



Waller County 4-H Awards

ALL Star Award Applications due to AgriLife Extension office by the assigned date.

The 4-H Awards Banquet allows all 4-Hers to be recognized for the prior year's 4-H participation. It is also a way to promote the variety of opportunities in 4-H and to recognize more 4-H members. These are the awards:

- *Green Star Award for CLOVER KIDS* ages 5-8 through 2nd grade of current 4-H year.
- *Rookie Award* for first year 4-H members (any age)
- *Bronze Star Award* for JUNIORS grades 3-5 of current 4-H year.
- *Silver Star Award* for INTERMEDIATES grades 6-8 of current 4-H year.
- *Danforth "I Dare You"* for SENIORS grades 9-12 of current 4-H year.
- *Gold Star Award* for SENIORS grades 9-12 of current 4-H year.

The Star Awards are a series of awards showing progression of the 4-Hers involvement, including growth and diversification of both the member and their projects/events. The series begins with the Rookie Star (Step 1), Bronze Star (Step 2), Silver Star (Step 3), "I Dare You" Award (Step 4), and ultimately ending with the Gold Star (Step 5).

Each award may only be received once.

These awards were designed to be received in the sequence stated, but being a prior recipient of an award is not a requirement. Once you have received a step award you may not apply for a lower step award (no regression).

Completed forms by the Applicants must be submitted to the Extension Office by the deadline. Winners will be recognized during the Annual Awards Program. Winners will be asked to set up a "recognition presentation" at the program. They will be asked to display all of their 4-H activities from their 4-H career.

Award selections will be decided by a set of judges from other counties or members of the community, they will conduct interviews. The date and time of the interviews will be set after the deadline has ended; all applicants will be notified of the date and times.

Award Applications Guidelines

4-H GOLD STAR AWARD

The Gold Star is the highest 4-H award at the county level therefore recipients must meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Gold Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The following requirements must be met:

1. The member must be in grades 9-12 as of the current 4-H year and must have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit 2 judged recordbook (or a copy of it) in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 3 different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and have participated in 2 or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

- 4-H Project Contests
- 4-H Educational Presentations
- Project Exhibits
- 4-H Public Speaking
- Texas 4-H Center Teen Retreat/Camp
- District 9 Leadership Labs (Junior or Senior)
- Media Relations (*poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.*)
- Other (*examples: Exchange programs, Club, County, District, or State 4-H fundraising, State and National Congress etc.*)

NOTE: It is not expected that the requirements for projects and activities all be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-H'er has been in the program.

During his or her years in 4-H:

1. 4-H member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district, or state), and/or
2. 4-H member served as a Junior or Teen leader in an activity or project with/or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader
3. 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
Examples: working or counseling with junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Danforth “I Dare You Award”

William H. Danforth’s I Dare You, was published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the general area of personal motivation. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership. The panel of judges &/or Awards Committee will determine how many awards will be awarded. The organization may choose not to award the “I Dare You” award if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of “I Dare You” recipients in Waller County will not exceed the number Gold Star Awards that are given out. The following requirements must be met:

1. The member must be in grades 9-12 as of the current 4-H year and must have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit a 2 judged recordbook (or a copy of it) in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 3 different project areas.
4. The 4-H member must have provided leadership in 2 workshop activities in project areas.
5. The 4-H member must have coordinated and led 1 session at a club officer’s workshop or camping activity.

Silver Star Award

The Silver Star is the third highest 4-H award at the county level therefore recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Silver Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Silver Star recipients in Waller County will not exceed two (2). Age requirements are grades 6th-8th as of the current 4-H year. The following requirements must be met for Silver Star Awards:

1. The member must be in grades 6-8 as of the current 4-H year and must have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit 2 judged record book (or a copy of it) in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 3 different project areas.
4. The 4-H member must have provided leadership in 2 workshop activities in project areas.
5. The 4-H member must have coordinated and led 1 session at a club officer’s workshop or camping activity.

Bronze Star Award

The Bronze Star is a 4-H award at the county level therefore recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Bronze Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Bronze Star recipients in Waller County will not exceed two (2). Age requirements are 8 years old and in the 3rd grade to 5th grade as of the current 4-H year. The following requirements must be met for Bronze Star Awards:

1. The member must be in grades 3-5 as of the current 4-H year and must have completed at least two (2) years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit 1 judged recordbook (or a copy of it) in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 2 different project areas.
4. The 4-H member must have provided leadership in 1 workshop activity in a project area.

