

4-H PROGRAM / PROJECT PROCESS

Program: Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame

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PROGRAM / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame (HoF) is designed to honour persons who have made outstanding contributions to 4-H and who have been active at the regional level and beyond. The recipients are known for their involvement with young people and have also played a part in motivating others who are involved with youth groups.

These honoured individuals have contributed a great deal of time and effort to 4-H on a volunteer basis and have exemplified the 4-H image.

Anyone who has been involved with 4-H for at least fifteen years, and has served the 4-H program in Alberta as a volunteer, is eligible for nomination. Responsibilities and impact on 4-H, as well as involvement in other community organizations and activities will be taken into consideration.

Annually up to 2 nominees (individuals, couples or groups) will be selected to join the other Albertans who have been honoured since the Hall of Fame was initiated in 1971.

From 1971 until 1977, there were eleven individuals honoured. In 1981, it was decided to make the award an annual event, providing there are suitable recipients each year. As of 2020, there are 92 people in the Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame.

Objectives:

Provide recognition to outstanding 4-H leaders, volunteers, etc.

Benefit to 4-H leaders:

The HoF is designed to honour persons who have made outstanding contributions to 4-H and who have been active at the regional level and beyond. The award is a way to acknowledge the impact 4-H volunteers have on the members and organization.

Process (How):

4-H Alberta coordinates the selection committee, as well as collects nominations that are submitted for consideration.

Nominations are open from January 1 and accepted until September 1 of each year. Nomination forms and information on the nomination process are distributed through a variety of methods including social, digital, and print media.

Recipients are selected by a committee consisting of: (1) member of the 4-H Alberta Board, (1) alumnus of the past 4-H Council and (1) past inductee.

The term of committee membership shall be a three-year staggered term.

The selection committee reviews the applications and can select up to a **maximum of 2 recipients** for the Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame. Nominees have served the 4-H program in Alberta as a volunteer. Responsibilities and impact on 4-H, as well as involvement in other community organizations and activities are taken into consideration.

An acknowledgement of receipt of a completed nomination package will be sent by email to the nominator only. Outside of this acknowledgement of receipt, no further communication regarding the status of the nomination will occur, unless a nominee is selected at which point, they will be contacted directly.

The completed nomination will be brought forward to the selection committee for review and consideration. If approved by this committee, the nominee's name will be added to a list of approved candidates. All nominations will be reviewed based on individual merit.

A nomination approved by the committee will be kept on the list of approved candidates for 3 years. After the initial 3 years, the committee may extend the approved candidate(s) for one (1) additional term of three (3) years.

Committee members will receive the nomination packages prior to the scheduled meeting and will review and consider if the nominee's name will be added to a list of approved candidates, and will select their top three choices for committee discussion. A recommendation will be made to the 4-H Alberta Board for approval. 4-H Alberta will make the official announcement of the inductee(s).

The announcement of the Hall of Fame inductee(s) is traditionally made in 4-H month (November). Inductees will be invited to visit the legislature and meet the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, as well as an introduction to the house during question period.

Traditionally the Hall of Fame ceremony has been held in conjunction with an existing event eg. Leaders Conference Centennial Celebration or Selections. A recipient is presented with a plaque at the ceremony, and another plaque with a portrait photo and write-up about the inductee is displayed in the 4-H Centre at Battle Lake.