2018-2019 Hidalgo County 4-H Award Rules

Youth Awards

Award Requirements

- To be eligible for these awards, a member must have completed and submitted an application and a 4-H Recordbook to the County Extension Office by the posted deadlines.

- Within the last calendar year, the applicant must have participated in one or more 4-H activities in at least 3 of the following areas: county contests/projects, leadership positions, educational presentation, public speaking, Leadership Lab, citizenship activities, public relations (demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspaper, etc...)

- Within the last calendar year, applicant must have participated in one or more community service activities.

- Awards are based on 4-H involvement, show personal growth, leadership characteristics and abilities, and community service.

- Each award may only be received once in a 4-H member's career.

- Each applicant must also complete an interview. Interviews will be held **Tuesday, July 2, 2019** at the county extension office.

Senior Awards & Requirements   (14-18 years old as of Aug. 31, 2018)

- **Gold Star**
  - Must be at least 15 years old, as of August 31st of the previous year.
  - Must have three (3) or more years in the 4-H program, including the current year.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook in the year the 4-H'er is to be considered for the award.
  - Must have completed projects in three different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms.
  - During the past three (3) years, in 4-H, applicant must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair (club, county, district or state), and/or as a teen leaders in an activity or project.
- **I Dare You**
  - Must be enrolled as a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school.
  - Award based on ability to demonstrate a commitment to developing your personal best and making a positive difference in the community.
- **Outstanding Senior**
  - Must be a Senior 4-H member.
  - Must have three (3) or more years in the 4-H program, including the current year.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook in the year the 4-H'er is to be considered for the award.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
  - Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.
  - Must have shown the ability to organize 4-H activities.

- **Senior Rookie of the year**
  - Must be a senior 4-H member.
  - Must be a first year 4-H member.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
  - Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.

Intermediate Awards & Requirements (11-13 years old as of Aug. 31, 2018)

- **Silver Star**
  - Must be at least 13 years old as of August 31st of the previous year.
  - Must be an intermediate 4-H member.
  - Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook in the year the 4-H'er is to be considered for the award.
  - Must have completed projects in three different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms.
  - During the past 2 years in 4-H, applicant must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair (club, county, district or state), and/or as a teen leaders in an activity or project.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
- **Outstanding Intermediate**
  - Must be an intermediate 4-H member.
  - Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
  - Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook for past 2 years, including current year.
  - Must have shown the ability to organize 4-H activities.
- **Intermediate Rookie of the year**
  - Must be an intermediate 4-H member.
  - Must be a first year 4-H member.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
  - Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.

Junior Awards & Requirements (8-10 years old as of Aug. 31, 2018)

- **Bronze Star**
  - Must be a junior 4-H member
  - Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
  - Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.
  - Must complete one 4-H project.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook in the year 4-Her is to be considered for the award.

- **Outstanding Junior**
  - Must be a junior 4-H member.
  - Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
  - Must have completed one 4-H project.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook in the year 4-H'er is to be considered for the award.
- **Junior Rookie of the year**
  - Must be a junior 4-H member.
  - Must be a first (1) year 4-H member.
  - Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
  - Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook in the year 4-H'er is to be considered for the award.

Clover Awards & Requirements   (5-7 years old as of Aug. 31, 2018)
- **Outstanding Clover**
  - Must be a clover 4-H member.
  - Must have at least 1 or more years in the 4-H program.
  - Must have participated in at least one (1) county contest.
  - Must have demonstrated active project work.
  - Must have submitted a 4-H Recordbook in the year 4-H'er is to be considered for the award.

Adult Awards
"*Adult Leader of the Year:*" Any adult leader that has not previously been awarded the recognition on the county level is eligible. Each 4-H club may nominate one male and one female. Nomination applications are due at the County Extension Office by June 18th, 2019 in order for those awards to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet on August 8th, 2019.

"*Friend of 4-H:*" Any business or individual(s) that has contributed their time, money, and/or efforts to promote 4-H programs in the county and has not previously received the recognition on the county level, is eligible. Each 4-H club is responsible for selecting one "Friend of 4-H" and submitting the application to the County Extension Office by June 18th, 2019 in order to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet on August 8th, 2019