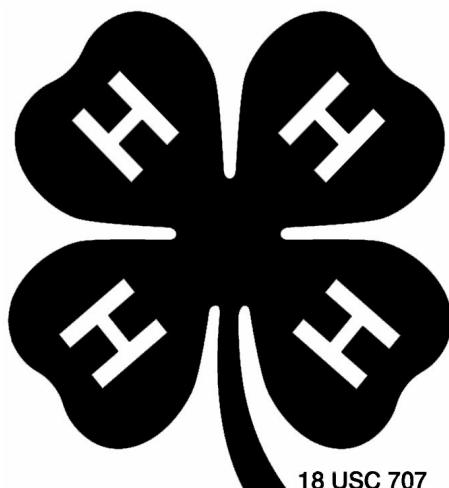


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BEXAR COUNTY 4-H
"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

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BEXAR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



HISTORY

It was in the fall of 1907 that Tom Marks met with 12 young men to form a Corn Club. The purpose was to teach young people new practices for raising corn that the farmers (fathers) would not adopt. Tom Marks of Jack County, Texas, organized the first Boys' Corn Club. Girls became involved in 4-H when Mrs. Edna Trigg started the Girls' Tomato Club in Milam County, Texas, in 1911.

From those roots, we have formed the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program today that has young people in all 254 counties involved in learning life skills, leadership, volunteer service, self confidence, and commitment to Country. 4-H members include boys and girls age 8 and third grade to 18, from all ethnic, cultural and economic groups, and from all geographic locations. Each day these more than 640,000 youth change their lives, their future, and the future of our state.



In Texas, as everywhere, our youth are our future. How we strive to develop and encourage hard work and dedication of our youth will determine the leaders and citizens of the future, not only for Texas, but for the nation and the world.

Today we still hold true to our origin of teaching young people in small groups at the club level in project groups. Traditional projects in agriculture and home economics are still popular, but 4-H members also participate in activities such as aerospace, shooting sports, public speaking, and wildlife. These are just a few of the many projects available which makes 4-H an organization for all Texas youth, whether they live on farms or in metropolitan areas.

4-H CLUB MOTTO AND PLEDGE

In support of the 4-H Club Motto, "To Make the Best Better"

I Pledge:

My HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living for my club,
my community, my country and my world.

4-H CREED

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it gives me to become a useful citizen.
I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.
I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.
I believe in the training of my HANDS for the dignity it will give me to be helpful, useful and skillful.
I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, resist disease and to work efficiently.
I believe in my country, my state and my community and in my responsibility for their development.
In all of these things I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

4-H CLUB PRAYER

"Help me, O Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better because Thou didst make me. Amen."

4-H EMBLEM AND COLORS

The 4-H Club emblem is a four leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The four "Hs" stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. Leaves of the clover are green and the "Hs" are white. The white is for purity. Green is nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth.

The 4-H clover is one of the most widely recognized symbols in our nation. It is copyrighted and use of the clover must meet national and state guidelines.

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION HANDBOOK

Objectives:

- To outline the many opportunities open to youth and adults in the Bexar County 4-H Program. Participation in the Bexar County 4-H Program is open to anyone interested without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, socioeconomic level, age, or national origin.
- To encourage participation of members in awards and recognition events, modifications to standard criteria may be made as indicated to accommodate a wide array of special needs. Arrangements for modifications are made through the county office.

This handbook was prepared and reviewed by the Bexar County 4-H Awards and Recognition Task Force and adopted by the Bexar County 4-H Council, May 16, 1991. The Award and Recognition Handbook and the criteria it contains are updated periodically by the Awards and Recognition Task Force. Program revisions are then approved by the Bexar County 4-H Council.

(Program Revisions approved by Bexar County 4-H Council, May 11, 1995 and become effective September 1, 1995. Revisions approved by Bexar County 4-H Awards and Recognition Task Force July 2004. Revisions approved by Bexar County 4-H Awards and Recognition Task Force June 29, 2006 and become effective September 1, 2006. Revision approved by Bexar County 4-H Council became effective September 1, 2008.)

Section 2 – **Club Level Awards and Recognition**

The member's best and most important experiences are at the club level. These awards were developed as a way for clubs to recognize the work and accomplishment of 4-H members at the local level.

The awards are designed to be used at the club level with the wisdom and guidance of the club manager. The County Office will provide certificates for each award winner selected for club level awards.

Clubs may decide **not to use** these awards for their members. That decision rests with the club leadership.

Club level awards are designed so that each member may complete the requirements and every member who completes the requirements may receive the award.

Club level Awards include:

- 4-H Club Rookie Award – This may be awarded to a first year enrolled 4-H member without regards to age. Club may give as many, or as few, rookie awards as the club decides. Only one Rookie **from each club** will be recognized at the County Award Program as the 4-H Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award. (This is not meant for Clover Kids.)
- Junior 4-H All Star Award – Third grade to 10 years old
- Intermediate 4-H All Star Award – 11 to 13 years old
- Senior 4-H All Star Award – 14 to graduating senior

The applications for the above awards are submitted to the Club Manager. Each club may set their own deadline or due date for club level awards.



4-H CLUB ROOKIE AWARD



MAY BE AWARDED TO ANY AGE FIRST YEAR 4-H MEMBER meeting the 4-H age requirements for membership.

