

DENTON COUNTY 4-H 2023-2024 MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS PACKET

Please find the attached Awards Information for the 2023-2024 4-H year in Denton County. Information for awards has been divided up between age groups. All 4-H'ers who wish to apply for awards must be sure to complete all necessary requirements as listed in the attached packet. Completed award packets will be due back to the Denton County AgriLife Office for 4-H & Youth Development by Monday, July 1, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Judging interviews for these awards will take place on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Information regarding the interviews will become available after all applications are received.

All applicants must attend the 2023-2024 Denton County 4-H Gold Star Banquet on Saturday, August 10, 2024. 4-H members are recognized at the annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet for accomplishments made during the year.

Please contact our office at (940) 349-2884 with any questions regarding these awards and the application process.

Important Dates

July 1st **Award applications due to extension office by 4:30 PM**
July 10th **Award interviews at the office - SAVE THIS DATE IF YOU APPLY**
August 10th **Gold Star Banquet**

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JUNIOR 4-H MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

❖ *BRONZE STAR AWARD*

Each year Denton County has the opportunity to select up to two 4-H members to be recognized as Bronze Star 4-H'ers. The Bronze Star Award is the highest award that a junior 4-H member can receive; and is awarded to an outstanding junior 4-H member. This may be received only once in a junior member's 4-H career. Winners of the Bronze Star award shall receive a 4-H Bronze Award commendation.

Requirements:

- To be considered for the Bronze Star Award a 4-H member must be in grades 3, 4, or 5 with a minimum age of 8.
- The 4-H member must have completed at least one year in 4-H, including the current year.
- The 4-H member must submit a Record Book in the year they are to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities conducted for a community group outside of 4-H.

INTERMEDIATE 4-H MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

❖ *SILVER STAR AWARD*

Each year Denton County has the opportunity to select up to two 4-H members to be recognized as Silver Star 4-H'ers. The Silver Star Award is the highest award that an Intermediate 4-H member can receive; and is awarded to an outstanding intermediate 4-H member. This may be received only once in an Intermediate member's 4-H career. Winners of the Silver Star award shall receive the 4-H Silver Award commendation.

Requirements:

- For Silver Star Award the 4-H member must be in grades 6, 7, or 8.
- The 4-H member must have completed at least two years in 4-H, including the current year.
- The 4-H member must submit a Record Book in the year they are to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities conducted for a community group outside of 4-H.

SENIOR 4-H MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

*Senior 4-H members can only win one award in this section per year.

❖ GOLD STAR AWARD

Each year Denton County has the opportunity to select up to two members, based on the number of senior members enrolled in the program as designated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to be recognized as Gold Star 4-H'ers. This is the highest award given by the 4-H program and may be received only once in their career. It dates back to 1933, when Mr. E.C. Martin awarded the first Gold Star Award. Winners of the Gold Star Award will receive the Gold Star Award commendation and a financial scholarship.

Requirements:

- The 4-H member must be in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- The 4-H member must have completed at least three years in 4-H, including the current year.
- The 4-H member must submit a Record Book in the year they are to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities conducted for a community group outside of 4-H.
- The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair (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 completed projects in at least three different project areas, submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Projects and/or Project Exhibits
 - Participation in Leadership Experiences such as Leadership Labs, Texas 4-H Congress, or National Leadership Events such as National 4-H Congress/Conference, and any county, district, or state leadership group.
 - Competitive Events (judging, educational presentation, public speaking, food show, quiz bowls, etc.).
 - Citizenship activities
 - Camps at the county, district, or state level.
 - 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fund raising)

Note: The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program.

❖ ***DANFORTH “I DARE YOU” AWARD***

Two Danforth “I Dare You” award winners may be selected each year. The “I Dare You!” Leadership Award was first offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth. Mr. Danforth was a successful businessman who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of leadership and service. Mr. Danforth lived his life by a four-fold philosophy – representing one’s physical, mental, social, and spiritual sides in balance. The “I Dare You!” Leadership Award recognizes those who, with a little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders – young adults who are ready to take the dare. Winners of the Danforth “I Dare You” Award will receive an award commendation.

