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AWARDS & RECOGNITION HANDBOOK

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SECTION I:

PURPOSE OF THE HANDBOOK

Objectives:

- To provide awareness and understanding of 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, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.
- To encourage participation of 4-H members in awards and recognition events by providing eligibility requirements and detailed instructions on how to apply for each award.
- 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.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this Handbook, or spot an error please call the Bexar County 4-H Office at 210-631-0400.



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 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. Revision approved by Bexar County 4-H Council became effective January 2015)

SECTION II:

CLUB LEVEL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

A 4-H member's most memorable and important experiences occur at the club level. Club level awards are designed to recognize the work and accomplishments of 4-H members locally. Club level awards are designed so that every member who completes the requirements may receive the award. The awards are intended to be used with the wisdom and guidance of the club manager. Clubs may decide **NOT to use** these awards for their members. That decision rests with the club leadership.

The County Office will provide certificates for the 4-H Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award (Club must supply certificates for the 4-H Club Rookie Award). The County Office will provide each club with certificates and 4-H All Star Award stickers (to place on the certificate) for the 4-H All Star Awards. Clubs are responsible for distributing the 4-H All Star Awards, as they are not recognized at the 4-H Awards Program.

Club Level Awards include:

- **4-H Club Rookie Award** – **NOTE: This may be awarded to a first year enrolled 4-H member without regards to grade. 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** – 3rd – 5th grade only.
- **Intermediate 4-H All Star Award** – 6th – 8th grade only.
- **Senior 4-H All Star Award** – 9th – 12th grade only.

Club Level Awards Submission:

The applications for Club level awards are submitted to your **Club Manager**. Each club may set their own deadline or due date for club level awards. All Club level awards must be submitted to the **County Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230)** by each club manager by the County Awards Due Date (*Note: Club Managers may select and submit ONE of their 4-H Club Rookie Award forms for the Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award).

COUNTY DUE DATE: _____

Please Fill In



4-H Club Rookie Award

Eligibility Requirements: 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 grade level. The award is not meant for Clover Kids.

How to Apply: Members should complete the **4-H Club Rookie Award Form** (Page 6). Members will initial what they have done in the “Completed” column and turn in their form with all signatures to their Club Manager for verification by the club’s due date. Each 4-H club will decide how many 4-H Club Rookie Awards will be given.

Requirements for Club Rookie Award:

- A. **Select & Participate in one Project** - Project should consist of 6 learning experiences and be completed under the supervision and support of parent/guardian and/or Project Leader/Club Manager.
- B. **Turn in a completed Recordbook** – Recordbooks should be completed according to the guidelines and submitted by the deadline listed on this website:
<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/>
- C. **Report to a Project Leader/Club Manager on the Project** - Member must report to a Project Leader and/or Club Manager about their project goals, learning experiences, and what they accomplished. Report format is decided upon by the club leadership. Ask your Club Manager for more details.
- D. **Give a Demonstration, Presentation or Prepare an Exhibit** - Member must give a demonstration, presentation or prepare an exhibit about their project. The audience must consist of people outside the member’s family. (This requirement **cannot** also be counted as Item C).
- E. **Community Service** – Take an active role and help out in **ONE** Community Service Project.
- F. **Meet Club Attendance Guidelines** - Follow your 4-H club attendance policies set in your by-laws. Attendance requirements are decided upon the club leadership. Ask your Club Manager for more details.

Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award

The **4-H Club Rookie Award Form** (Pg. 6) must be submitted to Club Manager for the member to be eligible for the County "Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award." Each club decides how many 4-H Club Rookie awards to give. The Club Manager will select **ONE** as the Outstanding Rookie of the Year for recognition at the 4-H Awards Program. **Ask your Club Manager for Club due dates and criteria concerning this award.**



4-H CLUB ROOKIE AWARD FORM

Club Manager will submit (1) Club Rookie for the Outstanding County Rookie Award each year

Eligibility Requirements: May be awarded to ANY FIRST YEAR 4-H MEMBER meeting the 4-H requirements for membership. ***DOES NOT APPLY TO CLOVER KIDS.**

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ CLUB: _____

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

**Verification - Only 4-H Club Manager/Project Leader may verify completion of requirements.*

<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>	COMPLETED (Member Initials)	*VERIFICATION (Club Manager Initials)
A. SELECT & PARTICIPATE IN ONE PROJECT <i>(write below)</i> PROJECT: _____		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED RECORDBOOK <i>(County will verify for Outstanding Rookie Awards)</i>		
C. REPORT TO A PROJECT LEADER/CLUB MANAGER ON THE PROJECT <i>(Guidelines set by your Club Manager)</i>		
D. GIVE A DEMONSTRATION, PRESENTATION OR PREPARE AN EXHIBIT <i>(Signature of witness: _____)</i>		
E. COMMUNITY SERVICE <i>(Signature of witness: _____)</i>		
F. MEET CLUB ATTENDENCE GUIDELINES		

MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

CLUB MANAGER SIGNATURE

DATE

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



Junior 4-H All Star Award



Eligibility Requirements: 4-H members must be in 3rd grade to 5th grade. Requirements for this award may be completed in one calendar year **OR** within the time that member is a Junior. Juniors can receive this award more than once.

How to Apply: Members should complete the **Junior 4-H All Star Award Checklist Form** (Page 8). Members and parents will initial what the member has done in the “Completed” column and turn in their form with all signatures to their Club Manager. Verification by both member and parent is completed under the Honor System.

Requirements for Junior 4-H All Star Award:

- A. **Select & Participate in one Project** - Project should consist of 6 learning experiences and be completed under the supervision and support of parent/guardian and/or Project Leader/Club Manager.
- B. **Turn in a completed Recordbook** – Recordbooks should be completed according to the guidelines and submitted by the deadline listed on this website:
<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/>
- C. **Report to a Project Leader/Club Manager on the Project** - Member must report to a Project Leader and/or Club Manager about their project goals, learning experiences, and what they accomplished. Report format is decided upon by the club leadership. Ask your Club Manager for more details.
- D. **Give a Demonstration/Presentation OR Prepare an Exhibit** - Member must give **ONE** demonstration/presentation OR prepare an exhibit about their project. The audience must consist of people outside the member’s family. (Ex. Club/Council meeting, County Roundup, etc.) This requirement **cannot** also be counted as Item C.
- E. **Meet Club Attendance Guidelines** - Follow your 4-H club attendance policies set in your by-laws. Attendance requirements are decided upon the club leadership. Ask your Club Manager for more details.