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

CLUB: _____

Signature/Verification - The 4-H Club Manager or Project Leader may verify completion of standards.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR A CLUB 4-H ROOKIE AWARD:

	SIGNATURE	DATE
A. SELECT and PARTICIPATE WITH ONE PROJECT		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PLAN FORM OR RECORD BOOK		
C. GIVE A REPORT TO A PROJECT LEADER OR CLUB MANAGER ON THE PROJECT		
D. GIVE A DEMONSTRATION, TALK, OR PREPARE AN EXHIBIT ON PROJECT		
E. PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE		
F. MEET CLUB ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES		

4-H MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

PROJECT LEADER SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

****THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 4-H
"OUTSTANDING ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD"
(ONE PER CLUB will be recognized at the County Awards Program as the 4-H Club
Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award.)

CLUB 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

4-H Club Rookie Award and the Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award

Eligibility: The award is given at the club level. All 1st year new members of 4-H are eligible to apply. This award is intended for youth who are new to the 4-H experience at any age level. The award is not meant for Clover Kids.

Instructions: Complete all information, obtain required signatures and submit to your Club Manager by the club due date.

Standards for Club Rookie Award:

- Select and Participate in a Project - Project should have complete support of parent or guardian, and the member should have understanding of what is expected to complete the project.
- M.A.P. - Member Achievement Plan - Secure 4-H M.A.P. - Member Achievement Plan from the Club Manager or Project Group Leader at beginning of project and fill out needed information throughout the project. Contact project leader for help in securing project materials or writing project goals. May substitute a record book for a MAP form to meet this requirement.
- Report to Leader - Member must report to a project leader or a Club Manager about their project goals, learning experiences, and what they accomplished.
- Present A Demonstration or Talk or Make an Exhibit - Member must prepare a demonstration or talk on their project, or any subject; (cannot also be counted as Item C). The exhibit must be about their project.
- Community Service - Help with a Community Service project.
- Follow your 4-H club attendance policies.

NOTE:

The "Club Rookie" form must be submitted to Club Manager for the member to be eligible for county "Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award." Each club may decide how many rookie awards to give. from those Rookie Awards. The Club Manager will select ONE as Outstanding Rookie of the Year for recognition at the 4-H Awards Program. Ask your Club Manager for due date.

Each club determines how the "Outstanding Rookie of the Year" county award is selected.



JUNIOR 4-H ALL STAR AWARD



All 4-H members ages third grade to 10 years old are eligible to receive this award each year. All requirements may be completed in one year or within the time that a member is a junior.

Signature/Verification - Only 4-H Club Manager or Project Leader may verify completion of standards.

<u>REQUIRED</u>	What Was Done	1st YR. (initials)	2nd YR. (initials)	3rd YR. (initials)
A. SELECT AND COMPLETE ONE PROJECT				
B. TURN IN A COMPLETE M.A.P. - MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PLAN OR A RECORDBOOK				
C. GIVE A REPORT TO LEADER ON PROJECT				
D. GIVE A DEMONSTRATION, TALK OR EXHIBIT PROJECT				
E. FOLLOW YOUR CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY. CHECK WITH YOUR LEADER FOR THE REQUIREMENTS.				
<u>COMPLETE ANY 5 OF THESE 6 ITEMS</u>				
F. SERVE ON A COMMITTEE OR AS AN ELECTED OFFICER				
G. PARTICIPATE BY DOING A PRESENTATION AT COUNTY ROUNDUP				
H. PARTICIPATE IN A COUNTY-WIDE EVENT				
I. BRING PARENT/GUARDIAN TO 50% OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS				
J. TURN IN COMPLETE AWARDS PROGRAM RECORD BOOK				
K. HELP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT				

Have you received this award before? Yes ____ No ____

CLUB MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE OF CLUB MANAGER OR DESIGNEE

DATE

Junior 4-H All Star Award

Eligibility: This award is given at the club level. 4-H members must be age 8 and in 3rd grade to 10 years old as of August 31 of the current year to be eligible.

Instructions: Fill in what was done column, complete member & parent signatures and submit to Club Manager by the club due date.

Standards for Junior 4-H All Star Award:

Must meet all of items A-E:

- A. Select Project - Project should have complete support of parent or guardian, and member should have understanding of what is expected to complete project.
- B. M.A.P. - Member Achievement Plan - Secure 4-H M.A.P. - Member Achievement Plan from Club Manager or Project Leader at beginning of project and fill out needed information throughout the project. Contact project group leader for help in securing project materials or writing project goals.
- C. Report to Leader - Member must report to leader about their project and what they accomplished.
- D. Present Demonstration or Talk or Make an Exhibit - Member must prepare a demonstration or talk on their project or any subject (cannot also be counted as Item C). The exhibit must be about their project.
- E. Local Club Meetings - Member must follow the attendance requirements set forth by the 4-H club. Member may utilize Club Secretary to authorize this standard. If the club has no standard in their bylaws, member must attend 50% of regular 4-H club meetings. Check with your leader for the requirements.

