

2023 Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award

The Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award is presented annually to the Ohio 4-H educator who has demonstrated exceptional achievement. The nominee must have made a major contribution to 4-H programs with new and innovative offerings or an effort that improves existing programs. The long-range impact and broader use (beyond county level) of programming will be considered. Selection will be based on overall accomplishment in these eight elements of their county program:

- Membership
- Volunteers
- Curriculum
- Program evaluation
- Older youth
- Program Promotion
- Funding
- Member Recognition

Any county 4-H Extension Educator giving leadership to 4-H programs may be nominated by a colleague. Nominations will be considered for up to three years, with the nominee updating their application materials annually. Nominations are due by October 1st at midnight. Nominees will be notified and their applications are due by midnight on October 19th. The award winner will be announced at the JCEP Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony held in December and will receive a personal memento and \$1500 cash award. Funding for the award is provided by the Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Fund. It is named for Dr. Lifer, former Ohio 4-H state program leader, for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievement by 4-H educators. The nomination form is at [Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award Nomination](#).

Previous Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award Recipients

1985 Chuck Bell, Muskingum	2004 Carolyn Wilson, Guernsey
1986 Scott Kleon, Pickaway	2005 Betty Wingerter, Montgomery
1987 Bob Cripe, Clinton	2006 Vicki Reed, Muskingum
1988 Dale Blackledge, Licking	2007 Sarah Jane Lindsey, Coshocton
1989 Paul ZumFelde, Fulton	2008 Patty House, Clark
1990 Tom Archer, Shelby	2009 Sherry A. Nickles, Wayne
1991 Cindy Lattner, Tuscarawas	2010 David Crawford, Stark
1992 Carla Hague, Lucas	2011 Kathleen E. Booher, Ottawa
1993 Mary Lee Lofland, Portage	2012 James L. Jordan, Williams
1994 Jayne Roth, Wood	2013 Bruce P. Zimmer, Monroe
1995 Lucinda Miller, Pike	2014 Jason A. Hedrick, Putnam
1996 Rebecca Cropper, Brown	2015 Christine Leeds, Union
1997 Susan Rhinehart, Hancock	2016 Jill Stechschulte, Fulton
1998 Vicki Schwartz, Washington	2017 Mark Light, Hardin
1999 Fred Deel, Gallia	2018 Lisa McCutcheon, Licking
2000 Judy Villard, Richland	2019 Nate Arnett, Adventure Central
2001 Ken Lafontaine, Allen	2020 Beth Boomershine, Franklin
2002 Julie Dalzell, Butler	2021 Laura Rohlf, Henry
2003 Nicola Eyre, Highland	2022 Steve Brady, Adventure Central

