



To: State 4-H Leaders, Development and Foundation Directors and State Association Presidents

From: Pamela I. Van Horn
National 4-H Hall of Fame

Re: 2022 Hall of Fame Nominations

Date: January 4, 2022

The National 4-H Hall of Fame Working Group of NAE4-HYDP, in cooperation with National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters, is pleased to announce that nominations for the Class of 2022 will be accepted until **February 28, 2022**.

Our goal is for NAE4-HYDP members, foundation/development professionals and 4-H faculty at all levels to work together to select and nominate the most deserving candidate of each Land-grant institution to the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The nomination is **limited to a one-page MS Word document** with margins of no less than .5 inch and fonts no smaller than 12 point. The State 4-H Leader's signature is required to confirm the Land-grant institution's nomination. Electronic signatures are acceptable in a MS Word or PDF format, or the signature page may be scanned and emailed.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame honors 4-H volunteers, extension professionals and staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant impact on the 4-H program and/or 4-H members through the contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc. Current employees of 4-H, Cooperative Extension, the Federal Extension System or National 4-H Council and those with 4-H or Extension administrative responsibilities will not be considered until three years following retirement. The three-year rule also applies to deceased employees. Unsuccessful candidates must be re-nominated for future consideration.

The selection process involves a committee of 18 people, including eight NAE4-HYDP members (2 from each region), representatives of 4-H National Headquarters and National 4-H Council, a past NAE4-HYDP president, a State 4-H Leader, four Hall of Fame laureates and two youth representatives.

The Hall of Fame Committee anticipates that 14-16 laureates will be inducted into the Class of 2022. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for **October 6, 2022** at the Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University Washington DC.

All Land-grant institutions are encouraged to nominate an outstanding individual who has had a significant impact on the 4-H program. Questions concerning the National 4-H Hall of Fame can be directed to Pam Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

2022 National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination

In 2002, the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters partnered to create the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize 4-H volunteers, Extension professionals, staff employees, donors and others who made a significant impact on 4-H at the local, state or national level. Each Land-grant institution may annually submit one nomination. The three national partners may submit up to three nominations. All nominations must be sent electronically in a word document to Pamela Van Horn, pvanhorn@ksu.edu by **February 28, 2022**.

Nominee Information

Name **Sarah Jackson Gregory**

Title/Position **4-H Volunteer**

Relative/contact person if nominee is deceased **N/A

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Town/City **North Chesterfield** State **VA** Zip **23237-2820**

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Nominator Information

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Nomination by: Land-Grant (list) **Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)** or
 NAE4-HYDP ___ NIFA/4-H National Headquarters ___ National 4-H Council ___

The Selection Committee is primarily interested in learning of the nominee's significant impacts on 4-H'ers and/or the 4-H program. The nominee should exhibit outstanding **citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character**. The nomination is **limited to a one-page MS Word document** with margins of no less than .5 inch and fonts no smaller than 12 point. Please do not include photos or web links with the nomination.

Please focus the information on the nominee's: 1. Citizenship as exemplified by participation in civic, community, state, regional and national public service related activities evidencing concern for the welfare of others, especially as they relate to 4-H. 2. Leadership as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H. 3. Career Accomplishments as exemplified by accomplishments and success in his/her chosen career and as a mentor or role model. 4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement (if a 4-H alumni or volunteer) in the nominee's life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H. 5. Any other information that would be beneficial for the selection committee to know.

In the world of Virginia 4-H, Sarah Gregory is a true living legend. With an involvement in the program of some 64 years (and counting), Sarah's 4-H beginnings reach back to a time when racial segregation excluded her from receiving all that 4-H had to offer, and stretches through to the present where she plays a leading role in advocating for inclusion and progressiveness.

Citizenship

When looking for examples of good citizenship for 4-H youth to emulate, a search needs to go no further than Sarah Gregory. The mission of 4-H runs deep within her, and she believes in doing all she can to make her community a better place. Sarah began volunteering with her county agricultural fair as a small child in the 1950s, at a time when her local Chesterfield County, Virginia operated two fairs: one for white residents and a separate one for blacks. She has worked to help preserve the history of the Chesterfield County Colored Farmers' Fair, and is a longtime supporter of the current fair (integrated since 1968) where she still supervises the 4-H displays. She is also currently working with her local historical society on a significant project to map the locations of former African American schools to ensure this history is not lost to time.

