

September 2009

Dear 4-H Members and Leaders:

Volunteer leaders are vital to the 4-H organization; regardless of whether you are a member, parent, or another leader, you have benefited from the generosity of time from a leader. With this in mind, P.E.I. Women in Agriculture have initiated an annual 4-H Leader Recognition Award, to be presented yearly, at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet in February. The purpose of the award is to recognize a leader who has made a significant contribution to the 4-H program. Selection will be based on the leader's contribution, support and leadership to the 4-H organization during the 2008-2009 4-H Year.

Your 4-H club is invited to nominate a leader or leaders from your 4-H club. The nominee(s) must be an **active** leader- project, key, overall, communication, etc., for not less than two years, who has not received the award before. Please complete the attached nomination form, by giving as much detail as possible about the leader(s) being nominated. The entire selection process is based on what you write on the nomination form. The judging panel will not include 4-H staff, so do not assume the judges know the nominated leader(s).

The provincial selection panel, including Women in Agriculture representatives, will choose the award recipient. All nominees will be acknowledged at the Awards Banquet and the award recipient announced. The recipient will receive a keeper plaque and have his/her name engraved on a perpetual plaque.

Thanking someone who is as dedicated to a cause as so many of our leaders are often doesn't seem like enough; this is a good opportunity to put a bit of time and effort into them, in gratitude for all of the time and effort they put into their communities. Please take advantage of this excellent opportunity to recognize a leader who has made an outstanding contribution to the 4-H program and, thus, to Island youth.

If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office at 368-4836.

Sincerely,

Emily Brown
Administrative Director

4-H LEADER RECOGNITION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Remember, this nomination is based on the leader's 2008- 2009 4-H year)

Leader's Name _____

4-H Club _____

Number of Years as 4-H Leader _____

Type of Leader in 2008 - 2009

Overall

Key, Specify _____

Project

Other, Specify _____

If a project leader, what project(s) _____

The entire selection process is based on what you write on the nomination form. The judging panel may not include 4-H staff, so do not assume the judges know the nominated leader(s) and can fill in any important information you may forget.

Describe your leader's 4-H involvement at the following program levels ...

Club *(include information such as do they attend regular club meetings or just project meetings, any club activities they organized and/or participated in (i.e. communications, cheese sale, swim, etc.)*

District *(include information on district council involvement such as attending council meetings, holding an executive office position on the district council, organization and/or participation in district council activities i.e. district swim, ice sports, fun days , etc.)*

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Provincial *(include information on provincial council involvement such as provincial committee(s) involvement {e.g. Agriculture, Rural Youth Fair, Fundraising, Public Relations, Home Economics, Leader Development, etc.}, organization and/or participation in provincial activities/programs i.e. leaders workshop, annual meeting, awards banquet, rural youth fair, etc.).*

Describe any special or unique contributions/initiatives/programs your leader was involved in or key to.

Was your leader involved in your club agricultural awareness project and/or agricultural projects. Describe/explain your leader's involvement. Was it a participant role or organizer role or both?

Tell why your club feels this leader deserves to receive this 4-H Leader Recognition Award sponsored by Women in Agriculture.

Signature of Club President

Signature of Individual who Completed this Form

RETURN THIS FORM (COMPLETED) TO:

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P.O.Box 2000
40 Enman Cres.
Royalty Centre - Room 238
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8*

DEADLINE DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2009