Green Star Award for Clover Kids

The Green Star is a 4-H award at the county level therefore recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. Age requirements are 5 to 8 years of age (through second grade) as of the current 4-H year. The following requirements must be met for Green Star Awards:

1. A registered clover kid in Waller County 4-H.

Rookie Award- First year 4-H members

Rookie Award(s) will be given to first year 4-H'ers any age (Junior, Intermediate or Senior level). This award is to recognize 4-H member in their first year of 4-H who excel in their projects. Applicants should fill out an application and interview with a panel of judges. Clover Kids are not allowed to enter applications for this award.



4-H Gold Star Award or Danforth "I Dare You" Application Form – (Select only one)



Name of Member: _____ 4-H Year: _____
 Number of years in 4-H (including this year): _____
 Number of years as a Clover Club: _____
 Name of 4-H Club: _____
 Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Grade: _____

Please indicate Award applying for:

_____ Gold Star _____ Danforth

(Please make sure to turn in your 2 judged record books)

Eligibility for the award:

1. The member must be in grades 9-12 as of the current 4-H year and must have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit 2 judged recordbook (or a copy of it) in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 3 different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and have participated in 2 or more activities in the appropriate areas.

Please answer these questions on a separate paper. Please type all answers.

- What project(s) do you consider to be your primary area(s) of involvement over the past one to four years?
- What life skills (i.e. record keeping, public speaking, etc.) have you learned through this/these project(s)? What did you enjoy most about the project(s)?
- What influence has your 4-H involvement had on your family?
- What do you consider to be your most meaningful 4-H experience?
- Has 4-H helped you in making future plans and goals? If so, what are your plans and goals at this time? (Example: school, career, family, project goals)
- What is the most meaningful award/recognition you have received as a result of your 4-H involvement?
- How have others gained from your leadership experiences?
- What suggestion(s) would you make to change your county's 4-H program and what would you be willing to do to help make this change?
- Also please include a paragraph that can be used for your introduction at the award ceremony. (250 word max)

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian or 4-H Leader

Date



Bronze or Silver Star Award Application – (Select only one)

Name of Member: _____ 4-H Year: _____

Number of years in 4-H (including this year): _____

Number of years as a Clover Club _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Grade: _____

Please indicate Award applying for:

____ Bronze Star ____ Silver Star

(Please make sure to turn in your judged record book)

Eligibility for the award:

1. The member must be in grades 3-6 (Bronze) or 6-8 (Silver) as of the current 4-H year and must have completed at least 2 years (Bronze) or 3 years (Silver) in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit 2 (silver) or 1 (Bronze) judged recordbook (or a copy of it) in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 3 (Silver) or 2 (Bronze) different project areas.
4. The 4-H member must have provided leadership in 2 (Silver) or 1 (Bronze) workshop activities in project areas.
5. The 4-H member must have coordinated and led 1 session at a club officer's workshop or camping activity. (Silver ONLY)

Please answer these questions on a separate paper. Please type all answers.

- List any offices held in 4-H (Club and County)
- Have you served as a junior leader in an activity or project? If so, please list the activity or project.
- How many different projects have you completed? Please name all projects with years.
- List committees which you have participated on.
- List all activities you have participated in: *Such as: (A.) Method Demonstration/4-H Presentations, (B.) Contests, (C.) Camps, (D.) Citizenship/Community Service Activities*
- Have you completed a Record Book? If so, what year and what project area?
- Why do you think you should receive this award?
- Also please include a paragraph that can be used for your introduction at the award ceremony. (250 word max)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian or 4-H Leader

Date



Green Star Award for Clover Kids Application

Name of 4-Her: _____

4-H Year: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Grade: _____

Eligibility for the award:

1. A registered clover kid in Waller County 4-H.

Please answer these questions on a separate paper. Please type all answers.

- List your project(s) and any accomplishments for this year.
- List your future 4-H goals.
- Also please include a paragraph that can be used for your introduction at the award ceremony. (250 word max)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian or 4-H Leader

Date



Rookie Award- First Year 4-H members Application



Name of 4-Her: _____

4-H Year: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Grade: _____

Eligibility for the award:

1. Any member that is in their first year with the organization.
2. Clover kids are NOT eligible for this award.

Please answer these questions on a separate paper. Please type all answers.

- List your project(s)
- List your major project and activity accomplishments for this year.
- List your future 4-H goals.
- Also please include a paragraph that can be used for your introduction at the award ceremony. (250 word max)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian or 4-H Leader

Date