In addition, Juniors must complete 2 of the following 4 items:

- F. **Serve on a Committee or as an Elected Officer** - Members must serve on their committee or as an officer for a full term.
- G. **Participate in County-wide 4-H Event** - County events consist of contests, workshops, trainings, and recreational events such as the 4-H Dance.
- H. **Bring Parent/Guardian to 50% of Regular Club Meetings** – Ask your Club Manager for more details.
- I. **Community Service** - Take an active role and help out in **ONE** Community Service Project.



JUNIOR 4-H ALL STAR AWARD CHECKLIST



All 4-H members who are in the 3rd grade to 5th grade 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.

***Verification – Parent/Guardian may verify completion of requirements.**

<u>REQUIRED</u>	COMPLETED (Member Initials)	*VERIFICATION (Parent Initials)
A. SELECT AND PARTICIPATE IN ONE PROJECT		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED RECORDBOOK		
C. REPORT TO A PROJECT LEADER/CLUB MANAGER ON PROJECT		
D. GIVE A DEMONSTRATION/PRESENTATION OR PREPARE AN EXHIBIT		
E. MEET CLUB ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES		
<u>COMPLETE ANY 2 OF THESE 4 ITEMS</u>		
F. SERVE ON A COMMITTEE OR AS AN ELECTED OFFICER		
G. PARTICIPATE IN A COUNTY-WIDE EVENT		
H. BRING PARENT/GUARDIAN TO 50% OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS		
I. COMMUNITY SERVICE		

MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE



Member will receive an All Star certificate (we will no longer be providing stickers for certificates) and a small goodie bag to be awarded by Club Manager (must submit a pick up date 2 weeks prior to Club awards date) *OR* picked up at our annual Awards Banquet.



Intermediate 4-H All Star Award



Eligibility Requirements: 4-H members must be in 6th grade to 8th grade. Requirements for this award may be completed in one calendar year **OR** within the time that member is an Intermediate. Intermediates can receive this award more than once. Members may begin work on the Intermediate 4-H All Star Requirements as soon as they reach the 6th grade. Requirements completed while you are a Junior **DO NOT COUNT**.

How to Apply: Members should complete the **Intermediate 4-H All Star Award Checklist Form** (Page 10). Members and parents will initial what the member has done in the “Completed” column and turn in their form with all signatures to their Club Manager. Verification by both member and parent is completed under the Honor System.

Requirements for Intermediate 4-H All Star Award:

- A. **Select & Participate in two (2) Different Projects** – Each project should consist of 6 learning experiences and be completed under the supervision and support of parent/guardian and/or Project Leader/Club Manager.
- B. **Turn in a completed Recordbook** – Recordbooks should be completed according to the guidelines and submitted by the deadline listed on this website:
<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/>
- C. **Give a Demonstration/Presentation OR Prepare an Exhibit on two (2) Projects** - Member must give a demonstration/presentation OR prepare an exhibit on **two** different projects. The audience must consist of people outside the member’s family. (Ex. Club/Council meeting, County Roundup, etc.)
- D. **Meet Club Attendance Guidelines** - Follow your 4-H club attendance policies set in your by-laws. Attendance requirements are decided upon the club leadership. Ask your Club Manager for more details.

In addition, Intermediates must complete 6 of the following 9 items:

- E. **Bring Parent/Guardian to 50% of Regular Club Meetings** – Ask your Club Manager for more details.
- F. **Serve on a Committee or as an Elected Officer** - Members must serve on their committee or as an officer for a full term.
- G. **Participate in two (2) County-wide 4-H Events** - County events consist of contests, workshops, trainings, and recreational events such as the 4-H Dance.
- H. **Community Service** - Take an active role and help out in **ONE** Community Service Project.
- I. **Recruit ONE or more New Members**
- J. **Participate in an Activity to Promote 4-H** – Includes hosting a booth or table at a school/community event, submitting an article to a newspaper/newsletter, or promote on the TV/radio.
- K. **Assist Adult Leaders with Club Activities** – Volunteer to assist at club meetings. (Ex: Set up, pass out papers, and help with sign-in, etc.)
- L. **Assist with a County-wide Event** – Volunteer to assist at events such as contests, workshops, and trainings. (Ex: Set up, pass out papers, and help with sign-in, etc.)
- M. **Participate in ONE District/State Event or Activity** – District/State events consist of contests, workshops/trainings, and recreational events such as camps.



INTERMEDIATE 4-H ALL STAR AWARD CHECKLIST



All 4-H members who are in the 6th grade to 8th grade are eligible to receive this award each year. All requirements may be completed in one year OR within the time that a member is an intermediate. Members may begin work on the Intermediate 4-H All Star Requirements as soon as they reach the 6th grade. Requirements completed while you are a Junior **DO NOT COUNT**.

***Verification – Parent/Guardian may verify completion of requirements.**

<u>REQUIRED</u>	Completed (Member Initials)	*VERIFICATION (Parent Initials)
A. SELECT & PARTICIPATE IN TWO (2) DIFFERENT PROJECTS		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED RECORD BOOK		
C. GIVE DEMONSTRATION/PRESENTATION OR PREPARE AN EXHIBIT ON TWO (2) PROJECTS		
D. MEET CLUB ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES		
<u>ALSO COMPLETE 6 OF THE FOLLOWING 9</u>		
E. BRING PARENT/GUARDIAN TO 50% OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS		
F. SERVE ON A COMMITTEE OR AS AN ELECTED OFFICER		
G. PARTICIPATE IN TWO (2) COUNTY WIDE 4-H EVENTS		
H. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
I. RECRUIT ONE OR MORE NEW MEMBERS		
J. PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVITY TO PROMOTE 4-H		
K. ASSIST LEADERS WITH PROJECT GROUP OR CLUB ACTIVITIES		
L. ASSIST WITH COUNTY WIDE EVENT		
M. PARTICIPATE IN ONE DISTRICT/STATE EVENT OR ACTIVITY		

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



Member will receive an All Star certificate (we will no longer be providing stickers for certificates) and a small goodie bag to be awarded by Club Manager (must submit a pick up date 2 weeks prior to Club awards date) *OR* picked up at our annual Awards Banquet.



Senior 4-H All Star Award



Eligibility Requirements: 4-H members must be in 9th grade to 12th grade. Requirements for this award may be completed in one calendar year **OR** within the time that member is a Senior. Seniors can receive this award more than once. Members may begin work on the Senior 4-H All Star Requirements as soon as they reach the 9th grade. Requirements completed while you are a Junior/Intermediate **DO NOT COUNT**.

