**** **COOKE COUNTY 4-H** ****

4-H Year 2016-2017

***4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET REQUIREMENTS***

The Achievement Banquet is held each year as a means of honoring outstanding 4-H members, parents, leaders and Friends of 4-H. Following are the requirements to receive an invitation to the banquet, which will be held on August 19, 2017 at the First Christian Church. If you have any questions, please call the County Extension office at 668-5412 or 668-5416.

**Clover Kids 4-H Requirements**

**(age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade as of August 31, 2016)**

Participate in at least 1 county activity or event

**Junior 4-H Requirements**

**(age 8 & in 3rd grade through 5th grade as of August 31, 2016)**

2 projects and 2 ribbon activities

**Intermediate 4-H Requirements**

**(Grades 6-8 as of August 31, 2016)**

2 projects and 3 ribbon activities OR 3 projects and 2 ribbon activities

**Senior 4-H Requirements**

**(Grades 9-12 as of August 31, 2016)**

3 projects and 3 ribbon activities OR 4 projects and 2 ribbon activities

**Ribbon Activities:** These are activities or contests that are open to all 4-H members. A list of ribbon activities is attached to or is on the other side of this form.

**Projects:** 4-H projects are the educational experiences that youth who are members of 4-H can participate in. Typically, all projects must consist of at least five learning experiences each lasting from 30 minutes to one hour and include the assistance of an adult or leader. ***A PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL THE PROJECT RECORD FORM HAS BEEN TURNED IN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE.***

Project Record forms are available online at the county website: <http://cooke.agrilife.org> or at the County Extension office for any questions please contact 940-668-5416.

The final deadline for all **project record forms** is June 30, 2017. Forms should be brought or faxed or scanned and emailed to the Extension Office, 301 S. Chestnut St., Gainesville, Texas. **Special Awards and scholarship applications** are also due to the Extension Office by 5 pm on June 30, 2017.

**Projects which count toward the Achievement Banquet in August, 2017 are listed below. Check with the office for any subjects you might have questions about as your “special” project may not be included on the list below.**

Citizenship & Civic Education Patriotism thru Preparedness Leadership

Keys to the Courthouse Community Service Activities Exploring 4-H

Communications & Expressive Arts Public Speaking Photography

Consumer & Family Sciences Consumer Critters Clothing & Textiles

Consumer Life Skills Family Life Education Financial Planning

Housing Environmental Ed. & Earth Sciences Energy

Composting & Recycling Exotic Wildlife Field & Stream

Forestry Investigating Water Investigating Water

Outdoor Education Predators in the Classroom Range Science

Shooting Sports Something’s Fishy Sportfishing

White-tailed Deer Wildlife Safety

Healthy Lifestyle Education Fire Prevention & Safety Food & Nutrition

Toothfully Speaking 4-H After School Gardening

Personal Development & Leadership Texans Building Character Recreation

Plants and Animals Agriculture Literacy/Interpretation Workforce

Aquatic Science Beef Dog Care & Training

Dairy Cattle Food and Fiber Goats (Dairy)

Goats (Hair) Goats (Meat) Horse

Horticulture Junior Master Gardener Mini Gardens

Mobile Dairy Classroom Learning to Grow Poultry

Rabbits Sheep Small Animals Swine

Science & Technology 4-H Blue Sky (Aerospace) Automotive

Biological Sciences Computer Science Electric

Entomology Hatching in the Classroom Meat Science

Small Engines Veterinary Science WHEP

Agriculture Product Identification Wood Science

**Ribbon Activities to participate in** (or other County or District contests which may be established):

 County Project Expo-(1) County Poster Contest

 Cooke County Youth Fair - Livestock (1) County Pet Show

 Cooke County Youth Fair – FCS (1) County Record Book/Memory Book Judging

 4-H Livestock Show District Record Book/Memory Book Judging

 One Major Livestock Show State Record Book/Memory Book Judging

 Share The Fun-one at each level-C, D, S Fashion Show-one at each level-C, D, S

 Food Show-one at each level-C, D, S Story Boarding-one at each level-C, D, S

 Food Challenge-one at each level-C, D, S Rifle Contest-one at each level-C, D, S

 Consumer Decision Making Contest-C, D, S Postal League Shooting/Archery Contests

 Dairy Judging-one at each level-C, D, S Quiz Bowls-one at each level-C, D, S

 Education Presentation-one at each level-C, D, S District Photography Contest

 State Photography Contest Leaders 4 Life-one at each level-C, D, S

 Livestock Judging-one at each level-C, D, S Wildlife Contest

 4-H Horse Show-one at each level-C, D, S Archery-one event, plus county

 Sportfishing Quiz Bowl County BB Contest

 Recipe Rally Healthy Lifestyles-C, S

 Agriculture Product ID Contest-C, S, and one major Duds to Dazzle-C, D, S

**Specific Award Guidelines**

**If a 4-H member has met the requirements to attend the Achievement Banquet in August, 2017 he/she may also apply for the following awards. *A Cooke County 4-H Activity Log must be completed and submitted for each award.***

**(Interviews will be conducted on Monday, July 17, 2017 from 3:30 PM until needed to get everyone interviewed)**

**Rookie of the Year Award**

**(Interview required)**

This award is presented to a first year 4-H member, in each age category of Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Applicant’s first year of membership should reflect a sincere attempt to experience 4-H by participating in several different projects, attending camps and workshops, and completing community service projects. (Starting, dropping out, and then re-entering the program does not count as first year status.) Applicants must turn in an award application to the Extension office by June 30, 2017.

