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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can make nominations?

A. Anyone with an interest in Delaware 4-H can submit a nomination.

Q. Does a nomination have to be screened by a county 4-H office or staff?

A. No. Nominations can be submitted directly to the selection committee. No permissions or sign-offs by anyone are required.

Q. Does the nominee have to be living?

A. No. Nominees who have made a significant contribution to the 4-H movement in Delaware may be living or deceased.

Q. Does the nominee have to live in Delaware?

A. No. Nominees who have made significant contributions to Delaware 4-H are eligible regardless of where they live, even if they have never lived in Delaware.

Q. Does the nominee have to have been a 4-H member?

A. No. The Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame is open to anyone who has made a significant contribution to 4-H in Delaware, even if they were never a 4-H member. It can include 4-H or other extension staff, donors, volunteers or others. In the case of staff however, they must have been retired or deceased for at least 3 years prior to induction. This rule coincides with the criteria for the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Q. How many laureates will be inducted?

A. The number of laureates will be determined by the planning committee and selection committee.

Q. How often will the Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame induct a new class?

A. It has been proposed that a Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame class be inducted in even numbered years.

Q. Will inductees into the Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame be submitted to the National 4-H Hall of Fame for consideration?

A. No. The two processes are different. Nominations to the National 4-H Hall of Fame can be submitted only by the State 4-H Office.

Q. When are nominations due?

A. Nominations will be due May 15 of the current year.

Q. Who selects the laureates?

A. A selection committee will be composed of a staff member and two others from each county, a member of the Delaware 4-H Foundation, a youth member, State 4-H office member, and a current Hall of Fame laureate. The committee will have staggered terms so that many have the opportunity to serve. The State 4-H program Leader or his/her designee will chair the committee.

Q. How can I serve on the selection committee?

A. Express your interest to the county 4-H office or state 4-H office for potential consideration.

Q. If I nominate someone and they are not selected, what do I do?

A. Nominees not selected may be resubmitted in subsequent years for consideration. It is important to note that the only thing the selection committee will know about a nominee is what is contained on the one page nomination form. Thus, a well-written nomination is crucial.

Q. Where will the Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame be located?

A. The Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame will be a virtual Hall of Fame housed on the website of the Delaware 4-H Foundation and linked from the State 4-H Office homepage.

Q. Is anyone automatically included in the Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame?

A. Yes. Anyone who is a member of the National 4-H Hall of Fame and was inducted representing Delaware 4-H or is a recipient of the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Lifetime Volunteer Award will automatically be included in the Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame.

Induction of National 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates:

Sam Gwinn 2002

Jim Baker 2005

Marion MacDonald 2006

Gov. Ruth Ann Minner 2007

Thurman Adams 2008

Larry Shaffer 2010

Joy Sparks 2012

Linda Sullivan- National 4-H Salute to Excellence Winner 2006