How to Apply: Members should complete the **Senior 4-H All Star Award Checklist Form** (Page 12). Members and parents will initial what the member has done in the “Completed” column and turn in their form with all signatures to their Club Manager. Verification by both member and parent is completed under the Honor System.

Requirements for Senior 4-H All Star Award:

- A. **Select & Participate in three (3) Different Projects** – Each project should consist of 6 learning experiences and be completed under the supervision and support of parent/guardian and/or Project Leader/Club Manager.
- B. **Turn in a completed Recordbook** – Recordbooks should be completed according to the guidelines and submitted by the deadline listed on this website:
<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/>
- C. **Give a Demonstration/Presentation OR Prepare an Exhibit on two (2) Projects** - Member must give a demonstration, presentation or prepare an exhibit on **two** different projects. The audience must consist of people outside the member’s family. (Ex. Club/Council meeting, County Roundup, etc.)
- D. **Meet Club Attendance Guidelines** - Follow your 4-H club attendance policies set in your by-laws. Attendance requirements are decided upon the club leadership. Ask your Club Manager for more details.

In addition, Seniors must complete 8 of the following 10 items:

- E. **Serve on a Committee or as an Elected Officer** - Members must serve on their committee or as an officer for a full term.
- F. **Serve as a Junior or Teen Leader**– For Junior/Teen Leader job descriptions, see page 36.
- G. **Organize a Community Service Project** - Take an active role in planning and conducting a Community Service Project (as an individual or member of a committee).
- H. **Assist with a County-wide Event** – Volunteer to assist at events such as contests, workshops, and trainings. (Ex: Set up, pass out papers, and help with sign-in, etc.)
- I. **Participate in three (3) County-wide 4-H Events** - County events consist of contests, workshops, trainings, and recreational events such as the 4-H Dance.
- J. **Endorse 4-H to Civic Groups/Elected Officials** – Members can take part in events such as 4-H Day at the Capitol, 4-H Congress, 4-H Proclamation at County Commissioners Court, etc.
- K. **Participate in an Activity to Promote 4-H** – Includes hosting a booth or table at a school/community event, submitting an article to a newspaper/newsletter, or promote on the TV/radio.
- L. **Leadership Training** – Participate activities that are geared specifically toward developing leadership skills. (Ex. Leadership Lab, Camps/Retreats, County Officer Training, etc.)
- M. **Compete at ONE District/State Level Competition** – District/State competitions consist of Food Show/Challenge, Roundup, Fashion Show, State Roundup Invitationals, Quiz Bowls, etc.
- N. **Explore Career Opportunities** – Members must research or participate in an event that looks into career opportunities available in their main project.



SENIOR 4-H ALL STAR AWARD CHECKLIST



All 4-H members who are in the 9th grade to 12th grade 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 senior. Members may begin work on the Senior 4-H All Star Requirements as soon as they reach the 9th grade. Requirements completed while you are a Junior/Intermediate **DO NOT COUNT**.

***Verification – Parent/Guardian may verify completion of requirements.**

<u>REQUIRED</u>	Completed (Member Initials)	* VERIFICATION (Parent Initials)
A. COMPLETE THREE (3) OR MORE PROJECTS		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED RECORDBOOK		
C. GIVE DEMONSTRATION/PRESENTATION OR PREPARE AN EXHIBIT ON TWO (2) PROJECTS		
D. MEET CLUB ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES		
<u>COMPLETE 8 OF THE FOLLOWING 10</u>		
E. SERVE ON A COMMITTEE OR AS AN ELECTED OFFICER		
F. SERVE AS A JUNIOR OR TEEN LEADER		
G. ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT		
H. ASSIST WITH A COUNTY-WIDE EVENT		
I. PARTICIPATE IN THREE (3) COUNTY-WIDE 4-H EVENTS		
J. ENDORSE 4-H TO CIVIC GROUPS/ELECTED OFFICIALS		
K. PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVITY TO PROMOTE 4-H		
L. LEADERSHIP TRAINING		
M. COMPETE AT ONE DISTRICT/STATE LEVEL COMPETITION		
N. EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES		

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



Member will receive an All Star certificate (we will no longer be providing stickers for certificates) and a small goodie bag to be awarded by Club Manager (must submit a pick up date 2 weeks prior to Club awards date) *OR* picked up at our annual Awards Banquet.

SECTION III:

COUNTY LEVEL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

4-H members who seize the opportunity to participate in 4-H activities beyond their club level gain the confidence and skill set to compete for County level awards. County level awards recognize the work and accomplishments of 4-H members who have challenged themselves by becoming active at the County, District and State level.

The County Office provides the guidelines and oversees the selection for these awards. County level awards are broken into two categories: **Non-Competitive Awards** and **Competitive Awards**. Non-Competitive awards are designed so that every member who completes the requirements may receive the award. Competitive Awards are designed that only a select number of youth who apply will win the award.

County Level Awards include:

Non-Competitive Awards

- Year Pins & Project Pins
- Method Demonstration Proficiency Award
- Honor Club

Competitive Awards

- Club Scrapbook Award
- Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award
- Bronze Star Award
- Silver Star Award
- Gold Star Award
- I Dare You Award
- Scholarships

County Level Awards Submission:

The applications for County level awards are submitted to the **County Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230)**. All County level awards must be submitted by each 4-H Member by the County Awards Due Date.

COUNTY DUE DATE: _____

Please Fill In



NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS



Year Pins & Project Pins

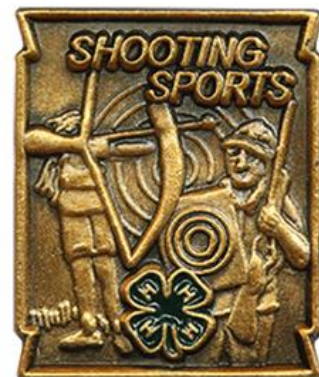
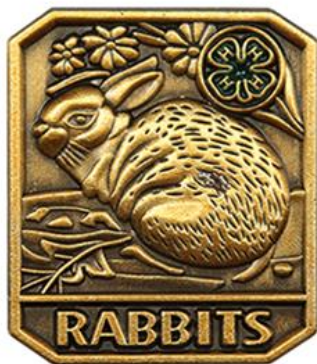


Eligibility Requirements: 4-H members (any grade level) who complete a project & submit a completed **Recordbook** to the County Office.

