

RECOGNITION FOR 4-H SENIOR MEMBERS

Gold Star & Danforth Awards

The Gold Star Award is one of the most sought after 4-H awards at the county level. It is awarded each year to two - three youth, based on the number of senior 4-H members enrolled in the County 4-H program. The award is for senior 4-H members and is based on their total 4-H career. Any 4-H member not meeting the minimum criteria will not be considered for the award.

Guidelines for Awarding the Gold Star and Danforth - I Dare You Awards.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years old 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 member must attend at least 50% of his/her club meetings.
4. The 4-H member must submit an awards program **Record Book** in the year he or she is to be considered for the Gold Star or Danforth - I Dare You awards.
5. The Gold Star is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to race, sex, religion, handicap, creed or national origin.
6. A member may receive the Gold Star Award or Danforth - I Dare You Award only one time.

7. **Projects and Activities**

During his/her years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have:

- A. Completed projects in three(3) different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and/or Record Book.
- B. Participated in one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas:
 - * Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - * Contests
 - * Project Exhibits
 - * Camps
 - * Leadership Lab
 - * Citizenship Activities
 - * Public Relations (For Example: Demonstrations, Speeches, Poster Displays, Club Exhibits, Project Shows, Radio, TV, Newspaper, Special Projects)
 - * Other May Include: 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.

8. During his or her years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have exhibited leadership skills in 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 a Junior or Teen Leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.
9. Community Service - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. For example:
 - A. Working or counseling with Junior 4-H members.
 - B. Community service projects, either individual, group or club-type projects.
 - C. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects, and/or exhibits.

Gold Star Selection Procedure:

- * Interviews will be held by a team of 2-3 judges with location and times to be announced.
- * Selection of winners will be based off interview, and application.

No makeup interviews!

Texas 4-H Gold Star:

The presentation of the Gold Star Pin begun in 1933, the first year Mr. E.C. Martin was Boys 4-H Club Specialist. Mr. Martin tells us the pin was prompted by an effort to recognize the people who did the work rather than the agents. Previous to this time, the agents submitting the largest number of 4-H records received the recognition.

Records in the Extension Fiscal office indicates that the first Gold Star Pins were purchased in 1933. For the first several years the Gold Star Pins were presented at a dinner during Short Course at College Station. In the beginning each county made a nomination of their outstanding 4-H member and 100 members were selected to receive the award. After several years, the awards were presented to the outstanding 4-H boy and 4-H girl in each county.

Danforth - I Dare you Award:

William H. Danforth's *I Dare You* was first 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. A copy of the book and a personalized certificate suitable for framing comprise the tangible parts of the award. Brazos County will give two (2) awards to deserving Senior age 4-H Members (15 and up as of current 4-H year). The selection procedure is the same as for the Gold Star selection.

Applicant		
Last Name	First Name	Middle

Email

County _____ Number of Years in 4-H Club work _____

Age (as of Jan. 1) _____ Birth Date _____

3. What influence has your 4-H involvement had on your family?