**Jewels of 4-H**

**(Interview Required)**

This pin may be awarded at the conclusion of the 1st, 5th, and 10th years of membership in the Cooke County 4-H program. A member may only receive each pin once throughout their 4-H career. Applicants must turn in an award application to the Extension office by June 30, 2017 to be considered for this award. **An interview is required for the experience**. It will be conducted by a panel of recent Cooke County 4-H program graduates.

**Outstanding Junior and Intermediate Awards**

**(Interview required)**

Junior 4-Her Age 8 & in 3rd grade-5th Grade as of August 31, 2016)

Intermediate 4-Her (6th through 8th grade as of August 31, 2016)

1. Applicants must turn in an award application to the Extension office by June 30, 2017.
2. An awards program record book is not required.
3. Each nominated 4-Her will be **interviewed**. **\*\*\*SUGGESTED\*\*\*** Questions will be provided.
4. A 4-Her may only receive the Junior award one time and Intermediate award one time.

**Leadership Award**

To receive the Leadership Award, applicant must complete during the current 4-H year, the following requirements:

* Exhibit one or more of your projects at the Cooke County Youth Fair, 4-H Livestock Show, Project Expo or an event similar to a county fair with another title.
* Present a program at a 4-H project meeting or at another 4-H club or group meeting.
* ***Enroll and participate in an organized, documented club Leadership project for the current year.***
* **Complete the current year’s project record form in leadership and turn it into your 4-H leader and then into the Extension office.**

In addition, an applicant can meet 11 optional requirements. See award application for complete details. Application due by June 30, 2017. You may receive this award only once in each age category. **No interview** is required.

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**Helping Hands Award**

This award will be presented at the 4-H Achievement Banquet to 4-Hers who have performed services for the benefit of the public. One award per age category may be given each year. Community Service is defined as “providing assistance that benefits someone outside of a 4-H family.” Applications must be completed and returned to the Extension office by June 30, 2017. A 4-Her may receive the award one time in each age category. **No interview** is required. Applications will be judged by a panel of impartial judges outside of Cooke County.

**Bronze & Silver Star Awards**

**(Interview Required)**

Applications must be completed and returned to the Extension office by June 30, 2017.

The **Bronze Star Award** is awarded to (up to 3) 4-H members who have demonstrated active involvement in 4-H projects and activities for 2-4 years. Emphasis starts to be placed on participation outside the club. 4-H members must apply for this award and must also turn in a 4-H Record Book in the year applying. Candidates must also go before an **interview** committee in the year applying. 4-H Bronze Star winners may only be honored once in their 4-H career.

The **Silver Star Award** is awarded to (up to 3) 4-H members who have demonstrated active involvement in 4-H projects and activities for 5 years or more. Emphasis will be placed on participation outside of the club and on junior leadership opportunities. 4-H members must apply for this award and must also turn in a 4-H Record Book in the year applying. Candidates must also go before an **interview** committee in the year applying. 4-H Silver Star winners may only be honored once in their 4-H career.

**Senior Awards**

**(Interview Required on July 17, 2017)**

Farm Bureau Leadership Award

Danforth "I Dare You"

Gold Star Award

Applications must be completed and returned to the Extension office by June 30, 2017. Criteria and method for selection:

1. 4-H member has to be 14 years old as of August 31, 2016 to qualify for the Farm Bureau or the Danforth I Dare You awards and 15 years old as of August 31, 2016 to qualify for the Gold Star Award.
2. Must have completed three years in the Cooke County 4-H program including the current year.
3. Must complete an Awards Program Record Book in the year he/she is considered for awards.
4. Must complete a 10-15 minute **interview** with a committee of judges.
5. Projects and Activities: During his/her years in 4-H the member must have:
	* Completed projects in **three different project areas** including submission of appropriate project record forms.
	* Participated in one or more activities in at least **three of the following areas**:

Education Presentation/4-H presentation, project exhibits, leadership institute, contests, camps, citizenship activities, or public relations (demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, television, newspapers, special projects). Other (exchange programs, fund raising, state and national congress, etc.)

1. During his/her years in 4-H the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman.
2. Community Service: The 4-H member must have participated in and taken a leadership role in conducting one or more community service activities (community cleanup, fundraiser for outside organization, project for nursing home, motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits etc.)
3. Can only get each award once - there is no particular order in which you may get these awards.
4. Gold Star Quotas – counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members in grade 10th to post high school as reported on their counties’ 2015-2016 ES-237. For the 2017 banquet we are allowed to give 2.

**Year End Awards for**

**Adult Leaders and Local Volunteers**

Each year the Cooke County 4-H Council recognizes leaders, parents and people that have helped through assistance or support to the 4-H Program. This is an opportunity for you to nominate a leader, parent, local businessman, or volunteer for one of the following awards. See nomination form for complete details. Please return the nomination form to the Extension Office by June 30, 2017. A panel of judges from another county will review the nominations and decide on the winners.

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**Leader on the Town** - (Only one per club)

is presented to a leader or leaders that have provided help

and assistance **to their individual clubs.**

**Outstanding Adult Leader -** (Up to 4 county-wide)

is awarded to a leader that has given their time, encouragement,

and support to the **Total County 4-H Program**.

**Friend of 4-H -** (Up to 4 awards county-wide)

is given to a person or business that is not directly involved in the 4-H program,

but gives generous support, assistance, and encouragement to 4-H members.

**Most Supportive Parents -**

is presented to the parents that have given their time

and support to the **County 4-H Council**.

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