How to Apply: Members must complete a **4-H Recordbook** and submit it to the County 4-H Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230) by the County Recordbook due date. Recordbooks submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be eligible for Year Pins or Project Pins. Year Pins & Project Pins will be presented to members at the County Awards Program. Your Year Pin will signify how long you've participated in 4-H, while Project Pins will be awarded on the project area (category) in which your Recordbook was submitted (Ex: A Rabbit Recordbook will receive a Rabbit Project Pin).

Requirements for Year Pins & Project Pins:

- A. **Turn in a completed Recordbook** – Recordbooks should be completed according to the guidelines and submitted by the deadline listed on this website:
<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/>





Method Demonstration Proficiency Award

Eligibility Requirements: 4-H members (any grade level) who complete the requirements for the Method Demonstration Proficiency Award outlined below.

How to Apply: Members must complete the Method Demonstration Proficiency Form (Pg. 16) and submit it to the County 4-H Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230) by the County Awards due date. Forms submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be eligible for the Method Demonstration Proficiency Award. This award will be presented to members at the County Awards Program.

Requirements for the Method Demonstration Proficiency Award:

- A. Must give an educational presentation, method demonstration and/or Share-the-Fun skit to five (5) different groups (**can include** District Roundup). It does NOT have to be the same presentation each time.
- B. Must have **Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form** (Page 16) completed and signed by a member of group that viewed the presentation.
- C. Must have the Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form turned in by the County Awards due date (listed in May & June newsletters).



Method Demonstration Proficiency Award Form

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: _____



4-H Honor Club Award

Eligibility Requirements: Any chartered 4-H Club may apply for this award.

How to Apply: A Club leader must complete the 4-H Honor Club Form (Pg. 18) and submit it to the County 4-H Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230) by the County Awards due date. Forms submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be eligible for the 4-H Honor Club Award. This award will be presented to the Club at the County Awards Program. Additionally, your club name will be put on the Honor Club plaque located at the County Office.

Requirements for the 4-H Honor Club Award:

Clubs must meet **10 of the 15** Standards of Excellence below to be recognized as a 4-H Honor Club.

- Club Charter on file with the County Extension office and a membership of 5+ members.
- Have at least (2) club managers.
- Elected Officers that fulfilled leadership roles for the club.
- Reviewed Club Bylaws and filed a copy with the County Extension office.
- Provided new member packets/orientation for new families.
- Developed a club calendar for the year and distributed to members of the club.
- Held at least (9) meetings and/or project activities for all members of the club.
- Maintained average attendance of 50% membership at (8) regular club meetings.
- At least 50% of members participated in a project and turned in a Recordbook to the County Extension Office.
- Conducted a club recognition event.
- Participated in a Community Service project.
- Club was represented in (3+) County 4-H activities.
- Promoted the 4-H program to the public using (2) of the following: news stories, radio, television, public presentations, posters, exhibits, or fundraiser.
- Submitted a club scrapbook and turned it into the County Extension office.
- Turned in (5+) Monthly Club Reports to the County Extension office by the end of each month.



The Bexar County Office will no longer produce plaques/plates for Honor Club Award. Honor Clubs will receive an Honor Club Certificate and goodie bag filled with a small prize for the Club.



4-H Honor Club Award Form

Club Name _____ **Year** _____

Check the box for each Standard of Excellence item you have conducted in your 4-H Club. Clubs that meet **10 of the 15** Standards of Excellence below will be recognized as a 4-H Honor Club.

- Club Charter on file with the County Extension office and a membership of 5+ members.
- Have at least (2) club managers.
- Elected Officers that fulfilled leadership roles for the club.
- Reviewed Club Bylaws and filed a copy with the County Extension office.
- Provided new member packets/orientation for new families.
- Developed a club calendar for the year and distributed to members of the club.
- Held at least (9) meetings and/or project activities for all members of the club.
- Maintained average attendance of 50% membership at (8) regular club meetings.
- At least 50% of members participated in a project and turned in a Recordbook to the County Extension Office.
- Conducted a club recognition event.
- Participated in a Community Service project.
- Club was represented in (3+) County 4-H activities.
- Promoted the 4-H program to the public using (2) of the following: news stories, radio, television, public presentations, posters, exhibits, or fundraiser.
- Submitted a club scrapbook and turned it into the County Extension office.
- Turned in (5+) Monthly Club Reports to the County Extension office by the end of each month.



COMPETITIVE AWARDS

CLUB SCRAPBOOK AWARD

Eligibility Requirements: Any chartered 4-H 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.

How to Apply: 4-H Clubs must complete their Scrapbook (one per club) and submit it to the County 4-H Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230) by the County Awards due date. Scrapbooks submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be eligible for Club Scrapbook Award. This award will be presented to the club at the County Awards Program.

Requirements for the Club Scrapbook Award:

A. Scrapbook Design Guidelines

1. **Cover** - Scrapbooks can be no larger than 20" x 20". No minimum size required. A new cover can be designed each year or the same cover may be used more than once.
2. **Contents** - Information in the scrapbook should cover the programs and activities for the current 4-H year ONLY. The information should cover activities from September of the 4-H year through June of the same 4-H year the book is entered.
3. **Scrapbooks may include** - newspaper clippings, photos, club and activity agendas trainings, etc. Other information is acceptable.

B. Judging

1. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - i. Cover - 5 pts
 - ii. Includes a list of members & club officers - 10 pts
 - iii. Review of 4-H projects completed by members - 30 pts.
 - iv. Review of club programs, events & activities - 35 pts.
 - v. Neatness, organization and creativity - 20 pts.
2. Scrapbooks will be judged by individuals unaffiliated with any club in Bexar County. Scrapbooks will be displayed at the 4-H Awards Program in August. Each book will receive a ribbon. First, second and third place winners are eligible for cash awards.



Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award

PLEASE REFERENCE PAGE 5 FOR THE FULL CRITERIA OF THIS AWARD!

The **4-H Club Rookie Award Form** (Pg. 6) must be submitted to Club Manager for the member to be eligible for the County "Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award." Each club decides how many 4-H Club Rookie awards to give. The Club Manager will select **ONE** as the **Outstanding Rookie of the Year** for recognition at the 4-H Awards Program. **Ask your Club Manager for Club due dates and criteria concerning this award.**

Bronze, Silver, & Gold Star Awards

These awards are open to all 4-H members (except Clover Kids) and will be awarded as follows: **Bronze = Junior Age Division**, **Silver = Intermediate Age Division** and **Gold = Senior Age Division**. Members who wish to apply for these awards, should reference pages **21-26** for each award's requirements and member qualifications. If you are applying for any of these awards **you must complete a Recordbook** for the current year in which you are applying. Recordbook guidelines and forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/recordbooks/>

Additionally a **4-H Member Recognition Application** (Pg. 27) form must be filled out and clipped to the outside front of your recordbook. If you are applying for the Gold Star Award, you must also complete and attach a **Gold Star Award Biographical Sketch Form** (Pg. 28). If you need an extra copy of these forms, visit our website: <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4-h-youth-development> and click on the Awards button.





