

Leaders Honor Roll Criteria

2023 Selection Guidelines

The Leaders Honor Roll program is intended to honor outstanding community leaders and volunteers who have excelled in supporting, educating, and advancing MU Extension and/or 4-H in their communities and counties.

Selection Criteria:

Selection should be based on community leadership efforts that support the University of Missouri Extension's strategic direction and program priorities to:

- 1) Grow Missouri's agriculture
 - 2) Enhance economic viability
 - 2) Build strong individuals, families and communities
 - 3) Create and sustain healthy environments.
- Extension Engagement Specialists (EESs) should work with University of Missouri County Extension staff and faculty in each Extension County Office to **select two (2) outstanding leaders (or couples) from each county for recognition**. Either individuals or couples will count as 1 submission.
 - In extraordinary circumstances, it may be possible to request additional recipients for your county, but there should be good reason with supporting information to do so. Please contact [Sandi Peters](#) to discuss additional recipients beyond the two requested.
 - While some counties choose to form a nominating committee, the entire staff and faculty in that county should vote on any names put forth. Please note that this process is unlike the Farm Family program, which is selected by the County Council and Farm Bureau representative. Although you may consider names submitted from the local councils, the Leaders Honor Roll is ultimately chosen by faculty and staff.
 - This is not an award for entire Commissions, businesses, or organizations. There are other recognitions for group entities found at <https://muextensionway.missouri.edu/strategic-partnerships/awards-recognitions/>
 - Deserving individuals may be honored in multiple years when warranted.
 - Each county should keep a comprehensive list of past honorees. The Office of Extension and Engagement also maintains a master historical list of all counties, which is updated each year. You can access the historical list on the MU Extension Way site, so that you may view your county's nominees by county tab and across all years.

Due Dates:

- EESs or their designee will submit their nominees [here](#) by **December 1, 2023**.
- Be sure to enter the correct spelling and listing of nominees' name(s) and addresses. Nominee email addresses are no longer required. {Please do **NOT** use the county office's mailing address or email address for the nominee, as this creates inaccuracies in our historical data.}
- Leaders Honor Roll certificates can be found at <https://muextensionway.missouri.edu/strategic-partnerships/awards-recognitions/>. You will now customize and print your own certificates!
- NEW FOR 2023: An updated news release for Leaders Honor Roll is linked on the confirmation email you will receive after submission.

Recognition Ceremony

Each county should plan a recognition opportunity to present the certificates during December 2023 or early 2024. In many instances, the recognition ceremony will occur during the County's Annual MU Extension County Council Meeting or Banquet, honoring volunteers from the previous year.

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