

## **YOUNG COUNTY AWARDS PROGRAM**

All County awards are for the current 4-H calendar year of September 1 through August 31. All 4-H members applying for County awards must submit an awards application for the current year.

### **Rookie of the Year:**

1. 9-18 years old (or 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and a **first** year 4-H member.
2. Application form (See application – Appendix I).
3. Record Book for the current year (optional).
4. Selection process based on:
  - a. Project involvement
  - b. Club involvement
  - c. Leadership
  - d. Community service
  - e. Club attendance
5. Judged by a panel from out of the county.
6. Face to face interview

### **Bronze Star:**

1. All Junior members in grades 3-5.
2. Application form-first page only. (See application – Appendix I).
3. Record Book for current year.
4. Selection process based on:
  - a. Project involvement
  - b. Club involvement
  - c. Leadership
  - d. Community service
  - e. Club attendance
5. Judged by a panel from out of the county.
6. Face to face interview

### **Silver Star:**

1. All Intermediate members in grades 6-8.
2. Application form-first page only. (See application – Appendix I).
3. Record Book for current year.
4. Selection process based on:
  - a. Project involvement
  - b. Club involvement
  - c. Leadership
  - d. Community service
  - e. Club attendance
5. Judged by a panel from out of the county.
6. Face to face interview

***County Application Due to the Young County Extension Office on Friday, June 28,2019 by 5:00pm.***

## **Gold Star Requirements**

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and intended to be received only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following requirements must be met.

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age as of September 1 of the current year and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit, along with their record book, the first page of the application form and have a face-to-face interview with a panel of judges from out of the county.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

Method Demonstration / 4-H Presentation

Projects

Camps

Citizenship Activities

Contests

Project Exhibits

Leadership Labs

Public Relations (demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.)

Other (included exchange programs, fund-raising, 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-Her has been in the program.

During his/her years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one of more community service activities. Examples are 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, project and/or exhibits.

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2018 – 2019

# Young County 4-H MEDALS & “SPECIAL AWARDS” APPLICATION FORM

Return to Young County Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office by **5pm, Friday, June 28, 2019.**  
All information reported must be prior to the due date.

### “2018/2019 4-H Year – County Awards Process”

- Face-to-face interviews for Gold Star, Silver Star and Bronze Star awards will be required by 4-H members in addition to both an application **and** record book.  
**Interviews will be from 9:45 am – 12:15 pm, Monday, July 1st, in the Extension Office.**
- Top Rookie award will be presented to a 1<sup>st</sup> year 4-H member, regardless of age, and will also require a face-to-face interview plus an application. The record book is voluntary.
- Special awards will not require an interview or record book, just the application.
- 4-H members are eligible for these awards one time in each award or achievement per age division.

**Project Awards Medal for 2018-2019** (project type, example: *swine*) \_\_\_\_\_

By completing this box you are indicating which project **medal** you would like to receive this year for you 4-H project. The medals must be ordered before the banquet each year so you must complete this box to insure that a medal will be ordered for you.

Circle one or more of the “Special Awards/Achievement” you would like to apply for:

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|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rookie Award  | Rabbit                      | Foods & Nutrition         |
| Top Jr. Bronze Star Award                                 | Fashion & Interior Design   | Photography & Videography |
| Top Intermediate Silver Star Award                        | Sheep                       | Goat Achievement          |
| Gold Star Award ( <i>Must be 15 as of Aug. 31, 2018</i> ) | Swine                       | Horse                     |
| Shooting Sports   | Agriculture/Beef Production | Outdoor Education         |
| Sportfishing  | Community Service           | Leadership                |
| Public Speaking   | Theatre & Performing Arts   | Robotics                  |
| Rocketry  | Citizenship                 | Other: _____              |

Grade as of August 31, 2018    Junior 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_    Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_    Senior 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(Age 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ County Commissioner’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

**STOP**

**\*\*\*IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED A RECORD BOOK OR ONLY WANT A MEDAL\*\*\***

**CONTINUE IF YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR “SPECIAL AWARDS”**

**AND DID NOT COMPLETE A RECORD BOOK**

**4-H “SPECIAL AWARDS” APPLICATION FORM**

(If more space is needed feel free to add to the table)

**4-H CITIZENSHIP AND 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE:** List up to your top citizenship and 4-H community service activities. List activity, year, and your role in the activity (use Y=performed yourself; M=member of a group; P=provided primary leadership to the group to describe role). Describe why your citizenship and community service was important in these activities and what impact your involvement provided you to have on other people. **Put emphasis on the quality of your experience rather than quantity. (BRIEF STATEMENTS)**

Year	Activity	Role in Activity	Why it was important and/or Impact of Involvement
2018 (sample)	Canned Food Drive for County Horse Show	P	Organized canned food drive to be held at the county horse show, called members to remind them and delivered cans to local food bank. Developed an appreciation of services the food bank provides for needy families.

