients who will be honored with this award. A couple may count as one nominee. The awards are sponsored by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. Districts are strongly encouraged to submit one award winner for excellence in club work (community, project, school) and one award winner for excellence through special interest and curriculum enrichment programs. Selections are made at the district level with the nomination forms forwarded to the Texas 4-H Office. Winners should be notified by District Extension Offices.

The state award selection committee will select one Salute to Excellence award winner (with less than 10 years of volunteer service) to represent Texas as the nominee for the National 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award. Additional information, including letters of recommendation, will be required from the nominator in order to complete the award nomination process.

**LEADER'S LEGACY AWARD**

This award recognizes a 4-H leader who has been an integral part of the 4-H and Youth Development Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom he/she works. Stretch beyond normal thinking and be inclusive in making a selection for this prestigious nomination.

Specific requirements for the Leader's Legacy Award include:

- Twenty (20) or more years of service to 4-H as a volunteer leader.
- Continuing support of the 4-H program at any level.
- Must have been a club manager or project leader in a county in Texas for at least five (5) years.

The number of Leader’s Legacy Awards presented each year depends upon the number of nominations that are received. The following key is used to determine the number of awards given:

- 1-10 nominations = 1 award
- 11-15 nominations = 2 awards
- 16+ nominations = 3 awards

One Leader Legacy Award winner will be selected to represent Texas as the nominee for the National 4-H Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award. Additional information, including letters of recommendation, will be required from the nominator in order to complete the award nomination process.

For more information about the volunteer award nomination process, contact:

Dr. Toby L Lepley
Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
tlepley@ag.tamu.edu
979-845-1212
TEXAS 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE
 NOMINATION FORM

Name of Award Nominee: ____________________________________________
(Use the person’s actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

Phonetic Spelling of Nominee’s Name: ________________________________

County: ___________________ District: ___________ Number of Years as a Volunteer: ________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ TX Zip Code: ______________________

Telephone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________ E-mail: ________________

Occupation/Professional Title: _______________________________________

Name of club, group or project with which nominee is affiliated: ______________

Write a short script (100 words or less) that can be used in presenting the award to the nominee, if selected. Include the person’s most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H as a volunteer.

Name of person submitting nomination: ___________________________ County: ______________

Mailing Address: ___________________________ City: ______________ Zip Code: ____________

Telephone: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________
List the five most outstanding accomplishments of this volunteer.

What positive impact has this volunteer’s contributions had on 4-H and 4-H youth?

Please describe how the volunteer exemplifies a “mentor-learner” relationship with youth.

Please describe the personal growth (you have observed) from this individual serving as a 4-H volunteer.
LEADER'S LEGACY AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

Name of Award Nominee: ____________________________________________
(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

Phonetic Spelling of Nominee’s Name: ____________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________________ TX Zip Code: ______________________

Telephone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________ E-mail: _______________________

Name of club, group or project with which nominee is affiliated: _______________________

County: _____________ District: _____________ Number of Years as a Volunteer: _____

Previous county(ies) in which nominee served as a volunteer: _______________________

Number of years as: Club Manager: _____ Project/Activity Leader: _____ Master Volunteer: _____

Write a short (100 words or less) script that can be used in presenting the award.

What one word would you use to describe this leader in his/her role with the youth program? __________

Name of person/group submitting nomination: ______________________ County: _____________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________ City: ___________ Zip Code: ________

Telephone: ___________________ E-mail: ___________________
List the five most outstanding accomplishments of this volunteer.

What positive impact has this volunteer's contributions had on 4-H and 4-H youth?

Describe how the volunteer exemplifies a "mentor-learner" relationship with youth.

Describe the personal growth (you have observed) from this individual serving as a 4-H volunteer.
TEXAS 4-H ALUMNI AWARD
 NOMINATION FORM

Name of Award Nominee: _______________________________________________________
(Use the person's actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

Phonetic Spelling of Nominee's Name: __________________________________________

County: ___________________________ District: _____________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ TX Zip Code: _____________________________

Telephone: ___________________ Fax: _______________ E-mail: ___________________

Employment of Nominee: _____________________________________________________

Professional Title: __________________________________________________________

Provide a description of significant achievements the nominee has made in his/her community as a result of 4-H.

Write a short (100 words or less) script that can be used in presenting the award. Include the person’s most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H.

Name of person submitting nomination: ___________________________ County: __________
Mailing Address: ___________________________ City: _______________ Zip Code: _________
Telephone: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________
CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO 4-H
NOMINATION FORM

Name/Company of Award Nominee: ________________________________
(Use the person’s actual name to be placed on the plaque.)

Phonetic Spelling of Nominee/Company: ________________________________
Contact (if company being nominated): ________________________________
Professional Title of Contact: ________________________________
County: __________________ District: __________________
Mailing Address: ________________TX Zip Code: ________________
City: __________________ Telephone: ________________ Fax: ________________ E-mail: ________________

Provide a description of the nominee’s contributions made to the Texas 4-H Program on a regional/state basis.

Write a short (100 words or less) script that can be used in presenting the award. Include the person’s most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H.

Name of person submitting nomination: ________________________________ County: __________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________ City: __________________ Zip Code: ________________
Telephone: __________________ E-mail: __________________