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NEBRASKA 4-H VOLUNTEERS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Leadership – Education – Accomplishments – Dedication

4-H Innovator Award

Volunteers will be recognized for their implementation of new, innovative 4-H programs and/or activities through their volunteer service. An innovative 4-H volunteer may have the desire to experiment with new approaches or services, develop new partnerships with other organizations, or find a unique solution to a community need, all in an effort to "Make the Best Better."

Name _____ *County* _____

Address _____

*City/State/Zip*_____

Phone _____ *E-mail Address* _____

Year _____ *Form completed by:* _____

Years of service to the Nebraska 4-H Program: _____

Complete the following items to successfully achieve the 4-H Innovator Award:

___ Enroll as a 4-H Volunteer each year
___ Complete 4-H Volunteer Screening
___ Follow the 4-H Volunteer Code of Ethics
___ Attend a 4-H training
___ Utilize the Nebraska 4-H webpage
___ Implement an innovative 4-H program/activity that positively impacts youth/community
___ Achieve 30 volunteer credits (utilize personal tracker on back of form)

Describe the volunteer's innovative approach to 4-H and how it "Makes the Best Better."
Attach a one page response.

I have reviewed this plan and find it adequate to meet the requirement for the 4-H Innovator Award – Nebraska 4-H Volunteers of Excellence Program.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date_____

Extension Staff Signature _____ Date _____

Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

PERSONAL TRACKER FOR VOLUNTEER CREDITS

1 Credit Activities

___ Assist club members in learning the 4-H Pledge
___ Assist 4-H club members in preparing & presenting a presentation or speech
___ Create a positive club atmosphere that is inviting to all members
___ Visit two club meetings/activities
___ Volunteer at a county-wide event
___ Transport youth to 4-H camp or another 4-H activity
___ Teach parliamentary procedures
___ Celebrate member and club achievement
___ Encourage parent involvement
___ Other _____

3 Credit Activities

___ Provide an educational program at the club/county level
___ Serve as a 4-H club leader
___ Attend a training that applies to your 4-H volunteer experience
___ Recruit one or more 4-H members/families/volunteers
___ Organize a career exploration activity
___ Provide a leadership opportunity for youth
___ Be active on a county-wide committee
___ Lead a community service-learning project
___ Promote and lead a 4-H contest or other event
___ Provide leadership for a 4-H promotional event
___ Assist youth in completing 4-H records/Career Portfolio/Diamond Clover
___ Receive the Club of Excellence designation
___ Other _____

5 Credit Activities

___ Attend a 4-H volunteer conference (state or national)
___ Serve as a 4-H representative to other entities (presentations, community group involvement)
___ Mentor a new 4-H volunteer
___ Provide a multi-county educational program for 4-H youth
___ Serve as a county fair superintendent or assistant superintendent
___ Lead a county wide community service-learning project
___ Chair a 4-H committee or activity
___ Organize a student recruitment activity to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln
___ Volunteer at a district/state event (State Fair, PACE, Life Challenge)
___ Apply to receive a NIFA (Nebraska Investment Finance Authority) grant
___ Serve as a 4-H Council member/officer
___ Serve on the local Extension Board/Ag Society
___ Provide a workshop/training for other volunteers
___ Give a financial gift to the 4-H program
___ Complete the on-line 4-H Risk Management Course
___ Other _____

_____ **TOTAL CREDITS ACHIEVED**