Bronze Star Award



Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who are in 3rd grade to 5th grade of the current 4-H year. It is **NOT** expected that the requirements for this award be completed in the current year only. The requirements may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-H member has been in the program. **A 4-H member may receive the award only once.** The Bronze Star Awards will be presented at the County Awards Program.

How to Apply: Members should complete the **Bronze Star Award Checklist Form** (Page 22). Members will initial what they have done in the “Completed” column and turn in their form with all signatures 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 Bronze Star Award:

- A. **Member must in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade of the current 4-H year.**
- B. **Member must turn in a completed Recordbook** during year the member is applying for the Bronze Star Award. The **4-H Member Recognition Application Form** (Pg. 27) 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/>
- C. **Completed two (2) or more different projects.**
- D. **Participated in one (1) or more community service event or activity.** Involvement can be as an individual, in a group or as a club.

In addition, applicants must participate in at least (2) of the following (6):

- E. **Attend a Leadership Activity.** Examples include: 4-H Camps/Retreats, County Officer Training, District 10 Conference, etc.
- F. **Participate in a Contest for a Project.** Examples include: Roundup, Fashion Show, Food Show, Stock Shows, Project show, etc. Level of participation can include: County or District.
- G. **Serve in a leadership role** such as: 4-H Officer, Committee member, and/or Junior/Teen leader.
- H. **Complete a Project Exhibit.** Examples include: Project poster displayed at events/Project Show, Project displays at Youth Day. Project Exhibit can be displayed at the Club or County Level.
- I. **Public Relations Participation.** Examples include educational demonstrations to a civic club or church group. Members can also host a booth or table at a school/community event, submit an article to a newspaper/newsletter, or promote on the TV/radio.
- J. **Other 4-H Activity.** Examples include Fundraising (Chocolate Sales), Recreational (4-H Rodeo Kick Off Dance) or special events (4-H Day at the Capitol, 4-H Proclamation, etc.).



BRONZE STAR AWARD CHECKLIST



All 4-H members who are in 3rd grade to 5th grade of the current 4-H year are eligible to receive this award. All requirements may be completed in the time the 4-H member has been in the program. This award will be presented to the most deserving young people and will be given to a member ONCE in their 4-H career.

***Verification – Parents must verify that all requirements have been met by the applicant.**

<u>REQUIRED</u>	Completed (Member Initials)	* VERIFICATION (Parent Initials)
A. REGISTERED 4-H MEMBER IN THE 3 rd , 4 th or 5 th GRADE		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED RECORDBOOK WITH (3) COPIES		
C. COMPLETED (2) OR MORE PROJECTS		
D. PARTICIPATED IN (1) OR MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT OR ACTIVITY		
<u>COMPLETE 2 OF THE FOLLOWING 6</u>		
E. ATTEND A LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY		
F. PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST FOR YOUR PROJECT		
G. SERVE IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE SUCH AS: 4-H OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND/OR JUNIOR/TEEN LEADER		
H. COMPLETE A PROJECT EXHIBIT		
I. PUBLIC RELATIONS PARTICIPATION		
J. OTHER 4-H ACTIVITY		

MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE



Silver Star Award



Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who are in 6th grade to 8th of the current 4-H year and completed at least two (2) years in 4-H which includes the current year. It is **NOT** expected that the requirements for this award be completed in the current year only. The requirements may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-H member has been in the program. **A 4-H member may receive the award only once.** The Silver Star Awards will be presented at the County Awards Program.

How to Apply: Members should complete the Silver Star Award Checklist Form (Page 24). Members will initial what they have done in the “Completed” column and turn in their form with all signatures 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 Silver Star Award:

- A. **Member must complete two (2) years in 4-H which includes the current year and be in 6th grade to 8th grade of the current 4-H year.**
- B. **Member must turn in a completed Recordbook** during year the member is applying for the Silver Star Award. The **4-H Member Recognition Application Form** (Pg. 27) 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/>
- C. **Completed three (3) or more different projects.**
- D. **Member must serve in a leadership role** such as: 4-H Officer, Committee member, and/or Junior/Teen leader. These roles may be at the Club, County, District or State level.
- E. **Participated in one (1) or more community service event or activity.** Involvement can be as an individual, in a group or as a club.

In addition, applicants must participate in at least (3) of the following (7):

- F. **Participate in a project training or 4-H related training at the County, District or State level.**
- G. **Attend a Leadership Activity.** Examples include: Leadership Lab, 4-H Camps/Retreats, County Officer Training, District 10 Conference, etc.
- H. **Participate in a Contest for a Project.** Examples include: Roundup, Fashion Show, Food Show Stock Shows, Project show, etc. Level of participation can include: County, District or State.
- I. **Complete a Project Exhibit.** Examples include: Project poster displayed at events/Project Show, Project displays at Youth Day. Project Exhibit must be displayed at the County Level.
- J. **Public Relations Participation.** Examples include educational demonstrations to a civic club or church group. Members can also host a booth or table at a school/community event, submit an article to a newspaper/newsletter, or promote on the TV/radio.
- K. **Participate in Citizenship Activities**– Members can take part in events such as 4-H Day at the Capitol, 4-H Congress, 4-H Proclamation at County Commissioners Court, etc.
- L. **Other 4-H Activity.** Examples include fundraising (Chocolate Sales), recreational (4-H Rodeo Kick-Off Dance) or special event (Other Extension Programs such as Dinner Tonight, Junior Master Gardener events, etc.).



SILVER STAR AWARD CHECKLIST



All 4-H members who are in 6th grade to 8th grade of the current 4-H year and completed at least two (2) years in 4-H are eligible to receive this award. All requirements may be completed in the time the 4-H member has been in the program. This award will be presented to the most deserving young people and will be given to a member ONCE in their 4-H career.

