Meritorious Service Award Application*

Any current member of NAE4-HA who has paid dues for at least the immediate four consecutive years prior to the current year, provided the individual has served fifteen (15) years or more in Extension youth programs. Nominees must have demonstrated innovative youth programming and leadership in the NAE4-HA Association at the state, regional and/or national level. Applicant must have previously received the NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award (list year it was awarded). Meritorious Service Award may be received only once.

The application for the Meritorious Service Award must include the information listed below. The body of the application is to be no longer than 5 pages. The application and supporting materials are to be sent email pdf doc or postmarked by March 1, 2019, to: Sara Marten, #1 Industrial Park Drive, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

Information to be included in the body of the application:

Professional Experience
1. List locations, job titles, and dates of employment as an Extension professional.
2. List locations, job titles, and dates of non-Extension employment.

Professional Attitude (15 points)
1. List the professional organizations in which you have been active (past and present).
2. List past and present committee work and offices held in IAEA-Y/IEPYE and NAE4-HA
3. List past and present committee work and offices held in other professional organizations
4. List past and present leadership you have shown outside of the duties normally assigned to your position. (i.e. camp board, curriculum committees, regional events, etc.)

Professional Improvement (15 points)
1. List advanced formal education including:
   - Advanced degrees (i.e. Masters, Ph.D., etc.). Include major.
   - Other formal courses.
2. List other supplemental areas of training attended since appointment as an Extension professional other than Annual Conference (i.e. in-service education, seminars, workshops, etc.). Do not need to list each individual event. These may be grouped into subject matter descriptions. Include non-Extension sponsored events as well.
3. List attendance at NAE4-HA annual conferences.

Professional Accomplishments (50 points)
1. List outstanding efforts made to increase Extension youth program awareness.
2. List outstanding efforts to develop leadership ability in both young people and adults.
3. List outstanding efforts to improve the quality of educational youth programs.
4. How do you involve volunteers in major planning and action roles in Extension youth programs?
5. What other outstanding youth program features or innovations have you developed?
6. List any article(s) published and/or any other materials you might have authored.

Personal and Community Accomplishments and Honors (15 points)
1. List past and present civic and community organizations in which you have been active.
2. List leadership and major responsibilities in these organizations.
3. List special honors received for professional or community work.

Special Honors (5 points)
1. List special honors received for professional or community work.

MSA attachments will include:
- A completed application
- A brief summary of program accomplishments of not more than 20 words to be printed in the program book.
- 2 letters of recommendation

*State winner will be forwarded to NAE4-HA for national recognition.*