



WILLIAMSON COUNTY SENIOR 4-H AWARDS GUIDELINES

These guidelines contain information about applying for the County 4-H Gold Star Awards, and the “I Dare You” Awards.

GOLD STAR AWARD - The Gold Star Award is the highest County 4-H achievement award. The following criteria are based upon the state guidelines as stated in the current Texas 4-H Clover. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The member must have at least completed, or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application.
2. The 4-H member must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
3. The Gold Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young person without regard to gender.
4. The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Record Book in the year he or she is to be considered for the Gold Star Award.
5. Projects and Activities: During his or her years in 4-H, member must have:
 - A. Completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms.
 - B. Participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Method Demonstration/4-H Presentations
 - Contests
 - Project Exhibits
 - Camps
 - Leadership Lab or Surge (Leadership Camp)
 - Citizenship Activities
 - Public Relations (for example, demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects)
 - Other (may include exchange programs, fund raising, State and National 4-H Congress, etc.)

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

6. Leadership Skills: During his or her years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skill sin one or more of the following areas:
 - A. Must have served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of 4-

H organization (club, county, district, state).

- B. Must have served as junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.
7. Community Service: The 4-Her must have participated in one or more community service activity, either individual, group, or club-type projects.
 8. Judging Process:
 - A. Complete and submit a Senior 4-H Awards Application.
 - B. Complete a personal interview with a panel of 4-H Awards Judges.

DANFORTH “I DARE YOU” AWARD - The Danforth Award is awarded each year to Senior 4-H members in recognition of excellence of character and well balanced personal development, as well as demonstrated leadership.

Same requirements as for Gold Star Award.

Must not have received “I Dare You” Award from any other source (school, community group, etc.)

JUDGING PROCEDURES

Judging for Senior Awards consists of:

- a check of award eligibility and required application materials
- judging of the awards application
- an interview with a panel of judges
- review of 4-H record book and achievements

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SENIOR AWARDS APPLICATION

Please check award for which you are applying: _____ **GOLD STAR**
_____ **DANFORTH**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AGE _____ CLUB: _____ NUMBER OF YEARS IN 4-H _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED THIS AWARD BEFORE? _____ YES _____ NO

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

_____ Completed a record book this year.

_____ Completed three different projects during my 4-H career.

List up to 6 projects you have been in:

ACTIVITIES: (Please check)

_____ Method Demonstrations/4-H Presentations

_____ Contests

_____ Project Exhibits

_____ Camps

_____ Leadership Lab

_____ Citizenship Activities

_____ Public Relations

_____ Other (list)

LEADERSHIP: (Please Check)

_____ Officer or committee chairman at club, county, district or state level.

_____ Served as junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:(Please Check)

_____ Working or counseling with junior 4-H members.

_____ Community service projects, either individual, group, or club-type projects.

_____ Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects, and/or exhibits.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1.List below your leadership activities in 4-H _____

2. List other leadership activities not in 4-H _____

3. List activities you have been involved in through 4-H. _____

4. What 4-H activity or leadership experience has had the most impact on you and why? _____

5.List your most important awards and honors received in 4-H. _____

6. Why are these awards and honors important to you? _____

7.List your career plans and why you have chosen this field. _____

8. What is the funniest/most unusual experience you have had in 4-H? _____

9. What have you learned in 4-H (25 words or less)? _____

If more space is needed, please add a sheet of paper to the back of this Application.

Short statement by current club manager (or other 4-H leader if club manager is parent of applicant) describing involvement of applicant _____

I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be correct:

Applicant's signature

Date

Parent or guardian signature

Date

Club Manager's signature

Date

This application is due to County Extension Office on June 25, 2020