***Verification – Parents must verify that all requirements have been met by the applicant.**

<u>REQUIRED</u>	Completed (Member Initials)	* VERIFICATION (Parent Initials)
A. COMPLETED (2) YEARS IN 4-H AND IN 6 th , 7 th OR 8 th GRADE		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED RECORDBOOK WITH (3) COPIES		
C. COMPLETED (3) OR MORE PROJECTS		
D. SERVED IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE SUCH AS: 4-H OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND/OR JUNIOR/TEEN LEADER		
E. PARTICIPATED IN (1) OR MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT OR ACTIVITY		
<u>COMPLETE 3 OF THE FOLLOWING 7</u>		
F. PARTICIPATE IN A 4-H PROJECT TRAINING (COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR STATE)		
G. ATTEND A LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY		
H. PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST FOR YOUR PROJECT		
I. COMPLETE A PROJECT EXHIBIT		
J. PUBLIC RELATIONS PARTICIPATION		
K. PARTICIPATE IN CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES		
L. OTHER 4-H ACTIVITY		

MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE



Gold Star Award



Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who must have at least completed, or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H which includes the current year. It is **NOT** expected that the requirements for this award be completed in the current year only. The requirements may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-H member has been in the program. **Applicants must submit their application and interview with a panel of judges to compete for this award.** **The 4-H Gold Star Award is the highest award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development program, and a 4-H member may receive the award only once.** The Gold Star Awards will be presented at the County Awards Program.

How to Apply: Members should complete the **Gold Star Award Checklist Form** (Page 26). Members will initial what they have done in the “Completed” column and turn in their form with all signatures 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 Gold Star Award:

- A. **Member must complete three (3) years in 4-H which includes the current year and must have completed, or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application. Members are eligible to apply up to their 12th grade year.**
- B. **Member must turn in a completed Recordbook** during year the member is applying for the Gold Star Award. The **4-H Member Recognition Application Form** (Pg. 27) 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/>
- C. Complete a **Gold Star Award Biographical Sketch Form** (Pg. 28) and turn it in with your 4-H Recordbook.
- D. **Completed three (3) or more different projects.**
- E. **Member must serve in a leadership role** such as: 4-H Officer, Committee member, and/or Junior/Teen leader. These roles may be at the Club, County, District or State level.
- F. **Participated in one (1) or more community service event or activity.** Involvement can be as an individual, in a group or as a club.

In addition, applicants must participate in at least (3) of the following (8):

- G. **Participate in a competitive event.** Level of participation can include: County, District or State.
- H. **Attend a Leadership Activity.** Examples include: Leadership Lab, 4-H Camps/Retreats, County Officer Training, District 10 Conference, etc.
- I. **Listing of (3) Projects Completed.** Examples include: Horse, Companion Animals, Veterinary Science, Foods & Nutrition, Consumer Decision Making, Photography, etc.
- J. **Complete a Project Exhibit.** Examples include: Project poster displayed at events/Project Show, Project displays at Youth Day.
- K. **Public Relations Participation.** Examples include educational demonstrations to a civic club or church group. Members can also host a booth or table at a school/community event, submit an article to a newspaper/newsletter, or promote on the TV/radio.
- L. **Participate in Citizenship Activities**– Members can take part in events such as 4-H Day at the Capitol, 4-H Congress, 4-H Proclamation at County Commissioners Court, etc.
- M. **Attend 4-H Overnight & Day Camps.** Examples include: Prime Time, Horizons, Mission Possible, etc.
- N. **Other 4-H Activity.** Examples include exchange programs, fundraising, or other conferences.



GOLD STAR AWARD CHECKLIST



All 4-H members who have completed, or will be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application are eligible to apply. Members can apply up to their 12th grade year. Members must have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H. All requirements may be completed in the time the 4-H member has been in the program. A Gold Star Award will be given to a member ONCE in their 4-H career.

***Verification – Parents must verify that all requirements have been met by the applicant.**

<u>REQUIRED</u>	Completed (Member Initials)	*VERIFICATION (Parent Initials)
A. COMPLETED (3) YEARS IN 4-H AND COMPLETED THE 9 TH GRADE.		
B. TURN IN A COMPLETED RECORDBOOK WITH (3) COPIES		
C. COMPLETE GOLD STAR AWARD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FORM		
D. COMPLETED (3) OR MORE PROJECTS		
E. SERVED IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE SUCH AS: 4-H OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND/OR JUNIOR/TEEN LEADER		
F. PARTICIPATED IN (1) OR MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT OR ACTIVITY		
<u>COMPLETE 3 OF THE FOLLOWING 8</u>		
G. PARTICIPATE IN ANY COMPETITIVE EVENT (COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR STATE)		
H. ATTEND A LEADERSHIP TRAINING OR ACTIVITY		
I. PROJECTS COMPLETED: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____		
J. COMPLETE A PROJECT EXHIBIT		
K. PUBLIC RELATIONS PARTICIPATION		
L. PARTICIPATE IN CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES		
M. ATTEND 4-H OVERNIGHT AND DAY CAMPS		
N. OTHER 4-H ACTIVITY		

MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

4-H MEMBER RECOGNITION APPLICATION FORM

Clip this form to the front of the 4-H Recordbook if you are applying for:

- ★ Bronze Star
- ★ Silver Star
- ★ Gold Star
- ★ I Dare You Award

Instructions: Please PRINT the following information. Do not leave any spaces blank.

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ___/___/_____ PHONE: _____

NAME OF 4-H CLUB: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS IN 4-H: _____ (INCLUDE THE CURRENT YEAR)

Check Award(s) you are applying for & make sure to include listed attachments:

Bronze Star:

(Members in grades 3 – 5 of the current 4-H Year)

_____ Completed Bronze Star Award Checklist in Bexar County 4-H Awards & Recognition Handbook

_____ Submit a complete 4-H Recordbook plus three (3) copies

Silver Star:

(Members in grades 6 – 8 of the current 4-H Year)

_____ Completed Silver Star Award Checklist in Bexar County 4-H Awards & Recognition Handbook

_____ Submit a complete 4-H Recordbook plus three (3) copies

Gold Star:

(Members who have completed/or are completing the 9th grade at the time of application.

Members in grades 10-12 of the current 4-H Year are automatically eligible to apply)

_____ Completed Gold Star Award Checklist in Bexar County 4-H Awards & Recognition Handbook

_____ Completed Gold Star Award Biographical Sketch Form

_____ Submit a complete 4-H Recordbook plus three (3) copies

I Dare You Award: (for members in grades 10 – 12 of the current 4-H Year)

_____ Completed "I Dare You" Essay Form in Bexar County 4-H Awards & Recognition Handbook

_____ Submit a complete 4-H Recordbook plus three (3) copies

GOLD STAR AWARD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FORM

Instructions: Please PRINT the following information.

