

# Florida 4-H Horse Program's ELAINE KEIR MEMORIAL OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD



**Who:** Florida 4-H Adult Horse Leader of the Year

**What:** An annual award to recognize outstanding leaders who work with youth and horses within the Florida 4-H program. This top leader introduces newcomers to the horse industry, mentors young horsemen, and promotes 4-H and the horse industry within the local community. They accomplish these goals in fun and innovative ways. Any member, leader, or agent may nominate a deserving adult leader from the Florida 4-H Horse Program. The nominee should be considered a good ambassador of the youth horse industry and Florida 4-H Horse Programs for this state recognition.

**When:** Nominations from counties should be sent to your Area Youth 4-H Horse Program Coordinator (<https://go.ufl.edu/xuj3ey4>). Area horse committees should review nominations and select the Area nominee. **Area nominee packets must be submitted to Alyssa Ohmstede annually by June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Why:** Strong adult leadership for young horsemen today helps ensure a vital horse industry in the future. Any leader who volunteers time and effort to the Florida 4-H Horse Programs and youth horse industry should be recognized as a potential candidate for this award.

## **Nomination Requirements:**

- Electronically submit a completed nomination form
- Include 3 photos illustrating the nominee's involvement in horse and/or leadership activities.
  - **Photos must be jpeg format** and at least 300 dpi.
- Submission should be formatted in 12 point Arial font, single spaced (hand written applications will not be accepted).
- Attach a minimum of 2 letters of recommendation/support. (maximum of 5 letters).
  - At least one of these letters must be from a youth
  - Letter writers may not be related to the nominee

## **Selection process:**

- A committee will review and evaluate the Nominees then select this year's recipient based on the following criteria:
  - The nominee's leadership in the horse industry
  - The nominee's specific contributions to the youth horse industry through Florida 4-H
  - The nominee's "level" of involvement (local, statewide, or beyond)
- Nominees will be recognized at the Florida 4-H State Horse Show Awards Program.
- The award winner will be announced at the Florida 4-H State Horse Show's Saturday night awards program in Tampa, and their application will be forwarded to AYHC for National consideration.

**Nominations not meeting the above requirements will not be considered.**

Submit your completed nomination via email to your [Area Youth 4-H Horse Program Coordinator](#) in time for them to review and forward the Area nominee by June 8. Questions may be directed to Dr. Sandra TenBroeck at [sht@ufl.edu](mailto:sht@ufl.edu) or Alyssa Ohmstede at [imatwist@ufl.edu](mailto:imatwist@ufl.edu).

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Nomination Form**

<b>Nominee Name</b>
Barn Name/Business Name or Affiliation
Telephone
Email
Address
City, State and Zip
<b>Nominated by</b>
Telephone
Email

**Please answer the following questions specifically. Please number your responses. Your submission (not including this cover page) should be 1500 words or less.**

1. How long has the nominee been working with youth within Florida 4-H and the horse industry?
2. What is the nominee's current role(s) within Florida 4-H and the youth horse industry?
3. Would you consider this person a respected member of the community? Why or Why Not?
4. What do the youth who this nominee impacts say about him/her?
5. What is the most important thing you want us to know about this person and his/her contributions to the youth horse industry and Florida 4-H? Why is he/she the best candidate?
6. Identify and briefly elaborate on the next 3 most important contributions this person has made to the Florida 4-H Horse program and the youth horse industry.
7. Briefly, tell us a little bit about yourself and your relationship to the nominee.

Final Check List:

- Nomination Form
- Three photos (at least 300 dpi)
- Youth Letter of Support
- Adult Letter of Support
- Email to your [Area Youth 4H Horse Program Coordinator](#)  
Then Area nominee emailed to [imatwist@ufl.edu](mailto:imatwist@ufl.edu) by June 8.