Requirements:

- For Danforth “I Dare You” Award the 4-H member must be at least 14 and not have passed their 18th birthday as of August 31st.
- The 4-H member must show outstanding qualities in servant leadership.
- The 4-H member must have completed at least two years in 4-H including the current year.

❖ ***FARM BUREAU CITIZENSHIP AWARD***

Two Farm Bureau Citizenship award winners may be selected each year. Recipients of this award are recognized as engaged and outstanding citizens in their communities and have went above and beyond. Winners of the Farm Bureau Citizenship Award will receive an award commendation.

Requirements:

- For Farm Bureau Citizenship Award the 4-H member must be at least 14 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year.
- The 4-H member must have completed at least two years in 4-H, including the current year.
- Youth demonstrate characteristics of an outstanding citizen and/or have contributed to their community through their 4-H project in a significant way.

❖ ***DENTON COUNTY 4-H AL PETTY SCHOLARSHIP***

Each year the Al Petty Scholarship is awarded to a deserving youth who completes an application and is selected by the scholarship committee. This award is named after Mr. Al Petty, whom served as a County Extension Agent in Denton County for almost 30 years. Winners of the Al Petty Scholarship will receive an award commendation and a financial scholarship.

Requirements:

- For the Al Petty Scholarship the 4-H member must be a graduating senior of the current 4-H year.
- The 4-H member must complete the Al Petty Scholarship Application.
- Youth must demonstrate a strong involvement in 4-H and a financial need for educational expenses after graduating from high school.

COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION AWARDS

❖ **4-H CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Each club may annually complete and return the Texas 4-H Club Standards of Excellence Report form. Clubs who meet the minimum criteria will receive a certificate.

❖ **DISTRICT JACKETS**

4-H'ers who win first place in a District IV 4-H contest are eligible to receive a District Winner Jacket.

- Only one jacket per age level may be earned (Junior, Intermediate or Senior). Winning in a consecutive year in the same age bracket, members may receive additional embroidery at cost.
- Jackets can only be ordered for the current 4-H year and will not be ordered without parental authorization, proper paperwork and payment.
- The Denton County Parent-Leaders Association will pay half the cost of the initial jacket.

❖ **RECORDBOOK AWARDS**

4-Hers who enter a Record Book in the Denton County 4-H Record Book competition shall receive a 4-H Project Pin and free admission (plus one free guest) to the Denton County 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

❖ **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**

4-Hers who have accomplished an outstanding amount of volunteer hours qualify to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Hours must be completed in a 12-month period. Hour requirements are set by the AmeriCorps. As the certifying organization, 4-H requires a log of service hours signed off by club manager or volunteer coordinator for event. At least 25% of volunteer hours must be related to 4-H or one of your 4-H projects.

Hour Requirements Set by AmeriCorps:

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (8-10 years old)	26-49 hours	50-74 hours	75+ hours
Teens (11-15)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours
Young Adults (16-19)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	500+ hours

4-H families must pay the cost for the award. Award Packages include: Customized certificate, choice of pin, corn or medallion, and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States. Certificate only is \$5, Certificate & Pin is \$6.50, Certificate & Coin is \$10.50, and Certificate & Medallion is \$10.50. Payment is due the same time as all the Gold Star Awards. Checks can be made payable to the Denton 4-H Fund.

❖ ***FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD***

The recipient must have shown active support toward the 4-H program. An active 4-H adult leader is not eligible for this award. The Friend of 4-H Award will be given to one organization or individual each year. A recipient can receive the award only once. The recipient must be present to win. Please contact nominees prior to submitting their name to be sure they are willing to accept the honor.

❖ ***RISING STAR AWARD***

This award is to recognize outstanding first and second year 4-H members. 4-H members may receive this award one time. Recipients of this award are recognized as going above and beyond while making the most of their short time in 4-H. To be considered for this award, individuals must be nominated by their Club Leader. Winners of the Rising Star Award will receive an award commendation.

❖ ***CLUB SUPERSTAR AWARD***

This award is to recognize an individual that shows a strong commitment to their club and is very active in all of the clubs activities. This individual may not be the loudest in the room or the center of attention but the club would not be the same without them. To be considered for this award, individuals must be nominated by their Club Leader. Each club is eligible to have a winner and winners of the Club Superstar Award will receive an award commendation.