

## 4-H Record Book Medal of Honor & Completion Judging

Don't forget to finish up your Record Books and turn them into the Extension office by **October 20th**, in order to be considered for Medal of Honor and Completion Judging. Club leaders need to complete the form to nominate your members for this award. Forms are available in the Extension office and on the [Yakima County 4-H website](#).

## Washington State 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

will be held **Saturday, October 28 at 12:30 p.m.** at The Armory in Ellensburg, WA. All state awardees (Alumni Award, Salute to Excellence Ten Year and Lifetime, Heather Rider Award, Volunteer Staff Award, and [state] Friend of 4-H) for years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 will be honored. All invitations to awardees will be sent directly to the recipients. More information will be forthcoming.

To facilitate further nominations, we are reopening nominations for state awards with a firm deadline of **Monday, September 11th at 8:00 a.m.** After this deadline, no further nominations will be accepted. To locate nomination forms, go to the [State 4-H page](#).

Volunteers of the Year from each county will be honored through narrated video during the luncheon. The deadline for submitting your Volunteer of the Year has been changed to **October 1st**; with this deadline, you must submit a high-resolution photo with the nomination if you would like one displayed. County displays will be shown digitally; we will send out instructions for displays no later than **Monday, September 11th**.

Please join us to honor our deserving volunteers. Those wishing to attend the luncheon who do not receive a personal invitation are welcome to attend at a *\$20/person cost*. More information about reserving your space will be distributed the **first week of October**. Please contact [Jana Ferris](mailto:Jana.Ferris@wsu.edu) [ferrisj@wsu.edu](mailto:ferrisj@wsu.edu) OR 425-595-2950 with any questions.

## Volunteers: YOUR TIME MATTERS TO US

Every hour you spend supporting 4-H is a donation. All certified 4-H volunteers are required to report hours; reporting protects and supports you and the local program! We ask that you please submit your hours by **September 30th** & if you need to have the deadline extended for additional assistance, please reach out to Katlyn at [yakima.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:yakima.4h@wsu.edu) or call 509-574-1600. By reporting your hours you give Yakima County 4-H the numeric proof we need to show our funders and higher-officials that our programs are greatly valued and needed. In addition, reporting your hours makes you eligible for the Department of Labor and Industries medical aid program (this program allows an injured volunteer's medical expense to be paid by the Dept. of Labor and Industries), and allows you protection under the state of Washington tort claims law, RCW 4.92.060. **What qualifies as volunteer hours?** Anything and everything you do for 4-H! Teaching, planning, prepping, shopping, helping at fair and other events, paperwork, training, driving, calling, emailing, even reading this counts!

## Save The Date! Annual 4-H Celebration & Leaders Luncheon on November 4th

This years celebration will be scheduled as listed below.

- The Leaders' Council meeting begins at **10:00 am**.
- Honorary Leaders meet at **11:00 am**.
- Luncheon begins at **Noon** in the Terrace Heights Grange

All award applications are available on the 4-H website, [Leader, Member and Club Awards Applications](#) and due **October 18th**.

## 4-H Member Recognition Awards

Show your gratitude to a specific 4-H member or volunteer by nominating them for one of the following awards,

- Yakima County 4-H Leaders of the Year
- Outstanding Youth of the Year
- Outstanding First Year Club Award
- New Honorary Leader
- Lew Evans Memorial Award
- Inez Walter Award
- Toppenish Rotary Awards - Agriculture & Home Economics
- Certificate of Appreciation Nomination

If you would like to nominate a deserving individual, you can find the [applications on our website](#). Please be sure to submit your nomination by **October 18th**.

## National Leadership Award And "I Dare You" Scholarship

The American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award is a unique opportunity for you to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes youth ages 15-18 years old who strive to be their personal best and positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities. Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's motivational book "I Dare You!", and are eligible to be nominated for the "I Dare You" Scholarship. Choose any four youth ages 15-18 that have completed their freshman year in high school and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership from your 4-H community. Nominations are due in the Extension office on **October 20**. Forms are available in the Extension office or can be downloaded from the [website](#).

## Certificates Of Appreciation

It's time to say "Thank you" to all the individuals and businesses who've helped, donated time, or sponsored your club and/or event. Please send your list to Bonnie at [bonnie.abercrombie@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:bonnie.abercrombie@co.yakima.wa.us), so they may be invited to the Leader Luncheon and receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of 4-H. Due in Extension office **October 20**.