**4-H HONORS:** List your most important honors received through 4-H. List the honor, year received, level of award (e.g. L=Local; C=County; etc), and why you consider the honors listed to be the most important (i.e. how did they contribute to and provide significance toward you personal development?). **Put emphasis on the quality of your experience rather than quantity.**

Year	Award	Level of Award	Why is this award considered important to you?
2019 (sample)	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Buckle - District Horse Showmanship Award	District	At the age of 12, this was special to me because that year there were 36 in the class and I was competing against five 19 year olds. These were the competitors that I had looked up to for years with dreams of becoming as good of horsemen as they were.

**4-H LEADERSHIP ROLES:** List up to your top major 4-H leadership roles throughout your 4-H career. Include volunteer, promotion, and elected/appointed leadership. List roles and responsibilities, years, levels of involvement, duties and accomplishments. **Put emphasis on the quality of your experience rather than quantity.**

Year	Leadership Role	Level of Involvement	Role, Responsibilities, Duties, and/or Accomplishments (BRIEF STATEMENTS)
<b>VOLUNTEER</b>			
2019 (sample)	<i>Teen Leader – Horse Safety</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>VOLUNTEER – Taught horse safety lesson for the Progressive Farmers Farm Safety Day Camp for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student in the county for 2 years. A total of 359 people attended these lessons.</i>
<b>ELECTED/APPOINTED</b>			
2019 (sample)	<i>District 4-H Delegate</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>ELECTED – Represented Young County as District 4-H Delegate.</i>
<b>PROMOTIONAL</b>			
2019 (sample)	<i>County 4-H Kick-off</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Led a presentation sharing my 4-H experiences with 250 people at the Young County 4-H Kickoff Event.</i>

**REQUIRED:** On a separate sheet of paper **write a paragraph** about “What 4-H Has Meant To Me” including information about things you have learned, interesting experiences, goals accomplished, future plans, etc.  
**OPTIONAL:** On a separate sheet of paper you may **write a short story and include photographs** depicting information about things you have learned, interesting experiences, goals accomplished, future plans, etc.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB MANAGER, PROJECT LEADER, OR CONTEST COACH**

**2018-2019 Young County 4-H Awards Banquet**

**4-H CLUB & PROJECT AWARDS**

To be completed and returned to the Young County Extension Office  
Volunteer Deadline: July 1, 2019

<b>4-H COUNTY AWARDS</b>	
The Young County Extension Office provides awards certificates and/or awards for specific awards/recognition. Recipients must meet criteria as identified in the Young County Awards publication. Certificates for participation and county/district/state contests will be printed only for those attending the 4-H banquet and who RSVP.	
<b>PARTICIPANT</b>	Every 4-H member in attendance will receive a Young County 4-H Participation Certificate. Members must RSVP to receive this!
<b>RECORDBOOK</b>	Every 4-H member receives a 4-H Recordbook Certificate and a project pin for the category their record book was submitted in. In addition, each age division will also receive a special gift.
<b>BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD STAR</b>	Each 4-H recipient receives a plaque. Gold Star recipients also receive a portrait session with photographer identified by Extension Office where portrait will be displayed in a local business/establishment.
<b>ROOKIE OF THE YEAR</b>	4-H recipient receives a certificate as well as special gift.
<b>PROJECT AWARDS</b>	Project award medals will be awarded to every 4-H member who completes the 4-H medals & special awards application form and who have been approved by their project leader.
<b>SPECIAL AWARDS</b>	Citizenship & Community Service, Honors, Leadership Roles, Elected/Appointed Offices, Promotional SPECIAL AWARDS will receive a certificate and/or award.
<b>COUNTY, DISTRICT, STATE CONTEST</b>	4-H participants will receive a certificate as all awards would have been presented the day of the contest or via mail following contest. Any additional awards will be the responsibility of the project leader/coach.

**4-H CLUB & PROJECT AWARDS**

Typically clubs and projects recognize their members during their end of year party but any special awards are welcome to be announced during the Annual Young County 4-H Awards Banquet, especially this year as we are wanting to increase participation. *Please let us know your plans regarding recognition for your club and project members as well as any recognition items your club or project plans to gift your members.*

*All awards/recognition items are the responsibility of the club or project volunteer and any funds spent would come from either a club or project account or can be donated.*

Name	Club/Project Name	Club/Project Recognition	Additional Details being provided by club/project leader.	Volunteer Presenting Award
Snow White	CLUB: Hi-Ho 4-H Club	Attendance Award	100% Attendance Patch	John Smith
Daffy Duck	PROJECT: Food & Nutrition	Project Clown Award	Gag Gift	Mickey Mouse

Please contact Young County Extension Office with any questions or concerns as we want to make sure our Annual Awards Banquet is a great success while recognizing as many of our 4-H members as possible.

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