In addition, must complete 5 of the following 6 items:

- F. Elected Officer, Committee Chairman or Committee Member - Includes: offices held at project group, club, or county level; Chairman, co-chairman or committee member at any level of 4-H.
- G. Participate in Round-up Events - Refer to current year Texas 4-H Round-up Guide for listing of contests/activities.
- H. Participate in County-wide 4-H Event - List participation in any event publicized in 4-H newsletter.
- I. Parents/Guardian attend 50% of meetings.
- J. Complete 4-H Record Book - Completed Record Book must be turned in to Extension office for judging.
- K. Community Service - Take active role in a Community Service Project.

Note: Each 4-H club will decide how many of each award and how the award will be selected.



INTERMEDIATE 4-H ALL STAR AWARD



Intermediate All Star is designed to reward work accomplished while the 4-H members is 11-13. When a 4-H member becomes 11 years old, he/she may begin work on the 4-H Intermediate All Star Award. All 4-H members 11-13 are eligible to receive this award.

Signature/Verification - Only 4-H Club Manager or Project Leader may verify completion of standards.

<u>REQUIRED to complete A-D</u>	What Was Done	1 st YR. (initials)	2 nd YR. (initials)	3 rd YR. (initials)
A. SELECT TWO (2) DIFFERENT PROJECTS				
B. TURN IN TWO (2) M.A.P. - MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PLANS OR COMPLETE A (1) RECORD BOOK				
C. GIVE DEMONSTRATION/TALK/EXHIBIT ON TWO (2) PROJECTS				
D. FOLLOW THE ATTENDANCE POLICY OF YOUR 4-H CLUB. Check with your leader for the requirements.				
<u>ALSO COMPLETE 10 OF THE FOLLOWING 12</u>				
E. BRING PARENT/GUARDIAN TO 50% OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS				
F. SERVE ON COMMITTEE OR AS AN ELECTED OFFICER				
G. PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT				
H. PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVITY TO PROMOTE 4-H				
I. RECRUIT ONE OR MORE NEW MEMBERS				
J. PARTICIPATE IN A COUNTY ROUNDUP EVENT				
K. PARTICIPATE IN TWO (2) COUNTY WIDE 4-H EVENTS				
L. ASSIST WITH COUNTY WIDE EVENT				
M. TURN IN COMPLETE AWARDS PROGRAM RECORD BOOK				
N. REPRESENT COUNTY AT DISTRICT/STATE EVENT OR ACTIVITY				
O. PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITY				
P. ASSIST LEADERS WITH PROJECT GROUP OR CLUB ACTIVITIES				

Have you received this award before? Yes _____ No _____

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE OF CLUB MANAGER OR DESIGNEE

DATE

Intermediate 4-H All Star Award

Eligibility: This award is given at the club level. Members must be ages 11-13 years old as of August 31 of current year. Club decides how to use the award. It is meant for all members who meet the criteria to receive the award.

Instructions: Fill in what was done column, complete member & parent signatures and submit to Club Manager by the club due date.

Standards for Intermediate all Star Award:

Must complete A-D:

- A. Select and participate in 2 different Projects - Projects should have complete support of parent or guardian, and member should have understanding of what is expected to complete project.
- B. 2 M.A.P. - Member Achievement Plan or 1 Record book- Secure 4-H M.A.P. - Member Achievement Plan from Club Manager or Project Leader at beginning of project and fill out needed information throughout the project. Contact project group leader for help in securing project materials or writing project goals.
- C. Present Demonstration/Talk or Make an Exhibit - Member must prepare a presentation, it may or may not be on their project. The exhibit must be about their project. Presentations or exhibit must be on two different projects.
- D. Local Club Meetings - Member must follow club attendance policy. If there is no policy in the club bylaws, member must attend one-half of regular monthly meetings. Member may utilize Club Secretary to authorize this standard. Check with your club manager for requirements.

Must complete **any 10 of the following:**

- E. Parent/Guardian attends 50% of meetings.
- F. Elected Officer, Committee Chairman or Committee Member - Includes: offices held at project
- G. Community Service - Organize or participate in a community service project.
- H. Promote 4-H Activity - Organize or participate in an activity to promote 4-H.
- I. Recruit new 4-H members.
- J. Participate in Roundup Events - Refer to current year Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for listings of
- K. Participate in County-Wide 4-H Event - List participation in two (2) or more events publicized in 4-H
- L. Assist with Program at County Level - Report any county-wide event you assisted with or were
- M. Complete 4-H Record book - Completed Record book must be turned in to Extension office
- N. Represent County at any District or State Level Activity/event - This may be competitive events,
- O. Participate in Other than 4-H - Report activities in other organizations, including school, church, community.
- P. Assist with Club Activity - Include tours, meetings, programs, project group meetings, etc. List activity where you helped.

Note: Each 4-H club will decide how many of each award and how the award will be selected.



SENIOR 4-H ALL STAR AWARD



4-H members ages 14 and over are eligible for this award upon completing the following requirements. Requirements may be completed in one year or over a period of several years. Members must count requirements completed after age 14.

Signature/Verification - Only 4-H Club Manager or Project Leader may verify completion of standards.

