It is that time of year to nominate outstanding 4-H professionals for the Alice Ann Moore and G.L. Carter, Jr. awards. The overview of the criteria for each award is listed below. Please take the time to nominate your peers. Please send your nominations to your regional area specialist (Mitch Beaty, Jamie Harris, and Neal Smith) for regional review. The region will then send a maximum of 2 nominees for each award to the state 4-H office. Please send your nomination to the regional office by May 8, 2017. The nomination form for each award is attached.

A $1,500 cash award is given each year to an outstanding Tennessee 4-H agent through funds provided by Alice Ann Moore. The nominee should have more than 20 years of Extension experience with a 4-H youth development assignment. To nominate an individual for consideration, please complete the attached form. Each region may submit up to two nominees for the Alice Ann Moore Outstanding 4-H Agent Award.

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Relay for Life

Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

Service is a word that is very commonly used in our 4-H programs across our state. It’s also one that is heavily used on the UTIA campus through the work of UTK Collegiate 4-H. Recently, the UTK Collegiate 4-H focused their efforts on cancer research and awareness through raising funds to support the American Cancer Society. These students raised more than $750 to support the ACS and participated in the annual UTK Relay for Life, which was held on Friday night, April 7th. This year’s theme, “Relaying around the world” gave collegiate 4-H the opportunity to decorate their tent with a focus on Ireland. The club members sold bowls of Lucky Charms to passers-by to raise even more the night of.

This was a wonderful event and one the students enjoyed very much!

If your county 4-H program is interested in getting involved with Relay for Life, let me know!
Alzheimer’s Walk
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

UTK Collegiate 4-H members recently spent their Sunday afternoon volunteering to support the Alzheimer’s Foundation of TN by assisting with their annual walk in East TN. This event, held at the UT Gardens, provided the students the opportunity to assist with registration and photography.

For counties interested in supporting such an amazing cause, please let me know. There are opportunities to volunteer or you might want to sport a cool pair of Alzheimer’s awareness socks!
CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

4-H MENTORING PROGRAM IN DYER COUNTY
Becky Willis, Extension Agent

The Dyer County 4-H Mentoring Program students have been learning to give back to the community and the teachers. The Dyer County 4-H program is in its fourth year working with youth at the Dyersburg Union Mission. The Mission offers Mission Youth Clubs for children and youth in grades 1-12. Each club meets on a different afternoon/evening of the week. The youth staff members and volunteers work with local schools and parents in the application process to determine which students best fit the Mission’s criteria for being at-risk and in need of club programs. Club activities include recreation time, homework time, snacks, crafts, Bible, field trips, and 4-H.

With the 4-H Mentoring Program, it has given the Dyer County 4-H program an opportunity to provide 4-H meetings and activities along with participating in 4-H Service Projects for the Union Mission students. In the past several months, the middle school students have had the opportunity to participate in their club meetings, along with two service projects.

The first service project focus was making blankets for the police and fire departments. The blankets will be used to help comfort children that have gone through a crisis.
The second project had the students and mentors making a stress relief product for the teachers at their local middle school. In the next few months, the students will get to learn about planting trees, attend camps, and start making items for the local county fair. The former fair board president and current Assistant County of Schools for the city school system will come to the Union Mission to help students tag their entries for the local fair.

4-H FOOD SMART FAMILIES GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2017-2019
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

Congratulations to the following counties who have been awarded the 4-H Food Smart Families grant for 2017-2019. These counties will provide educational opportunities to youth in the areas of nutrition, food safety, and food preparation. This program, funded by UnitedHealthcare, will allow Tennessee 4-H to reach 1,800 youth plus their families through direct programming efforts.

4-H Food Smart Families recipients for 2017-2019:

Bedford
Lewis
Madison
Monroe
Perry
Pickett
Robertson
Shelby

Congratulations and thanks to all who applied! The committee indicated there were lots of quality applications.
In-service
Join the curriculum development team for an exciting in-service focused on lesson planning, student engagement, and assessing student learning on April 25th, May 1st, or May 2nd at the following locations where we will work to answer the following questions through a day of fun, exciting, and engaging activities.

1. How can I keep 30 pre-teens engaged for 40 whole minutes?
2. How will I know if they are actually learning?
3. Lesson planning is overwhelming...help!

