



Kendall County



**Award Application
Guide**

2022-2023



KENDALL COUNTY 4-H AWARD PROGRAM



The Kendall County 4-H Awards and Recognition Handbook has been developed to inform 4-Hers and parents of the awards and recognitions that are available on the County Level. The Awards Program is designed to recognize boys and girls for their project work, leadership and personal growth and development. We hope that this handbook will be beneficial to the 4-H member.

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**RECORD BOOK
 COUNTY RECOGNITION AND ACHIEVMENT**

Record Book Awards are made based on what is reported in the 4-H Record Book. Committees judge or evaluate project work and achievement, leadership, personal growth and development by reading the record books. Awards begin at the county level with ribbons or certificates. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions all continue to the District Level where placing ribbons are awarded. Seniors placing first at District in respective category will advance to State level competition.

Important Dates

All applications, and record books are due to the County Extension Office on:

Tuesday May 30, 2023 by 5:00 PM

All age / grade requirements are as of:

August 31, 2022

Junior Age Category – grades 3, 4, 5

Intermediate Age Category – grades 6, 7, 8

Senior Age Category – grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Award Interviews will be held in person.

Thursday, June 1, 2022

Requirements for Record Book Completion

1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. 4-H Story & Photo Portfolio
4. Report Forms
 - I - 4-H Project Experiences
 - II - 4-H Leadership Experiences
 - III - 4-H Community Service
 - IV - Other 4-H Projects
 - V - 4-H Recognition & Awards
 - VI - Non-4-H Activities VII - College & Career Exploration

Resources can be found @ <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/?s=recordbook>

KENDALL COUNTY RECOGNITION

The Recognition Awards provide criteria-based standard of achievement for 4-H members. The 4-H member will be able to work toward non-competitive awards that will build their self-confidence.

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| BRONZE STAR | Presented up to two outstanding 4-H junior members (grades 3rd – 5th). May be received one time only. Must complete and submit a 4-H Record Book as award criteria. |
| SILVER STAR | Presented to up to two outstanding 4-H Intermediate members (grades 6th - 8th.) May be received one time only. Must complete and submit a 4-H Record Book as award criteria. |
| GOLD STAR | Awarded each year to up to three outstanding Senior 4-H members (must have completed 9th grade - 12th) in Kendall County based on their total 4-H career. A member may receive the Gold Star Award only one time. Must complete and submit a 4-H Record Book as award criteria. |
| DANFORTH I DARE YOU | <p>Awarded each year to two outstanding senior 4-H members (15 years of age and up of the current 4-H year) who offered excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership. May be received one time only. Must complete and submit a 4-H Record Book as award criteria.</p> <p>*Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of I Dare You!, William H. Danforth’s classic motivational book, and an invitation to join other young leaders at the National Leadership Conference.</p> |
| 4-H SERVICE MEDAL | Recognition awarded to 4-H member, (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior age) for outstanding community service and volunteer work. Must complete and submit a 4-H Record Book as award criteria (will be selected from applications submitted.) |
| 4-H LEADERS & ACHIEVERS MEDAL | Recognition awarded to 4-H member, (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior age) for outstanding leadership on the project, club, and or county level. Must complete and submit a 4-H Record Book as award criteria (will be selected from applications submitted.) |

REQUIRED as Cover Sheet to Application

Bronze Star, Silver Star, Gold Star, Danforth, & County Medals

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Applications submitted (check all that apply)

Bronze Star
Silver Star
Gold Star

- Danforth I Dare You
- 4-H Leaders & Achievers Medal
- 4-H Service Medal

4-H Member Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

RECOGNITION FOR 4-H JUNIOR MEMBERS

BRONZE STAR AWARD

Criteria for selection:

1. The Bronze Star Award will be presented each year to up to three (3) outstanding 4-H Junior Members. Age requirements are: 3rd grade to 5th grade at the time of application.
2. Must have been in 4-H for at least one year.
3. The Bronze Star Award will be presented to the most deserving junior member without regard to gender.
4. The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the Bronze Star Award.
5. A member may receive the Bronze Star Award only one time.

RECOGNITION FOR 4-H INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS

SILVER STAR AWARD

Criteria for selection:

1. The Silver Star Award will be presented each year to up to three (3) outstanding 4-H Intermediate Members at the County Awards Banquet. Age requirements are: grades 6th – 8th at the time of application.
2. Must have been in 4-H for at least two years.
3. The Silver Star Award will be presented to the most deserving intermediate member without regard to gender.
4. The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the Silver Star Award.
5. Must have participated in various 4-H activities, community service and leadership experiences.
6. A member may receive the Silver Star Award only one time.

Judging process:

- 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 Recordbook and achievements.

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. Age Requirement is 9th-12th grade at the time of application.(Must be 15 or older for Danforth award)
2. The 4-H member must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
3. The Gold Star is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to race, sex, religion, handicap, creed or national origin.
4. A member may receive the Gold Star Award or Danforth - I Dare You Award only one time.
5. **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:
 - *Contests (public speaking, educational presentations, and judging contest.)
 - *Livestock Projects
 - *Leadership Lab
 - *Citizenship Activities
 - *Ambassador Programs
 - *Congress
6. 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.
7. 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.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Sample Interview Questions

1. Introduce and tell us about yourself.
2. What is 4-H, and why is it important to you?
3. What do the four H's in 4-H stand for?
4. Tell us about your main project area? What made you pick this as your main project?
5. How has 4-H helped you to be successful in these activities?
6. What is something you have learned from 4-H?
7. What leadership opportunity has meant the most to you this year?
8. Have you held any offices this year? If so, what were they?
9. How have you been an influence to younger 4-H'ers in your county?
10. Have you helped other people through 4-H (community service)? Tell us about it. Why do you think community service is such an important part of 4-H?
11. Talk about some of the community service projects that you participated in or helped to coordinate?
12. What activities are you involved with or enjoy outside of 4-H?

Others:

- If you could change something about 4-H what would it be?
- Tell us a funny/most unforgettable/disappointing moment in 4-H.
- What is a goal that you have? How can 4-H help you reach it?
- What leadership roles have you been in with 4-H?
- Have you helped other people because of 4-H (community service)? Tell us about it.
- What is something that you are most proud of?

*****Judges will also ask Seniors additional questions that may not be listed above.**