<u>REQUIRED</u>	What Was Done	1 st YR. initials	2 nd YR. initials	3 rd YR. initials	4 th YR. initials
A. COMPLETE THREE (3) OR MORE PROJECTS					
B. ATTEND 1/2 OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS OR FOLLOW THE CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY. CHECK WITH CLUB MANAGER.					
<u>COMPLETE 11 OF THE FOLLOWING 13</u>					
C. SERVE AS JUNIOR LEADER OR TEEN LEADER					
D. COMMITTEE MEMBER OR ELECTED OFFICER					
E. ASSIST IN CONDUCTING A COUNTY ACTIVITY OR PROGRAM					
F. TRAINING OR PRESENTATION TO CLUB, PROJECT GROUP OR MEETING					
G. PLAN AND CONDUCT A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT					
H. PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY/DISTRICT/STATE LEADERSHIP TRAINING					
I. PROMOTE 4-H: WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE 4-H NEWSLETTER, AN ARTICLE FOR A SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, OR BE ON RADIO ABOUT 4-H					
J. PARTICIPATE IN A DISTRICT, STATE OR NATIONAL EVENT, PROGRAM OR TRAINING					
K. PARTICIPATE IN A COUNTY ROUNDUP EVENT					
L. COMPETE IN DISTRICT OR STATE LEVEL 4-H COMPETITION					
M. REPRESENT 4-H TO OTHER GROUPS					
N. RESEARCH CAREER OPPORTUNITIES					
O. TURN IN COMPLETE AWARDS PROGRAM RECORDBOOK					

Have you received this award before Yes _____ No _____

MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE OF CLUB MANAGER OR DESIGNEE

DATE

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Senior 4-H All Star Award

Eligibility: This award is given at the club level. Members must be 14 years and over as of August 31 of the current year.

Instructions: Fill in what was done column, member & parent signatures and submit to Club Manager.

Standards for Senior All Star Award:

- A. Complete Project Record - submit a completed Texas 4-H Report Form or Member Achievement Plan form.
- B. Local Club Meetings - Member must follow the attendance requirement of your 4-H club. If there is no attendance policy in your club bylaws, attend 50% of your club meetings. Check with your club manager for requirements.
- C. Junior or Teen Leader in a project or activity - refer to list of responsibilities as listed in Job Description found in 4-H Club Manager Guide.
- D. Elected Officer, Committee Chairman or Committee Member -Includes: offices held at project group, club, or county level; chairman, co-chairman or committee member at any level of 4-H.
- E. Assist with Program at County level - report any county-wide event you assisted with or where you were assigned and carried out a responsibility.
- F. Presentation for club, project group or training meeting - report presentations you gave alone or as a member of a team.
- G. Organized Community Project- plan and conduct a community service project (as an individual or member of committee).
- H. Leadership Training – Participate in activities that teach members leadership as the main objective (Leadership Labs, camp, Officer Training/Leadership Skills Workshop).
- I. Write an article (newspaper, newsletter, or 4-H web site), be on radio about 4-H, be on TV about 4-H or submit an article to a school or community newsletter.
- J. District or State activities and events - participate in any district or state activity or event (Spectra, Texas 4-H Congress, School Tour Guide program, 4-H Day).
- K. Participate in Roundup Events - Refer to the current year Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for listing of contests/activities.
- L. Compete in any district or State level 4-H competition.
- M. Represent 4-H at civic clubs or groups, City Council, County Commissioners Court, school or community activity.
- N. Research Career Opportunities - look into career opportunities available in your major project.
- O. Complete 4-H Record book - Completed record book must be turned in to the Extension Office for judging at the county level.

Note: Each 4-H club will decide how many of each award and how the award will be selected.

County Awards and Recognition

4-H Member Awards

County Level Self Selected and Non-competitive

Year Pins

County Award Medals

Method Demonstration Proficiency Award

Certificates

Project Awards

County Level Competitive Awards

Bronze Star Award

Silver Star Award

Gold Star Award

I Dare You Award

Scholarships

COUNTY 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

4-H Member Awards

Year Pins

Purpose- Recognize 4-H members for completion of project work and 4-H participation. Each member who qualifies will receive a year pin.

Qualifications-

1. Submit completed 4-H M.A.P. - Member Achievement Plan or complete record book
2. Complete 4-H Member Recognition Application and have it signed by club manager
3. Have attended 50% of their monthly club meetings/project meetings
4. Turn application with club manager or project leader signature into the Extension Office by the record book deadline

Award- 4-H year pin is presented at the County Awards Program.

County Award Medals (project pins)

Purpose- Recognize 4-H members for outstanding completion of 4-H project work. Each member who qualifies receives a pin.

Qualifications-

1. Must complete 4-H record book in a category outlined in the Texas 4-H Record Book Guidelines
2. Must meet program objectives of project area in which the book is submitted
3. Must have attended 50% of the monthly club meetings/project meetings
4. Turn in Record Book to the Extension Office by the County Record Book deadline
5. Must complete an application and have club manager or project leader signature

Award- Award medals/project pins will be presented to members at the County Awards Program. Project Pin/award medal will be awarded on the project area (category) in which the record book was submitted. A 4-H member can win only one award medal/project pin per year.

Method Demonstration Proficiency Award

- Must participate in County Roundup of the current 4-H year.
- Must give an educational presentation, illustrated talk and/or share the fun skit to five (5) different groups (**not** including County, District or State Roundup). It does not have to be the same presentation each time.
- Must have Method Demonstration Proficiency Award form (enclosed) completed and signed by a member of group that viewed the presentation.
- Must have all award forms turned in by awards due date (listed in May & June newsletters).

Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form

Name of Presenter: _____

Club: _____ Date: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name of Group Presented to: _____

Signature of Viewer: _____

Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form

Name of Presenter: _____

Club: _____ Date: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name of Group Presented to: _____

Signature of Viewer: _____

Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form

Name of Presenter: _____

Club: _____ Date: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name of Group Presented to: _____

Signature of Viewer: _____

Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form

Name of Presenter: _____

Club: _____ Date: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name of Group Presented to: _____

Signature of Viewer: _____

Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form

Name of Presenter: _____

Club: _____ Date: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name of Group Presented to: _____

Signature of Viewer: _____



BRONZE STAR AWARD



TO RECOGNIZE 4-H MEMBERS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. COUNTIES HAVE AWARD QUOTAS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF 11-12 YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN 4-H DURING THE PREVIOUS 4-H ENROLLMENT YEAR. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MOST DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE.

<u>REQUIRED:</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/>
A. COMPLETED AT LEAST TWO (2) YEARS IN 4-H AND BE 11-12 YEARS OLD	
B. SUBMIT COMPLETED RECORDBOOK WITH THREE COPIES	
C. MUST HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST TWO (2) OR MORE PROJECTS	
D. EXHIBITED LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY SERVING AS A 4-H OFFICER OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CLUB, COUNTY, DISTRICT) AND/OR AS A JUNIOR OR TEEN LEADER	
E. PARTICIPATED IN ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (INDIVIDUAL, GROUP OR CLUB)	
<u>PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:</u>	
F. PARTICIPATE IN A 4-H ROUND UP EVENT	
G. ATTEND A LEADERSHIP TRAINING OR ACTIVITY (LABS, CAMPS, TRAINING)	
H. PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST FOR YOUR PROJECT	
I. DO A PROJECT EXHIBIT (COUNTY LEVEL)	
J. PROMOTE 4-H BY DOING A DEMONSTRATIONS, TALKING ON THE RADIO OR TV, GIVE A SPEECH AT SCHOOL, PUT UP A 4-H POSTER, OR WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE 4-H NEWSLETTER, ETC.)	
K. OTHER 4-H ACTIVITY (EXCHANGE PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, STATE/NATIONAL CONGRESS/CONF.)	

4-H MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

CLUB MANAGER/PROJECT LEADER SIGNATURE

DATE

Bronze Star Award

Eligibility:

- A. Members must be 11 to 12 years of age by August 31 of the current year and have completed at least 2 (two) years in 4-H including the current year.
- B. Member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the Bronze Star Award. **Three (3) copies of completed record book MUST be turned in with the original. The copies may be in black and white.**
- C. Completed at least two (2) or more different project areas.
- D. Exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee member (club, county, district), and/or as a junior or teen leader.
- E. Participated in one or more community service activities (individual, group or club).

Participated in at least two (2) of the following areas:

- F. Participate in a 4-H Round up contest
- G. Participate in a leadership training: Leadership Lab, Camps, Officer Training, Mega Meeting, etc.)
- H. Participate in a contests for a project: stockshows, project show, etc.
- I. Do a Project Exhibits: project poster at events, display board at Youth Day, etc. (County Level)
- J. Promote 4-H by doing a demonstration at a civic club or church group, talk on the radio or TV put up a poster at school or write an article for the County 4-H website or newsletter.
- K. Participate in other 4-H programs (exchange programs, fundraising, state or national congress, etc.).

Note: It is not expected that the above 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-H'er has been in the program.

A 4-H member may receive the award only once.

Number to be awarded is based on Gold Star quotas according to the total number of 11-12 year olds enrolled in 4-H during the previous 4-H enrollment year.

The Bronze Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young people. Appropriate awards will be presented at the County Awards Program.



SILVER STAR AWARD



TO RECOGNIZE 4-H MEMBERS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. COUNTIES HAVE AWARD QUOTAS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF 13-14 YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN 4-H DURING THE PREVIOUS 4-H ENROLLMENT YEAR. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MOST DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE.

<u>REQUIRED:</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/>
A. COMPLETED AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS IN 4-H AND BE 13-14 YEARS OLD	
B. SUBMIT COMPLETED RECORDBOOK WITH AN ADDITIONAL THREE COPIES	
C. MUST HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST THREE (3) OR MORE PROJECTS	
D. EXHIBITED LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY SERVING AS A 4-H OFFICER OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CLUB, COUNTY, DISTRICT) AND/OR AS A JUNIOR OR TEEN LEADER	
E. PARTICIPATED IN ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (INDIVIDUAL, GROUP OR CLUB)	
<u>PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST THREE (3) OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:</u>	
F. 4-H EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION (PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST - ROUNDUP)	
G. PARTICIPATE IN CONTESTS TO SUPPORT 4-H PROJECTS	
H. DEVELOP AND DISPLAY PROJECT EXHIBITS (COUNTY LEVEL)	
I. PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES	
J. PARTICIPATE IN CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES	
K. PROMOTE 4-H WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS (RADIO, TV, SPEECHES, POSTER DISPLAYS, NEWSPAPER)	
L. OTHER (EXCHANGE PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, STATE/NATIONAL CONGRESS/CONF.)	

