# **Distinguished Alumni Award**

2023 Nomination Guidelines



The purpose of the Distinguished Alumni Award is to raise awareness about 4-H and recognize the outstanding leadership and contributions of 4-H alumni to our communities, country, and world. There will be one recipient awarded in 2023. The award will be presented at the virtual 4-H Canada Leadership Awards in February 2024.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- The nominee must demonstrate outstanding leadership and significant contributions in their field and the greater world.
- The nominee must be an outstanding role model of the 4-H values (strategic thinking, service, loyalty & healthy living).
- The nominee must have participated in the 4-H program in Canada as a youth member.
- The nominee does not need to be currently involved with the 4-H program.
- Individuals cannot self-nominate.
- Current members of the Alumni Advisory Working Group, 4-H Canada Board of Directors,
   Canadian 4-H Foundation, or current employees working for a 4-H organization across Canada are not eligible.
- The nominee must be available to attend the virtual Leadership Awards in February 2024.

#### Nominators:

- Nominations are accepted from:
  - 4-H members
  - 4-H leaders
  - 4-H clubs
  - 4-H district council
  - 4-H regional council
  - 4-H association
- Nominators must be current 4-H members, leaders, clubs, and/or districts, regions, or associations in good standing.
- Nominators cannot have any relation to the nominee.
- Provincial 4-H organizations are not eligible to nominate.
- There can be only one nomination for each nominated 4-H leader. If multiple people would like
  to nominate the same leader, nominators should work together to submit a single nomination.
  If more than one nomination for the same nominee is received, all nominators will be contacted
  to determine which nomination will be assessed.

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### **Selection Process**

Only nominations received through the online application (<a href="https://apply.4-h-canada.ca/prog/alumni-award">https://apply.4-h-canada.ca/prog/alumni-award</a>) will be considered for the Distinguished Alumni Award. The nominator must submit a completed application and a reference letter from another individual. The nominator does not need to be affiliated with 4-H Canada through membership.

4-H Canada will compile nominations and verify nominees' eligibility with their respective provinces. All eligible nominations will be provided to the Board Development Committee of the 4-H Canada Board of Directors to review and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to select the award recipient. Nominees will be evaluated on their 4-H experience, personal accomplishments, character, and commitment to supporting youth.

#### **IMPORTANT**

- The nominee should be advised and be given the opportunity to assist with the nomination package.
- The recipient is expected to attend the virtual 4-H Canada Leadership Awards in February 2023 to accept their award.
- Successful nominees agree to participate in publicity efforts surrounding the awards, which may
  include a videotaped interview, a photoshoot and interviews for alumni publications and news
  media.

Nomination deadline: September 22, 2023 11:59 p.m. ET

Nominations must be submitted at <a href="https://apply.4-h-canada.ca/prog/alumni-award">https://apply.4-h-canada.ca/prog/alumni-award</a>

#### For more information

More information on this award is available at https://4-h-canada.ca/awards/alumni.

Have a question about this award? Please contact Allison Hudson, Program Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:program@4-h-canada.ca">program@4-h-canada.ca</a>.