Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who are 15+ years of age by August 31 of the current 4-H year. A 4-H member may receive the award only once. This award is presented by the Danforth Foundation, and thus the application process must conform to their requirements.

Purpose: William F. Danforth, founder of Ralston Purina, wrote the book, “I Dare You” from his personal experience. He challenged young people to their highest potential in service and good citizenship. The Danforth “I Dare You” Award recognizes youth who have an in-depth knowledge of the 4-H program. It is to challenge them to develop their skills for future endeavors through life and, most importantly, service to others. The “I Dare You” Award will be presented to two (2) distinguished youth in the County at the County Awards Program. The award consists of a copy of *I Dare You*, and a certificate. Additionally, youth who are awarded will receive an invitation to apply for a scholarship to attend a 7-day International Leadership Conference (ILC) at one of A.Y.F.’s three sites (Michigan, New Hampshire and California). For more information: [www.ayf.com](http://www.ayf.com)

How to Apply: Members should complete the *I Dare You Essay Form* (Page 29). Members will turn in their form with all signatures and required attachments to the County 4-H Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230) by the County Awards due date.

Requirements for the “I Dare You” Award:

A. **Member must be 15+ years old by August 31 of the current 4-H year.**

B. **Member must turn in a completed Recordbook** during year the member is applying for the “I Dare You” Award. The *4-H Member Recognition Application Form* (Pg. 26) should be clipped to the outside front of your original Recordbook. **Three (3) copies of completed recordbook MUST be turned in with the original recordbook.** The copies may be in black and white. Recordbook guidelines and forms can be found on our website: [http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/](http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/)

C. **Complete the *I Dare You Award Essay Form* (Pg. 29) and turn it in with your 4-H Recordbook. Essay should be 1 page with font no smaller than 10 pt.**

D. **Applicant should demonstrate in their essay:**

   ⊹ Desire to do their best by leading balanced lives, demonstrate a commitment to discovering and developing their personal best, and make a positive difference in their communities.

   ⊹ Through the promise of their character and leadership, the 4-H member selected should be dedicated to help make the world a better place for all.
This award recognizes 4-H youth that strive to be their best, lead balanced lives, and demonstrate a commitment to discovering and developing their personal best. Applicants should be making a positive difference in their communities through the promise of their character and leadership. Through these works, they are helping make the world a better place for all.

Please write a one page essay in the space below (font no smaller than 10 pt.) that addresses the following questions:

- How have you been involved with 4-H at various levels (Club, County, District, State)?
- How has 4-H helped you reach your true potential?
- How will you use the skills that you have gained in 4-H for future endeavors?