Leadership

Sarah is a natural born leader, who has spent countless hours in support of youth from across Virginia and even around the world - being recognized across the state for her leadership in many 4-H programs and events. After beginning her 4-H involvement as a member in the 1950s and 1960s, Sarah became a leader of the 4-H Business Bunch Club in the 1970s with her own children as members - a club which now includes her granddaughter. Chesterfield County has benefitted from her volunteerism for over 40 years. She currently leads two different clubs in the county and teaches a class at camp every summer. She has served on the board at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center, and is a unit representative for the Virginia Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders. Sarah is extremely active in the Virginia 4-H All-Stars, and serves as president of the Jamestown Chapter. Sarah is a fixture and truly shines at 4-H State Congress where she is integral to the planning and execution of the All-Star consecration ceremony - as well as finding time to mentor many youth and adults alike. Over the years she has chaperoned hundreds of youth and made sure that their experience at Congress is one to be cherished for years to come. She has recently been active in efforts to modernize the All-Star ceremony in order to make it more open and inclusive for new inductees. Sarah is constantly striving to reach out to her community in a positive way, including support of programs at Virginia's 1890 Land Grant institution, Virginia State University. She gives selflessly of her time and talents and is always ready to help out with any event, activity, or program.

Achievements

Sarah Gregory began her 4-H career with a passion about sewing and sharing that skill with youth. She has organized numerous sewing projects with local 4-H'ers over the years including an annual project to make and donate holiday stockings for a local senior care facility; a project to design, create, and send dresses for girls in Haiti; teaching a summer day camp on Textile Design; and guiding projects for county fair submissions. As a steadfast believer in the benefits of international programs, Sarah has been a passionate advocate for the International 4-H Youth Exchange program since at least the 1990s, starting with her own children, and then helping to facilitate exchanges and hosting duties. Sarah has coordinated countless experiences for students and volunteers from a number of countries. For her exemplary work, Sarah was awarded the 2013 State 4-H Congress Volunteer Award. She has also been inducted into the prestigious Chesterfield County Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Character

Being a person of the highest character is likely the number one attribute that people think of in association with Sarah Gregory. In Virginia 4-H and beyond, she is universally beloved and respected for her sunny disposition, friendliness, her passion for helping youth, and her seemingly boundless energy. Nothing ever seems to get her down, and her calm level-headed approach to dealing with situations has provided vital assistance on countless occasions. At State 4-H Congress, when it was once suggested that some boxes could be moved in order for her to ride in the front seat in a van going across campus, she remarked "I've been in 4-H since back when I wouldn't have been allowed to be at this college, and wouldn't have been able to ride a bus to get here. It's sure not going to bother me to ride in the back of a van to go a few hundred feet." Sarah is a true delight to all who know her, and Virginia 4-H is thrilled to nominate her for the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Virginia hopes that Sarah will be continuing to make the best better for many years to come.

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Nominee's Name **Sarah Jackson Gregory**

As the nominator, I verify the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator  Date 2/28/2022

Submission of this form implies the State 4-H Program Leader or designee approves this nomination.

State 4-H Leader*  Date 2/28/2022

Send nominations (MS Word document) as an e-mail attachment to Pamela Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu by **February 28, 2022.** Electronic signatures are acceptable or the signature page may be scanned and emailed.

Nominators of successful nominees will receive a request in early May for a current digital head and shoulders photo, up to three action photos, a brief biography, and significant 4-H honors.

**Director/CEO/NAE4-HYDP President*

National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination Process

As part of the 4-H Centennial (2002), the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters entered into a partnership to create the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The purpose of the National 4-H Hall of Fame is to recognize and celebrate 4-H volunteers, faculty and staff, pioneers, donors and others who made a significant impact on 4-H at the local, state and/or national levels.

Guidelines:

1. Land-grant colleges and universities may nominate one candidate per year.
2. NAE4-HYDP, National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters (founding partners) may nominate up to three candidates per year.
3. Nominations are sent as an e-mail attachment to the National 4-H Hall of Fame chair. The nomination includes a brief biography (limited to a one-page MS Word document with margins of no less than .5" all around written in a font no smaller than 12 point. Do not include photographs. The signature page does not contain the contact information; only the name of nominee, nominator's name and date, State 4-H Leader signature and date. Addresses of all are on the 2022 National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination page.

Laureate Qualifications:

1. 4-H volunteers, extension professional or staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc. to the 4-H program and/or 4-H members
2. Professionals of 4-H/Cooperative Extension, Federal Extension System or National 4-H Council including those with 4-H or Extension administrative responsibilities will not be considered until three years following retirement. The three-year rule also applies to deceased employees.
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Criteria:

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4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement (if a 4-H alumni or volunteer) in the nominee's life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H.
5. Other beneficial information that would be helpful to the Selection Committee.

Timeline:

December: Invitation to nominate to State 4-H Program Leaders and State 4-H Foundation Directors, State Association Presidents

February 28: Deadline for nominations (Sent as an e-mail attachment to National 4-H Hall of Fame chair)

March and April: Review of nominations and voting by Selection Committee

May: Announcement of new National 4-H Hall of Fame laureates

October 6: (tentative) Induction Ceremony at the Kellogg Conference Center at Gallaudet University, Washington D.C.