4-H MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

CLUB MANAGER/PROJECT LEADER SIGNATURE

DATE

Silver Star Award

Eligibility:

- A. Members must be 13 to 14 years of age as of August 31 of the current year and have completed at least three years in 4-H including the current year.
- B. Member must submit an awards program record book in the year he/she is to be considered for the award. **Three black and white copies of completed record book are required along with the original (original and 3 copies).**
- C. Completed projects in three (3) or more different project areas.
- D. Exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, and district) and/or as a junior or teen leader.
- E. Participated in one or more community service activities (individual, group or club).

Participated in at least three (3) of the following areas:

- F. Participate in 4-H Roundup contests - Educational Presentation (Public Speaking Contest - Roundup)
- G. Participate in contests to support projects: project show, stockshow, essay contests, etc.
- H. Develop and display project exhibits at county events, project show, church (County Level)
- I. Participate in leadership trainings or activities: Leadership Lab, Camps, officer training, etc.
- J. Participate in citizenship activities: 4-H Proclamation at Commissioners Court, etc.
- K. Promote 4-H with Public Relations (radio, TV, speeches, poster displays, newspaper)
- L. Other (exchange program, fundraising, state or national congress, national conference).

Note: It is not expected that the above 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-H'er has been in the program.

A member may receive the award only once.

Number to be awarded is based on Gold Star quotas according to the total number of 13-14 year olds enrolled in 4-H during the previous 4-H enrollment year.

Award- Appropriate awards will be presented at the County Awards Program.



GOLD STAR AWARD



TO RECOGNIZE SENIOR 15-18 YEARS OLD 4-H MEMBERS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. THE GOLD STAR AWARD IS THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. COUNTIES HAVE AWARD QUOTAS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS.

<u>REQUIRED:</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/>
A. COMPLETED AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS IN 4-H AND BE AT LEAST 15 YEARS OLD	
B. SUBMIT COMPLETED RECORDBOOK WITH THREE ADDITIONAL COPIES	
C. GOLD STAR AWARD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FORM ATTACHED TO RECORDBOOK	
D. MUST HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST THREE (3) OR MORE DIFFERENT PROJECTS AREAS	
E. EXHIBITED LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY SERVING AS A 4-H OFFICER OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CLUB, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR STATE) AND/OR AS A JUNIOR OR TEEN LEADER	
F. PARTICIPATED IN ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (INDIVIDUAL, GROUP OR CLUB)	
<u>PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST THREE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:</u>	
G. 4-H EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION AS A ROUNDUP CONTEST (PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST - ROUNDUP)	
H. CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES	
I. PROJECTS	
J. DEVELOP AND DISPLAY PROJECT EXHIBITS	
K. ATTEND 4-H OVERNIGHT AND DAY CAMPS	
L. PARTICIPATE AT LEADERSHIP TRAINING: LEADERSHIP LABS, CAMPS, OFFICER TRAINING	
M. PUBLIC RELATIONS (DEMONSTRATIONS, RADIO, TV, SPEECHES, POSTER DISPLAYS, NEWSPAPER, ETC.)	
N. OTHER (EXCHANGE PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, STATE/NATIONAL CONGRESS/ CONFERENCE, ETC.)	

4-H MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

CLUB MANAGER/PROJECT LEADER SIGNATURE

DATE

Guidelines are from the State 4-H Program.

Gold Star Award

Eligibility:

- A. Members must be at least 15 years and over as of August 31 of the current year and have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
- B. Member must submit an awards program record book in the year he/she is to be considered for the award. Three (3) additional copies of completed record book must also be turned in (original and 3 copies, black and white accepted).
- C. A Gold Star Award Biographical Sketch Form is also required to be turned in with record book. (Form can be obtained from 4-H Website or County Extension office).
- D. Completed at least three (3) or more different project areas.
- E. Exhibited Leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state) and/or as a junior or teen leader.
- F. Participated in one or more community service activities (individual, group or club) or motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Participated in at least three (3) of the following areas:

- G. 4-H Educational Presentation (Public Speaking Contest - Roundup).
- H. Citizenship Activities
- I. Projects
- J. Project Exhibits
- K. Camps
- L. Attend leadership trainings and activities: Leadership Lab
- M. Public Relations (radio, TV, speeches, poster displays, newspaper)
- N. Other (exchange program, fundraising, state or national congress, national conference, etc.)

Note: It is not expected that the above 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-H'er has been in the program.

Award- Gold Star certificate plus appropriate award presented at County Awards Program. Number of Gold Star awards is decided by the District 4-H office based on the total number of senior level 4-H members enrolled in the Bexar County 4-H program.

GOLDSTAR AWARD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FORM

Name _____ County _____

Nickname if any _____ Phone Number (with area code) _____

Mailing Address _____

Town, City _____ Zip Code _____

Parents or Guardian names _____

Name of school you attend _____ Grade _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____ Male _____ Female _____ Number of years in 4-H _____

Name of 4-H Club _____

My record book this year was entered in the _____ Awards Program.