Registration is taking place on SUPER. Sign up now and join us for a day of fun activities!

Eastern Region (Eastern Region Office) April 25, 2017
Registration Link: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?id=10657

Central Region (Rutherford County - Community Building) May 1, 2017
Registration Link: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?id=10658

Western Region (WTREC, Room B) May 2, 2017
Registration Link: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?id=10659

Temporary Housing for Published Lesson Plans

While the design of the new In-School Clubs page of the state 4-H Website is being finalized, a temporary location for published lesson plans has been created. All published lesson plans, descriptions of each lesson plan, and any additional materials, such as PowerPoint can be found at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/InSchoolLessonPlans.aspx. As new lessons are published, they will be added to the site. Lesson plans have been organized by level and all lessons are aligned to state content standards.

If you have any questions about the new site or the in-service, please reach out to Jennifer (Jennifer.richards@utk.edu) or James (jswart@tennessee.edu).
JUANITA H. FASOLA FOUNDATION, INC.
MINI-GRANTS
Ryan Hensley, Executive Director TN 4-H Foundation

APPLICATIONS DUE 4/18

The Juanita H. Fasola Foundation has announced the availability of mini-grants for the purpose funding educational programs for youth and young adults in basic life skills and home economics. The Fasola Foundation funds projects focusing on consumer education and nutrition; cookery; clothing; sewing; textiles; parental education and childcare; hygiene; health care management; household economics and management; household equipment; house cleaning; and housing.

The Foundation is also interested in funding projects, which offer educational training and opportunities for the learning disabled, including but not limited to dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, speech auditory disorders, and/or educational rehabilitation.

Ms. Fasola, a former Extension worker, was a strong supporter of the Tennessee 4-H program. If you are interested in applying for a mini-grant, an application is attached to the newsletter email.

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Hensley at Tn4H@utk.edu or 865-974-7436 for more information.

The 4-H Foundation merely collects and submits grant applications and has no influence on the selection process. Successful applicants will be announced in 4-H Ideas when the 4-H Foundation is notified what, if any, applications were selected. There is no maximum or minimum grant level; however most grants from the Fasola Foundation are funded at $10,000 or less.

Grant applications will be accepted until Tuesday, April 18.
Please submit applications to:

The Tennessee 4-H Foundation
c/o: Ryan Hensley
2621 Morgan Circle
205 Morgan Hall
Knoxville, TN 37996
Tn4H@utk.edu
4-H Foundation Announces
The 4-H Grows Campaign

Ryan Hensley, Executive Director, TN 4-H Foundation

The Tennessee 4-H Foundation is proud to introduce the 4-H Grows Campaign. The 4-H Grows Campaign offers a $1000 incentive for county and regional 4-H Programs to increase the value of local 4-H Foundation endowments.

How it works:
Between now and December 31, 2017, the Tennessee 4-H Foundation will deposit $1000 into your local 4-H Foundation expense account after the county raises $2000 for one of the local 4-H Foundation endowments. Example: If Wilson County raises $2000 to grow the Wilson County 4-H Endowment. Then the Tennessee 4-H Foundation will deposit $1000 into the Wilson County expense account.

The $1000 incentive will be available for you to spend on your county or regional 4-H Program and the $2000 added to the local endowment will generate around $100 per year for your local 4-H program.

Fine Print:
1. Only one $1000 incentive per county or region.
2. The funds must be new to the 4-H Foundation.
   i.e. Funds may not be transferred from another 4-H Foundation account to receive the incentive.
3. Counties and regions may split the required $2000 into multiple 4-H Foundation endowments.

Example: If Loudon County raises $1000 for the Loudon County 4-H Endowment and $1000 for the Sara Brakebill Scholarship Endowment. Then the 4-H Foundation will deposit $1000 into the expense account of Loudon County’s choosing.

This is a great opportunity to grow local funds and the local 4-H program. The Tennessee 4-H Foundation is proud to partner with the you. Please help us invest in the youth of Tennessee.

If you have any question please contact Ryan Hensley at TN4H@utk.edu or Lindsey Renfroe at ltritt@utk.edu.
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Carrie Ann Stephens
Professor, 4-H/ALEC

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking;
My HEART to greater loyalty
My HANDS to larger service; and
My HEALTH to better living,
For my club, my community, my country and my world.

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