To: State 4-H Leaders / Development and Foundation Directors

From: Pamela I. Van Horn, Chair
National 4-H Hall of Fame

Re: 2008 Hall of Fame Nominations

Date: November 30, 2007

The National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force of NAE4-HA, in cooperation with National 4-H Council and National 4-H Headquarters, is pleased to announce that nominations for the class of 2008 will be accepted until February 29, 2008.

Each State President received a letter announcing the 2008 application process during the October NAE4-HA Conference in Atlanta. We hope the time has provided an opportunity to generate a nomination from your state for the National Hall of Fame.

Please find attached a nomination application for the state’s selection. Note that the signature of the State 4-H Leader is required on the nomination form. The signature confirms the state’s designated National 4-H Hall of Fame nomination. If an electronic signature is unavailable, please send the application electronically plus fax the signature page to 785-532-5981.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame honors 4-H volunteers, supporters, staff and pioneers who made major contributions to 4-H at local, state and national levels. People who have been previously nominated but not selected must be resubmitted. Individuals currently employed by 4-H or extension or who have administrative responsibility over 4-H or extension within the land-grant university or federal extension system will not be considered until retired or deceased for a minimum of three years prior to the date of nomination.

The laureate selection process involves a committee of 15 people, including eight NAE4-HA members (2 from each region), representatives of National 4-H Headquarters, National 4-H Council and N4-HYDC, a past NAE4-HA president and three Hall of Fame laureates. Committee members serve two year terms.

The Hall of Fame Committee anticipates 10 to 20 laureates for 2008's class with the actual number based on the quality of the nominations. The Hall of Fame ceremony has been scheduled for October 10, 2008, National 4-H Center.

All states are encouraged to submit an application as not all states have participated in the past. Please take time to honor those outstanding individuals that have made the “best better” in your state.

Thank you for your support of the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Please visit our Web site at: http://www.nae4ha.org/hof/ to view photos, biographies and other interesting information from the recent classes. If you have questions, suggestions or corrections related to the National 4-H Hall of Fame Web site, please direct them to Jim Kahler at jkahler@csrees.usda.gov. For other questions, please notify the HOF Vice-Chair, Mary J. Craig at mjCraig@uidaho.edu or Chair Pamela Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu or 785-532-5800.
National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination

The National 4-H Hall of Fame was created in 2002 as a 4-H Centennial project to recognize and celebrate those people who have made a significant impact on 4-H and its millions of members over more than 100 years. Every state, U.S. territory, NAE4-HA, CSREES/USDA and National 4-H Council is invited to annually nominate a favorite son or daughter for consideration. Nominations for the Class of 2008 must be received by February 15.

Nominee Information

Name __________________________________________________________________

Title/Position_____________________________________________________________

**Relative/contact person if nominee is deceased
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Mailing Address _____________________________________________________________________________________

Place of residence_________________________________________________________

Town/City _____________________________________ State _____  Zip ___________

Telephone ______________________ Email ___________________________________

Nominator Information

Name _____________________________________ Telephone ____________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

Town/City_________________________________ State _____  Zip ________________

Email______________________________ Fax # _______________________________

Nomination by:  State/Territory (list) _________________________________________
or NAE4-HA ____ CSREES/USDA ____ National 4-H Council ____

The Selection Committee is primarily interested in learning of the nominee’s significant impacts on 4-Hers and/or the 4-H program. The nominee should exhibit outstanding citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character. Limit nomination information to one page using margins of no less than .5 inch and fonts no smaller than 12 point.

Please focus the information on the nominee’s: 1. Citizenship as exemplified by participation in civic, community, state, regional and national public service related activities evidencing concern for the welfare of others, especially as they relate to 4-H. 2. Leadership as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H. 3. Career Accomplishments as exemplified by accomplishments and success in his/her chosen career and as a mentor or role model. 4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement (if a 4-H alumni or volunteer) in the nominee’s life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H. 5. Any other information that would be beneficial for the selection committee to know.
(Please limit the nomination information to this page)
Submission of this form implies the State 4-H Program Leader or designee has approved the nomination and the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of the nominator’s knowledge.

State 4-H Leader* ____________________________ Date _____________

Nominator ____________________________ Date _____________

Email nominations by **Feb. 15** to Carol Benesh, State 4-H Youth Development Specialist, at: beneshc@unce.unr.edu

Nominators of successful nominees will receive a request in early April for a current head and shoulders digital photo, up to three action photos, a brief biography, significant 4-H or related statistics and honors.

*Director/CEO/NAE4-HA President