



Get your lifetime membership to the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association

Once a 4-H member; always a 4-H supporter. We know that 4-H alumni share a bond. We're all family, and we don't want to lose track of our family members. Now, you can register online as a 4-H alum (from any state) and tell your story. Visit website:

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IL State Family Spirit Award

Recognizing an Illinois family who has substantially benefited from and who continues to advocate for the Illinois 4-H program over multiple generations.

To be nominated, a family must have a minimum of:

- three generations of representation
- 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders or volunteers
- 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism

Selection will be based on:

- Total number of family members with 4-H connections
- Total number of years in 4-H involvement
- Diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members
- The collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their respective county and state 4-H programs
- The collective family's involvement in community service and belief in philanthropy to the 4-H program

Please flip this page to see more information on the nomination process.

Family Spirit Award Nomination Process

1. The family member taking the lead on the nomination should complete the online nomination form. This form will notify the Illinois 4-H Foundation that you will be submitting a complete nomination via the mail by May 1.
2. Complete as many copies of the [Family Member Biography Form](#) as needed so each family member is listed on a separate form.
3. Complete a [Family Summary Form](#) to compile the family's total number of years of participation in each category.
4. Provide a one page/five hundred word typed "Family 4-H Story" reflecting on how 4-H has impacted your family and how your family has supported 4-H.
5. Mail a cover page, (which should include the family name as you would want it to appear on the award, name of nominator (or contact person), email address, home address, and phone number), all individual family biography forms, the family summary form, and the family 4-H story to:

*Illinois 4-H Foundation
801 N. Country Fair Drive, Suite E
Champaign, IL 61821*

6. Please staple or clip your submission. No binders or books, please. One joint family photograph, if available, may be submitted, but is not required. All submissions are combined into one binder for review by selection committee.
7. Applications will be judged based upon [this scoring rubric](#).
8. Applications will be considered for three years at a time. After three years, the family is allowed to re-submit an application.
9. The deadline is **May 1**.
10. To submit your nomination online, please visit the Illinois 4-H Foundation website at: <http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award> or contact the local Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

Winners will be recognized at the Illinois State Fair, on the Illinois 4-H Foundation website, and in the annual *Cloverseed*.