NEBRASKA 4-H VOLUNTEERS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
Leadership – Education – Accomplishments – Dedication

4-H Innovator Award

Volunteers will be recognized for their implementation of new, innovative 4-H programs and/or activities through their volunteer service. An innovative 4-H volunteer may have the desire to experiment with new approaches or services, develop new partnerships with other organizations, or find a unique solution to a community need, all in an effort to “Make the Best Better.”

Name ________________________________ County ________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip ___________________________________________________________________
Phone _______________________ E-mail Address _________________________________
Year ______________ Form completed by: _________________________________________

Years of service to the Nebraska 4-H Program: ____________

Complete the following items to successfully achieve the 4-H Innovator Award:

___ Enroll as a 4-H Volunteer each year
___ Complete 4-H Volunteer Screening
___ Follow the 4-H Volunteer Code of Ethics
___ Attend a 4-H training
___ Utilize the Nebraska 4-H webpage
___ Implement an innovative 4-H program/activity that positively impacts youth/community
___ Achieve 30 volunteer credits (utilize personal tracker on back of form)

Describe the volunteer’s innovative approach to 4-H and how it “Makes the Best Better.” Attach a one page response.

I have reviewed this plan and find it adequate to meet the requirement for the 4-H Innovator Award – Nebraska 4-H Volunteers of Excellence Program.

Volunteer Signature __________________________ Date __________________

Extension Staff Signature __________________________ Date __________________
### PERSONAL TRACKER FOR VOLUNTEER CREDITS

#### 1 Credit Activities
- ___ Assist club members in learning the 4-H Pledge
- ___ Assist 4-H club members in preparing & presenting a presentation or speech
- ___ Create a positive club atmosphere that is inviting to all members
- ___ Visit two club meetings/activities
- ___ Volunteer at a county-wide event
- ___ Transport youth to 4-H camp or another 4-H activity
- ___ Teach parliamentary procedures
- ___ Celebrate member and club achievement
- ___ Encourage parent involvement
- ___ Other ______________________________

#### 3 Credit Activities
- ___ Provide an educational program at the club/county level
- ___ Serve as a 4-H club leader
- ___ Attend a training that applies to your 4-H volunteer experience
- ___ Recruit one or more 4-H members/families/volunteers
- ___ Organize a career exploration activity
- ___ Provide a leadership opportunity for youth
- ___ Be active on a county-wide committee
- ___ Lead a community service-learning project
- ___ Promote and lead a 4-H contest or other event
- ___ Provide leadership for a 4-H promotional event
- ___ Assist youth in completing 4-H records/Career Portfolio/Diamond Clover
- ___ Receive the Club of Excellence designation
- ___ Other ______________________________

#### 5 Credit Activities
- ___ Attend a 4-H volunteer conference (state or national)
- ___ Serve as a 4-H representative to other entities (presentations, community group involvement)
- ___ Mentor a new 4-H volunteer
- ___ Provide a multi-county educational program for 4-H youth
- ___ Serve as a county fair superintendent or assistant superintendent
- ___ Lead a county wide community service-learning project
- ___ Chair a 4-H committee or activity
- ___ Organize a student recruitment activity to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- ___ Volunteer at a district/state event (State Fair, PACE, Life Challenge)
- ___ Apply to receive a NIFA (Nebraska Investment Finance Authority) grant
- ___ Serve as a 4-H Council member/officer
- ___ Serve on the local Extension Board/Ag Society
- ___ Provide a workshop/training for other volunteers
- ___ Give a financial gift to the 4-H program
- ___ Complete the on-line 4-H Risk Management Course
- ___ Other ______________________________

_______ TOTAL CREDITS ACHIEVED