

GOOD CHARACTER DOES COUNT!

CRITERIA AND APPLICATION

Good character is a quality that we in 4-H try to instill in our members. Leaders teach good character by role modeling these qualities. This award formally recognizes those youth and adults who exemplify these qualities

4-Hers cannot receive a Spirit Award and a Good Character award in the same year. Please read the criteria carefully. It has changed. People may only receive this award once To receive this award, nominees must have demonstrated 4 of the 6 pillars.

Award Criteria

The Six Pillars of Character include:

1. **Respect:** listens to others, appreciates differences, can state opinions without denigrating those of others
2. **Citizenship:** observes rules, does fair share and is respectful of authority.
3. **Caring:** takes time to extend themselves to others, acknowledges the feelings of others, treats everyone fairly without regard for their gain or loss of social standing.
4. **Trustworthiness:** truthful, sincere, honest, stands up for their beliefs, doesn't spread rumors, returns what is borrowed, keeps promises.
5. **Justice/Fairness:** treats everyone with equal respect/fairness, doesn't take advantage of other's mistakes or shortcomings, takes only their fair share, waits for their turn.
6. **Responsibility:** thinks before acting, accepts consequences of decisions (no excuses), tries hard and doesn't quit.

Award participants will be people, who for the most part, listen without judgment, are willing to stand up for others even when it is unpopular, shows compassion, in their own way challenges others to be their best, keeps confidences and does not spread rumors.

Who Is Eligible?

Volunteer adults and youth involved in 4-H. People may only receive this award once. There are two ways people can be nominated:

- **club nomination:** club volunteer or enrolled youth; up to 3 people (youth and adults) can be nominated per club; nominated by leader; leader may solicit nominations by members.
- **at-large nominations:** non-club volunteers; nominated by teens or adults. Non-club volunteering may include working as coaches, on committees, working on special projects or at county events. Lone members must have a non-related adult sign the application form.

Application Process -- Our goal is to award the behavior stated above, not to make this a competitive process. Any youth or adult who meets the criteria will receive the award.

The attached application must be completed and returned to the 4-H office by 1 May.

Please note: The purpose of this award is to recognize youth and adults who DOMESTRATE OUTSTANDING CHARACTER in a consistent manner. This is a special award.

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APPLICATION**

Due May 1. Do not add extra pages. Please read the *Good Character Does Count* award criteria before completing the application. Please read the criteria carefully. It has changed. A person can only receive this award once.

Name _____ youth ___ adult ___

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Years in 4-H _____ Club/non-club involvement _____

Type of Nomination: Youth can only receive this award once.

Club nomination -- How is applicant involved in club? Member Volunteer

At-large nomination -- How is applicant involved in 4-H? _____

Why should the above person receive a good character award? The six pillars of good character are listed below. In a few sentences, give concrete examples of how your nominee's good character demonstrates this pillar. To receive this award, nominees must have demonstrated 4 of the 6 pillars.

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Please write a statement explaining why this member should be considered for recognition. Please be specific. State actual events where applicant exhibited behavior that qualifies them for this award.

Nominated by _____ Date _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

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