

***Joy G. Sparks***  
***Delaware State Fair***  
***Memorial Tribute Award***

This annual perpetual award was established in 2009 by the Delaware State Fair Board of Directors as a memorial to Joy G. Sparks. The award will recognize a 4-H youth member who has excelled in their participation in both the Delaware 4-H Program and as an exhibitor of the Delaware State Fair.

Joy Sparks was a member of the Delaware State Fair Board of Directors for 22 years from 1987 to 2009. She served in the role of 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President while also serving as the 4-H Department Superintendent. She participated on several fair committees over the years, while serving as chairperson of the Short and Long Range Planning. Joy had a 35+ year career with the University of Delaware in Cooperative Extension. As State Program leader for the Delaware 4-H Program, she was the driving force which helped Delaware 4-H become a program epitomized by so many other states. In her various roles, Joy always displayed outstanding leadership qualities and promoted and encouraged leadership to all youth with which she worked. In addition, her contributions to the Delaware State Fair and her community were many as she always promoted volunteer work and community service.

Nominations for this award will be accepted annually each year for any 4-H member ages 14 and above. Nominees for this award will be judged on four main elements that clearly were important and promoted by Joy in her everyday life: Fair Participation, 4-H Participation, Leadership and Community Service. Nominees may not nominate themselves. **All nominations must be received by June 30** at the following address:

Doug Crouse, DSF 4-H Department Superintendent  
531 S. College Avenue  
113 Townsend Hall  
Newark, DE 19716



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The Delaware State Fair will present the Joy G. Sparks Delaware State Fair Memorial Tribute Award for 2018. This is a perpetual award that will be presented annually during the Delaware State Fair.

**Guidelines**

1. Nominee **must be** a member of the Delaware 4-H Program.
2. Nominee **must be** 14 to 19 years old to be nominated for this award.
3. Nominee **must have been** a Junior Exhibitor at the Delaware State Fair for at least two years and **must have achieved** recognition for excellence in a Delaware State Fair Junior Exhibitor program (i.e., ribbon winner, award winner, etc.).
4. Nominees may not nominate themselves for this award.
5. List a review of your participation in the Delaware State Fair as a Junior Exhibitor, including number of years of participation and any notable accomplishments.
6. Describe your participation in the Delaware 4-H Program. Include a brief description of the project areas worked in and 4-H activities and events in which you participated. Indicate any notable accomplishments.
7. Describe your leadership opportunities and experiences in 4-H, school, and your community. Indicate any notable accomplishments.
8. Describe your volunteer service in your community indicating type of activity, volunteer service performed, and hours of volunteer service provided. Indicate any notable accomplishments.
9. Nominator must complete an application form and mail to Doug Crouse, DSF 4-H Department Superintendent, 531 S. College Avenue, 113 Townsend Hall, Newark, DE 19716, so that it is received on or before **June 30, 2018**.



## 2018 APPLICATION

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Complete (type or print) responses to all items. If an item is “not applicable”, or if the answer is “none”, please so indicate. Completed applications must be received by the Delaware State Fair 4-H Department Superintendent **no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2018.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial) (Maiden)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include both day and evening phone numbers)

Name of 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Day) (Evening)

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following application questions (NOT TO EXCEED 4 PAGES):**

1. Describe nominee's participation in the Delaware State Fair as a Junior Exhibitor.
2. Describe nominee's participation in the Delaware 4-H Program.
3. Describe nominee's leadership experiences in 4-H, school, and community.
4. Describe nominee's volunteer service work in their community.