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Dear Delaware 4-H Leaders,

I have attached below the nomination forms for the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards for 2010.

I'd like to ask each of you to please take some time over the course of the next month to nominate a member of the Delaware 4-H family who you feel is deserving of this honor. The deadline to submit a completed nomination is December 1. As an organization, we have been blessed to have wonderful volunteers serving our 4-H youth. The list of last year's award recipients is a testament to that:

Tammy Hawley Constance Coston Rita Lofland Bud Schilling
Sylvia Walter John Tigner Kaye Kemp

As in years past, there are two awards given for each county. One is the Volunteer of the Year award, given to those who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the county or state level. The other is the Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer award, given to those who have served 10 or more years at the county or state level.

As I mentioned earlier, one person from each county will receive a Volunteer of the Year award and an Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award. Staff will then select one award winner from each category to pass along to National 4-H Headquarters for regional and national recognition. Please follow the application guidelines which are clearly listed and feel free to call me with questions or concerns. Most importantly, please have all completed nominations sent directly to me via e-mail or hard copy by December 1st.

Thanks for all that you do and keep your eyes peeled for registration information coming later in November for the State Leader Forum on January 23rd where the award winners will be announced and honored. We hope to see you there!

Yours in 4-H,

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