



## 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

9. What have you learned in 4-H (25 words or less)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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*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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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 11, 2021**