FULL NAME: _____ COUNTY: **BEXAR**

NICKNAME: _____ PHONE (WITH AREA CODE): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: **TEXAS** ZIP CODE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ___/___/___ AGE: _____ MALE FEMALE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ATTEND: _____ GRADE: _____

NAME OF 4-H CLUB: _____ YEARS IN 4-H: _____ (INCLUDE THE CURRENT YEAR)

RECORDBOOK CATEGORY ENTERED THIS YEAR: _____

What have you learned in 4-H? (25 words max.) ***May attach additional page**

Awards Program Narrative in 100 words or less. (Summarize your 4-H Career)
***May attach additional page**

Script Narrative (100 words or less for all 3 questions) ***May attach additional page**

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



I Dare You Award



Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who are in 10th grade to 12th grade 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

How to Apply: Members should complete the questions listed on the **I Dare You Essay Form** (Page 30) and submit an attached essay addressing the questions. Members will turn in their essay 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 in grades 10 – 12 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. 27) 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/>
- C. Write an essay that addressed the questions found on the **I Dare You Award Essay Form** (Pg. 30) 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.



I Dare You Award Essay Guidelines



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 (Can include Club, County, District, State)?

- *Describe the programs/trainings you have been involved with.*
- *Elaborate on what you learned and the skills you have gained.*
- *Reflect on how you have used those skills throughout your 4-H Career.*

☞ How has 4-H helped you reach your true potential?

- *What goals have you accomplished?*
- *How have mentors and adult leaders influenced you?*
- *Describe some of your greatest accomplishments in 4-H and what they mean to you.*

☞ How will you use the skills that you have gained in 4-H for future endeavors?

- *Discuss future career goals and how 4-H has helped you explore them.*
- *Describe some of the life skills you've gained.*
- *Most importantly, talk about how you plan to impact others in your community.*



The Bexar County 4-H Office provides information annually on different scholarships available from partners and community agencies. Below is a list of potential scholarships 4-H members can apply for. Please check out the Bexar County 4-H website (bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4-h-youth-development) and click the Contests & Events button for more specific information and application forms for each scholarship.

- ❧ **4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarships** – The Texas 4-H Foundation oversees a scholarship program that awards over \$1 million annually in college scholarships. Each year hundreds of Texas 4-H members receive financial support ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000. 4-H members wishing to apply will need to be a senior in high school and complete the SAT and/or ACT to meet minimum score requirements. GPA restrictions and other limitations apply. **Deadline for this scholarship is typically in mid-February via online submission.**
- ❧ **Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship** – The Bexar County 4-H program is incredibly fortunate to receive money from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and provide graduating seniors an opportunity to earn scholarship money toward a college education. The Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their 4-H career (Current year’s Recordbook and a Scholarship Form serves as the application), and an interview. GPA restrictions and other limitations apply. **Deadline for these awards is typically in Late April/Early May.**
- ❧ **The Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship** – This scholarship is for high school seniors who have been involved in 4-H for four years, have shown leadership and personal development, plan to get a college or vocational degree, and have not passed their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current application year. Applications are submitted to your county AgriLife Extension office.
- ❧ **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Scholarships** – Bexar County Junior Livestock Show presents scholarships to graduating high school senior members who have actively participated in 4-H and exhibited an animal at a stock show. Please find more details at <http://www.bcjls.com>
- ❧ **Bexar County Horse Leaders Association Scholarships** – The Bexar County Horse Leaders Association Scholarship is designed to recognize 4-H members who have participated in the 4-H Horse Project and who have gained and demonstrated knowledge and skills in the principles of horsemanship. Graduation High School Seniors are eligible to apply.
- ❧ **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and the Cooperative Extension Program of Prairie View A&M University** – San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and the Cooperative Extension Program of Prairie View A&M University presents scholarships that are for outstanding economically disadvantaged and minority students that are seeking a Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M. Applicants must be seeking an agriculture related or life science career and participate in 4-H & Youth Development Programs in the State of Texas.

SECTION IV:

ADULT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

4-H Adult volunteers are our most valuable asset in the 4-H program. Volunteers who go above and beyond for their members and families are eligible to be nominated for various Adult Awards & Recognition. Adult Awards & Recognition are broken into two categories: **County Level Awards** and **State Level Awards**.

The County Office provides the guidelines and oversees the selection for County level awards. State level awards will need to be submitted based on the guidelines provided by the State. Adult Volunteers that qualify for State Level Awards may be nominated by youth, fellow adult volunteers and/or the County Extension Staff. Self-nomination is discouraged. If you are interested in nominating an adult volunteer for a State Level Award, please contact the County Office to ensure successful completion of the nomination.

Adult Awards & Recognition include:

County Level Awards

- Award of the Clover
- The Gift of Time Award

State Level Awards

- Texas 4-H Alumni Award
- Leader's Legacy Award
- Meritorious Service Award
- Commendable Service Award
- Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Adult Awards & Recognition Level Submission:

County Level Awards:

Nominations for The Gift of Time Award are taken throughout the year. You may submit a short write up to the **County Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230)** prior to the County Awards Due Date.

COUNTY DUE DATE: _____

Please Fill In

State Level Awards:

Nominations for State Level Awards are typically due in March. For all award nominations, the correct corresponding award application/nomination form must be completed, typed and submitted online by the deadline. The online system can be found at: https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/salute/form_login.html



COUNTY LEVEL ADULT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Award of the Clover

Eligibility Requirements: Any **ENROLLED** Bexar County 4-H Adult Volunteer is eligible to receive this award annually. The Award of the Clover recognizes 4-H volunteers and their contribution in length of service to the Bexar County 4-H Program.

How to Apply: Enroll as a 4-H Adult Volunteer on the 4-H Connect Online System. A special token of appreciated is awarded to all enrolled volunteers at the 4-H Awards Program in August. Special Year Pins are awarded to enrolled volunteers with 5-10-15-20-25+ years of service.

The Gift of Time Award

Eligibility Requirements: The Gift of Time Award may be presented to 4-H supporters, individuals, business or organizations, which have assisted 4-H by providing resources and time to fulfill the mission of 4-H: "To Make the Best Better". Nominees should have contributed outstanding resources, effort and energy as a community partner and/or individual.

How to Apply: 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 the County Awards due date to the County Extension Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230). The 4-H County Council will select those to receive the awards at the 4-H Awards Program Planning Meeting. The Gift of Time Award will be presented at the County 4-H Awards Program in August.





