

Jane Sylvester Sportsmanship Award

The Macomb County Hollywood Stars 4-H Club introduced this award in 2002 in memory of Jane Sylvester.

Jane Sylvester spent almost 30 years as a leader in the Macomb County 4-H Horse Project. During that time she touched the lives of many of our members and leaders. She is remembered for the qualities she inspired in all with whom she came in contact. Her generosity, fairness, and modesty were without a doubt one of the truest displays of Sportsmanship. In remembrance and honor, this award is to be presented each year to the 4-H member or Adult Volunteer nominated with those qualities that most display the sense of sportsmanship Jane lived her life with.

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It is our hope that those who do remember Jane or never had the opportunity to know her will continue to be touched by her spirit of fairness in the show areas through the introduction of this award.

Each Club registered in the Macomb County Horse & Pony Project may nominate up to 3 individuals for this award. Nominees may be any 4-H member in the Macomb County 4-H Horse Project. Of the 3 individuals, only one may be a member of the club making the nomination. **A single page letter of support (form attached) must accompany each nomination.**

A committee selected by MSU Extension will review the content of the nominating forms (less the identity of the individuals) to determine the winner. All nominees will be recognized at the year-end banquet and the winner will be announced and presented with the trophy.

Nominations due: **August 31**
Mail to: MSUE-4-H
ATTN: 4-H Horse Program Staff
21885 Dunham Rd. – Suite 12
Clinton Twp., MI 48036

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A **typed letter** of support for the nominee should reflect how the nominee meets these criteria. Use the space provided below. Do not use the back of this form or attach additional pages.

Nominee: _____