

## Perpetual Award Guidelines

The Monroe County 4-H Horse Program has a long tradition of presenting some special perpetual awards at the annual awards dinner every November. The awards are presented to individual members, a horse, and a club based on nominations submitted ahead of time.

- ❖ The nominees should have been members (or project horses) for the preceding 4-H year.
- ❖ The nominations can be submitted by anyone (members or adults) but it is preferable that parents not nominate their own child.
- ❖ A committee chosen by the donor of each award selects the recipient so that the true spirit of the award is upheld.
- ❖ The nominations should include specific reasons and examples to support that the nominee fulfills the ideals of the award. Photos and other documentation are encouraged. The committee members do not usually know the nominees so the more information you include, the better.
- ❖ **Please submit your nominations in writing or via email by November 1, 2020,** to the CCE-MC 4-H Office at [monroe4H@cornell.edu](mailto:monroe4H@cornell.edu) or 2449 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY 14617.
- ❖ Be sure to include your name, phone number and email address in case the committee needs to contact you regarding your nomination.
- ❖ Questions regarding guidelines or requests for more information should be directed to Mary Hull at [mkeanehull@gmail.com](mailto:mkeanehull@gmail.com) or (585) 746-5133

**Community Service Award:** This award is presented to a 4-H Club or group of members who have shown good citizenship through involvement in community service projects. Club leaders and members may nominate their own club. Clubs or groups of members may receive this award more than once. Nominations should include the specific community service projects, how many people were involved, when the projects occurred, and a description of what was learned by the participants.

**The Frank Bono Sportsmanship Award:** Monroe County remembers Frank Bono through this award for excellent sportsmanship. Frank had a passion for horses and helping others. He served as the leader for the Twin Post Horsemen and Twin Post Horsemasters 4-H Clubs for many years, and many of "Frank's kids" continued serving the 4-H program for years to come. Frank used involvement with horses and the 4-H program to train countless youth to be productive citizens with a strong sense of community. Even though many of his members were successful in horse shows, Frank was never as concerned with winning competitions as he was with good sportsmanship,

respect for people and animals, responsibility, and serving others. If you know a 4-H member who exemplifies those characteristics, please submit your nomination. An individual may only win this award once.

**The Walker F. Hunter Outstanding Novice Award:** This award is presented every year in memory of Mr. Walker F. Hunter. Mr. Hunter operated a horse farm in the town of Hilton for many years. He focused on family and youth involvement with horses. Mr. Hunter and his pony, Bucket, taught horsemanship and safety to numerous enthusiastic young people. He consistently offered help and support to the 4-H program and was an excellent mentor to the novice equestrian. Due to the number of youth and families at Mr. Hunter's barn, a 4-H club was eventually formed. This club was called "Hunter's Horsemen." Mr. Hunter continued to actively support this club and other local clubs throughout his life. This award, presented in his name, acknowledges the novice 4-H member who:

- Thinks that horses are terrific,
- Strives for excellence in the basic elements of horsemanship,
- Exhibits a positive attitude,
- Seeks additional knowledge
- Participates enthusiastically in activities

If you know of a 4-H member who is in his or her first couple of years in the horse program and fits this description, please submit a nomination. An individual may only win this award once.

**The Kay Bar Baby Memorial Project Horse Award:** This award was established by Andy Lomker and Lori Lomker Rayburn in loving memory of their Quarter Horse, Kay Bar Baby (1965-1980). Each year this award is presented to the project horse that most typifies the ideal 4-H Horse. Baby's reliability and performance for 10 years in the 4-H program included fitting and showmanship, performance, polo, gymkhana and seven state fairs. Only horses that have been cared for and used by a 4-H member during the preceding year are eligible. This award is not determined based on horse show winnings, but rather the reliability, versatility, willingness and usefulness of the horse. Many past recipients have been used by multiple 4-H members and have been active for many years in the 4-H program. Past recipients have participated at horse shows, gone to 4-H camp, and been used as teachers at club meetings and clinics. All horses nominated should be, or have been, identified as the project horse of a 4-H member. The 4-H member does not need to own the horse. If you know a project horse that fits these criteria, submit your nomination. This award may only be won once by a horse/4-H member combination. If the same horse is listed as a project horse for a different 4-H youth member, that horse may be nominated again.