



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who

demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

Each region will have its own *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer* and *Volunteer of the Year*. The regional winners become nominees for the national award, and one volunteer in each category will be named the national winner.

- The *Volunteer of the Year Award* is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for **less than 10 years** at the county or state level.
- The *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award* is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the county or state level.

*National 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award for 2006*

Linda Sullivan

*NE Regional Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award*

Linda Sullivan - 2006

Karen Crouse – 2011

Connie Louder – 2013

*NE Regional Volunteer of the Year Award*

Heather Smith - 2013

Clyde Mellin - 2014

*Delaware 4-H Salute to Excellence Award Recipients*

2016	<b>Brenda Shaffer*</b> <b>Kaye Kemp*</b> <b>Melissa Mitchell</b> <b>Christopher Melson</b> <b>Jennifer Menard</b> <b>Meredith Tipton</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2015	<b>Karen Gouge</b> <b>Peggy Spence*</b> <b>Jacalyn Bradley</b> <b>Jenny Trunfio</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County

	<b>Paula Wood</b> <b>Gina Anger*</b>	Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2014	<b>Kim Klair</b> <b>Joanne Carter</b> <b>Sharon Anderson*</b> <b>Patricia Leach</b> <b>Elaine Webb</b> <b>Clyde Mellin*</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2013	<b>Ann Blackmore</b> <b>Connie Louder*</b> <b>Debbie Vanderwende</b> <b>Robert Johnston</b> <b>Lynn Wilkins</b> <b>Heather Smith*</b> <b>Bradley Kears</b> <b>Barbara Horsey</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State University Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State University
2012	<b>Marian Harvey</b> <b>Charmayne Busker*</b> <b>Wendy Wharton</b> <b>Caryn Peirson*</b> <b>Heather Crouse</b> <b>Debbie Lagano</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2011	<b>Sarah Berninger</b> <b>Karen Crouse*</b> <b>Kathy DiSabitino</b> <b>Robyn Hunter</b> <b>Cindy Dempsey</b> <b>Bo Waller*</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2010	<b>Mary Borecki</b> <b>Robert Messick*</b> <b>Charlotte Passwaters</b> <b>Karen Johnston</b> <b>Joelle Vincent</b> <b>Gail Tipton*</b> <b>Kimberly Franklin</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State Univ.
2009	<b>Sylvia Walther*</b> <b>John Tigner</b> <b>Rita Lofland</b> <b>George "Bud" Shilling*</b> <b>Kaye Kemp</b> <b>Tammy Hawley</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County

	<b>Constance Coston</b>	Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State Univ.
2008	<b>Dave Simpson</b> <b>Sandy Reynolds*</b> <b>Carole Vincent</b> <b>Brenda Shaffer*</b> <b>Patrick Sullivan</b> <b>Michele Walfred</b> <b>Charmayne Busker</b> <b>Mary Ward Hutchins</b> <b>Mary Powell</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, University of Delaware Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State Univ. Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State Univ.
2007	<b>Ann Blackmore</b> <b>BJ VanKavelaar*</b> <b>Ellen Vanderwende</b> <b>Karen Gouge</b> <b>Carol Fleming</b> <b>Jodie Gravenor*</b> <b>TaMaira V. Banks</b> <b>Paulette B. Stevens</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State Univ. Volunteer of the Year, Delaware State Univ.
2006	<b>Richard Melson</b> <b>Cathy Martin*</b> <b>Karen Hughes</b> <b>Brian Somers</b> <b>Linda Sullivan*</b> <b>Sharon Anderson</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2005	<b>Brenda Wiedenmann</b> <b>Sally Moller*</b> <b>Jay Hukill</b> <b>Tracey McCracken</b> <b>Laura Blacksten</b> <b>Phil Norton</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, State/Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2004	<b>Jim Kemble*</b> <b>Dicky and Mary Brown</b> <b>Becky Vanderwende</b> <b>Maureen Ernst</b> <b>Sandy Urian*</b> <b>Pam Eskridge</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2003	<b>Richard and Janice Melson</b> <b>Brenda Ebling*</b> <b>Barbara Taylor</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County

	<b>Brian and Linda Somers*</b> <b>Linda Sullivan</b> <b>Mary Murabito</b>	Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County
2002	<b>Ruth Ann Messick*</b> <b>Carlene Jones</b>  <b>Kay Stout</b> <b>William Campbell*</b>	Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, New Castle County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Kent County Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, Sussex County Volunteer of the Year, New Castle County Volunteer of the Year, Kent County Volunteer of the Year, Sussex County

\* These outstanding individual volunteers were nominated by the State 4-H Office to compete for the National award.