What have you learned from 4-H (in 25 words or less):

Program Narrative (See example on the Gold Star Submission instructions) in 100 words or less:

Script Narrative (Please complete the script narrative with a few sentences on one or on each of these Topics in 100 words or less:

- ◆ Most memorable or meaningful experience you have had in 4-H.
- ◆ Most meaningful community service activity
- ◆ Most meaningful leadership experience

"I Dare You Award"

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.

Purpose- Recognize 4-H youth for striving to be their best, leading balanced lives, demonstrate a commitment to discovering and developing their personal best, and making 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.

- Award can only be received once. Two awards will be given each year.
- This award is presented by the Danforth Foundation and application process needs to conform to their requirements.

Qualifications-

- Be between age 15-18 as of August 1 of the current 4-H year
 - Submit an essay of why they deserve the award (essay form attached)
 - Submit a completed record book and application form by county record book due date
- The award consists of a copy of I Dare You, a certificate, and 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).

More information: **www.ayf.com**



I Dare You Award Application



Please answer the questions in the space provided.

How you have been involved with 4-H at various levels (club, county, area, and/or state)?

How 4-H has helped you to reach your potential?

How you will use the skills that you have learned in 4-H in your future endeavors?

Certificates

Completion and participation certificates are available for use by club managers, project leaders and Extension Agents. They are available on the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service Bookstore website (<http://agrilifebookstore.org/>) or through the 4-H Source Book (<http://www.4-hmall.org/>).

Specific Project Awards

Horse Project Awards-contact 4-H Horse Leaders for information on awards.

Other Specific Project Awards

A listing of state awards and recognition can be found in the Texas 4-H Opportunities Handbook. Each club manager should have a copy. One can be obtained at [http:// http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/membership/4H_Clover.pdf](http://http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/membership/4H_Clover.pdf)

Scholarships

The Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service - Bexar County Office does not provide scholarship funds directly, but does provide information on scholarships available from partners and community agencies. Below is a list of potential scholarships and the most current contact information:

- Horse Leaders Scholarships – Contact your Horse project leader for contact information
- Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Scholarships – Check the website at: <http://www.bcjls.com/>
- Texas Extension Education Association Scholarships – Contact the County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Science
- San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarships – Each year an application is made to SALE by the County Extension Staff on behalf of the 4-H program for scholarships to be awarded to Bexar County 4-H members. Those scholarships are based on the availability of funds. The careers and majors eligible for those scholarships are decided by SALE, not the Extension staff, 4-H members or 4-H Council. Other criteria for the scholarships are selected by the 4-H Awards Task Force and approved by SALE.

4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarships – These are awarded through the Texas 4-H Foundations. Each year over 100 Texas 4-H members receive financial support ranging from \$1000 to \$16,000. Deadline for these awards is typically in late January. 4-H members wishing to apply will need to be a senior in high school and have taken AND received ACT and SAT scores by the application deadline. **Watch your newsletter for information and due dates.**

Other opportunities:

GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES

Contact Information:

The Barron Prize
545 Pearl Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302
www.barronprize.org

Honors young people ages 8 to 18 that have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Emphasis is placed on young people who help the environment. Winners receive a \$2,000 cash award. Check their web site for deadlines.

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

Contact Information:

Dr. Toby L. Lepley
Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
7607 Eastmark Dr, Suite 101, College Station, TX 77840
979-845-1212
tlepley@ag.tamu.edu

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans. It is nonpartisan, voluntary and noncompetitive. The program is open to all 14- to 23-year olds. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas—Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace, on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals. Regardless of your situation, you can earn The Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge. The Congressional Award is open to all. For more information: <http://www.congressionalaward.org/>

Adult Volunteer **Recognition/Awards**

Award of the Clover

Bexar County Salute to Excellence

Texas Salute to Excellence

Texas 4-H Alumni Award

The Gift of Time Award

Adult Volunteer Recognition and Awards

Bexar County Level Awards

Award of the Clover

Purpose- Recognize 4-H volunteers and their contribution in length of service to the Bexar County 4-H Program.

Qualifications- Enroll as a 4-H Volunteer Leader (4-H) 2-1.056. Tenure is assigned based on the years with completed leader enrollment forms.

Award- 5-10-15-20-25 year certificates and pins are awarded at the 4-H Awards Program.

Bexar County Salute to Excellence

Purpose- Recognize outstanding Volunteer Adult Leaders.

The Gift of Time Award

Purpose – Recognize outstanding energy, effort or resources contributed by community partners and individuals.

Awards may be presented to 4-H supporters, individuals, businesses or organizations, who have assisted 4-H by providing resources and time “To Make the Best Better”. This is a **County Level Award** presented at the 4-H Awards Program.

Clubs may nominate individuals or businesses by submitting a ONE page letter documenting the reason “The Gift of Time Award” should be presented to the nominee by April 1st to the County Extension Office. 4-H County Council will select those to receive the awards at the April Council meeting. Award will be presented at the County 4-H Awards Program in August.

State Level Leader Awards

Texas Salute to Excellence

Purpose- Recognize outstanding Volunteer Adult Leaders.

Qualifications- Presented on the State level at the Recognition Luncheon during Texas 4-H Roundup. A club, any member, or leader may submit nominees to the Awards Task force at the county level. The Awards Task Force will select a nomination and send it to district level. A district selection committee selects two volunteers from the district to be recognized at state level. This is a **state level** award.