STATE LEVEL ADULT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

UPDATE

State Level Guidelines:

Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility requirements are stated in each award description below. A list of prior award winners is posted on <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/awards/>. Please review this website to ensure the person you are nominating has not been honored with the award previously. An award can only be presented one-time to an individual and/or supporter. For a full understanding of all eligibility requirements for State Level Awards, please review the annual **Texas 4-H Youth Development Volunteer Recognition Award Packet** (Also known as 'Salute to Excellence'). The current packet can be accessed online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/awards/>

How to Nominate: Any Extension employee, 4-H member and/or volunteer may make nominations for the awards. Self-nomination is discouraged. You must submit a high resolution digital photograph of the nominee(s) when completing the application online. Head and shoulders shots are preferred, please do not send family or group photos. For all award nominations, the correct award application/nomination form must be completed, and submitted online by the annual deadline (**Typically in March**).

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PAGE, INCLUDING PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS FOR EACH CATEGORY CAN BE FOUND: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/awards/>

Texas 4-H Alumni Award

The Texas 4-H Alumni Award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record of achievement AS A 4-H MEMBER and who have shown evidence of 4-H's influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important. This award is sponsored by the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association. No current Extension employee may receive this award. The number of 4-H alumni awards presented will vary from year to year.

Leader's Legacy Award

This award recognizes a 4-H leader who has been an integral part of the 4-H Youth Development Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom he/she works. Stretch beyond normal thinking and be inclusive in making a selection for this prestigious nomination. Specific requirements for the Leader's Legacy Award include:

- Twenty (20) or more years of service to 4-H as a volunteer leader.
- Continuing support of the 4-H program at any level.
- Must still be an active and current 4-H Volunteer for the current 4-H year.
- Must have been a club manager or project leader in a county in Texas for at least five (5) years.

Meritorious Service Award

Annually two outstanding Extension professionals will be recognized for their role in making 4-H volunteers more effective with the Meritorious Service Award. These nominations should not be limited to 4-H Faculty. Nominees must be a resident of Texas and have been paid staff or faculty with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service/Texas 4-H for the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

Commendable Service Award

Annually two outstanding Support Staff professionals will be recognized for Commendable Service Award for their role in making the 4-H program more effective. Nominees must work in a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at the county, district or state level for at least the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people. Each district may select two recipients who will be honored with this award. A couple may count as one nominee. The awards are sponsored by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. Districts are strongly encouraged to submit one award winner for excellence in club work (community, project, school) and one award winner for excellence through special interest and curriculum enrichment programs. Selections are made at the district level with the nomination forms forwarded to the Texas 4-H Office. Winners should be notified by District Extension Offices.

The state award selection committee will select one Salute to Excellence award winner (with less than 10 years of volunteer service) to represent Texas as the nominee for the National 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award. Additional information, including letters of recommendation, will be required from the nominator in order to complete the award nomination process.



SECTION V:

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

4-H is an organization full of acronyms and titles. The following list was put together to help eliminate some of the confusion around some of the vocabulary used in this handbook.

4-H Connect- online system in which families enroll and register 4-H members and adult leaders. 4-H Connect will also record important contact information.

4-H Camps - offers hands-on learning experiences in leadership, project skills, and recreation. Bexar County conducts day camps for a nominal fee. District or State wide camps are open to 4-H members and will be advertised throughout the year in weekly email reminders.

4-H Club - a chartered 4-H group of at least 5 youths, +1 or more adult volunteers. Clubs typically have a monthly meeting and can be organized in a variety of ways.

4-H Club Officers - members of a local 4-H club elected by the membership of the club to serve a one-year term. The usual officers include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and council delegate, however, additional officer positions can be added for larger clubs.

4-H Leader - an adult volunteer who works with 4-H club members. Leaders can consist of Club Managers, Project Leaders, Activity Leaders, or adult volunteers with the club.

4-H Membership Age - 8 and in the third grade through age 18.

4-H Project - a subject or specific topic taught by a project leader. It is taught through a series of 6 educational learning experiences. Separate project meetings can be held at other times than when the 4-H club business meetings are held. 4-H members are required to complete at least 1 project during the 4-H year.

4-H Recordbooks - a record of the 4-H member's accomplishments. Recordbooks may be entered in competition at the County level. Completion of a record book is required to apply for many 4-H awards.

4-H Year - September 1 to August 31 of the following year. All 4-H members must re-enroll in a club in September to remain active.

Club Managers/Adult Volunteers - adult volunteer leaders whose purpose is to facilitate and assist in planning club and county-wide 4-H events.

Community Service Project - an activity conducted by a 4-H member for the benefit of the community.

County Awards Program - held to recognize members, adult volunteers, county winners and partners of 4-H. Typically held in August.

County 4-H Awards & Recognition Handbook - a handbook which gives specific information and details of all 4-H awards. It is available from the County Extension Office.

County 4-H Council - a council composed of two elected delegates, usually the President and Council Delegate, from each organized 4-H club in the county. Its purpose is to plan and coordinate activities and events on a county-wide basis. Two elected county delegates represent Bexar County on the District 10 4-H Council.

County Extension Agent - an employee of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service who specializes in either agriculture, family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth development, horticulture, or urban development. The "4-H Agent" manages the 4-H program in the county.

County Extension Agent with Cooperative Extension Program of Prairie View A&M University (CEP) - an employee of the Cooperative Extension Program of Prairie View A&M University who specializes in either agriculture, family and consumer sciences, or 4-H and youth development. Our primary thrust is to provide limited-resource clientele with research-based educational information, but not at the exclusion of others who are also in need of our services.

District 10 - 12 Texas counties make up District 10. The District Headquarters is located at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Uvalde, Texas.

Intermediate – 4-H member in 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

Junior – 4-H member who is 8 years of age and in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade.

Junior/Teen Leader - Assists project leaders in teaching projects, assists younger members, and recruits new members to 4-H.

Method Demonstration- individual or team presentations given by 4-H members. Demonstrations may be presented at county, district, or state Roundup. Refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for specific rules and categories.

Project Exhibits – A created display or exhibit that shows off your project work. Creating a display board at any 4-H contest or activity counts as a project exhibit.

Roundup - a competitive event held on County, District, and State levels. 4-H members participate in public speaking, method demonstration and Share the Fun contests.

Scholarships - scholarships are available to graduating 4-H members meeting the minimum criteria for application. The state scholarship program is administered by the Texas 4-H Foundation. County scholarships are administered by the County Extension office.

Senior – 4-H member in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.

4-H PLEDGE

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.



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