Texas 4-H Alumni Award

Awards may be presented to individuals who have completed a highly successful 4-H career and who have distinguished themselves in service to others in their adult lives. A club or individual may nominate individuals. Applications are received in January to the County Extension Office and are due in February to the District Office. This is a **state level** award.

Individual Awards and **Recognition**

President's Volunteer Service Award
Congressional Award



Opportunities for Individual Recognition



The President's Volunteer Service Award

All 4-H members/adults are eligible to receive the President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition for service to the community and to others. Recipients receive a pin, a certificate and a letter signed by the President of the United States. For information and instructions contact: The President's Volunteer Service Awards, 1400 1 Street NW, Washington, DC 20005, (866) 545-5307. Applications also available in the County Extension office or on their website at: www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov.

The Congressional Award

This award is about challenge. It is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you would like to try for the first time. To earn the Award, you set goals in four areas: volunteer public service; personal development; physical fitness and expedition/exploration. You plan activities to reach those goals. Then you are on your way to earning the Congressional Award.

Program Areas:

- Volunteer Public Service - providing volunteer public service to others and the community.
- Personal Development - developing personal interest, social or employment skills.
- Physical Fitness - improving quality of life through fitness activities.
- Expedition/Exploration - undertaking a wilderness or venture experience.

Levels:

Bronze, Silver, Gold

For more information visit their website at www.congressionalaward.org.

CLUB SCRAPBOOK AWARD

Each year clubs may compete in a Club Scrapbook Competition. This is an award for the club.

Eligibility- Each chartered club or group in Bexar County is eligible to submit one scrapbook each year. The scrapbook must be compiled and prepared by the 4-H members. It may be compiled by the historian or a scrapbook committee.

Deadline for entry – Scrapbooks prepared by members (one per club) are due to the County Extension Office on the same date County Recordbooks are due (in June.)

Scrapbook Design –

Cover and Contents – Scrapbooks should be no larger than 20 inches x 20 inches. No minimum size is required. A new cover can be designed each year or the same cover may be used more than once.

Information in the scrapbook should cover the program and activities for no more than the current 4-H year. The information should cover activities from September of the 4-H year through June of the same 4-H year the book is entered.

Scrapbooks may include: newspaper clippings, photos, club and activity agendas trainings, etc. Other information is acceptable.

Judging –

Scrapbooks entered will be judged and displayed at the 4-H Awards Program in August. Each book will receive a ribbon. First, second and third place are eligible for cash awards based on 4-H Council budget approval and inclusion.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Cover - 5 pts; List of members and officers - 10 pts; Review of 4-H projects completed by members - 30 pts.; Review of club programs - 35 pts.; neatness, organization and creativity - 20 pts.

Definitions and Resources

Definitions – 4-H is an organization full of acronyms and titles. The following list is not an official definition list, it is simply a list the taskforce tried to put together to help eliminate some of the confusion around the awards.

Citizenship – Activities related to civic and government. These activities should focus on how to be a better citizen, support local government, and engage in policies/activities that make the community stronger.

Community Service – Community services activities are activities that help other (not related) people through donation or service. “What did I do to help other people BECAUSE OF 4-H?”

Junior Leader - 4-H club member who has done a good job in his or her project and exhibits leadership. There is no set number of junior leaders for any 4-H club or for any project group. Junior leaders are recruited to serve in specific roles within a 4-H club or group. Must be a member of a 4-H club and have had one year of 4-H experience; Must be between the ages of 10 and 19; Works under the supervision of an adult volunteer.

Leadership – Leadership involves members using their knowledge and expertise to teach or lead. It can include helping teach or lead, being in charge or taking the lead. “What did I do to lead, teach or help BECAUSE OF 4-H?”

Member Achievement Plan (M.A.P.) - helps 4-H members develop skills in recordkeeping and organization. Younger 4-H members are encouraged to record information directly on the form. Older 4-H members can use the M.A.P. as a reference for information that you're encouraged to keep. The M.A.P. can be used by any 4-H member for any project. The MAP is sometimes referred to as a project record form. Online available at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/recordkeeping/Member_Achievement_Plan.pdf

Project Exhibits – Any time you show off your project by exhibiting it, you can get credit for an exhibit. Put up a display board at any 4-H contest or activity to meet this requirement.

Record book – A 4-H record keeping tool used to assist 4-H members in developing a well rounded and diverse 4-H “career”. The forms and directions can be obtained at: **<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordkeeping.html>**

Service Learning – Is the highest form of community service. It involves identifying ways to change or impact an area of need in the community. It involves identifying a need, planning ways to help address those needs, and interacting with those in need to address the issues.

Teen Leader – A Teen Leader is a youth between the ages of 13 and 19 with one year of project experience who accepts the full leadership responsibility for a 4-H club or project group of a 4-H club or a special interest short-term group. The teen leader works with the guidance and advice of an adult advisor. Previous experience in working with boys and girls is helpful. Must be at least 13 years of age; lead a group of youth in a 4-H club, 4-H project group or a 4-H special interest project. They are serving in adult or lead roles, not just helping.

Handbook revised by the 2008 Bexar County 4-H Awards and Recognition Task Force.

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