



***2022-2023 Gregg County 4-H Program
Award Application & Recognition Handbook***



4-H Motto: To Make the Best Better...





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Important Dates-Gregg County 4-H

Record Book Due: Monday, June 12, 2023

All award applications are due to the County Extension Office
on:

Monday, June 12, 2023, by 5 pm

Award Interviews will be held on,
June 27, 2023 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm).

All age requirements are as of:

August 31, 2022

Junior Age Category – grades 3, 4, 5

Intermediate Age Category – grades 6, 7, 8

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



GREGG COUNTY 4-H AWARD PROGRAM



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

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4-H COMPLETION YEAR PINS



4-H completion year pins are awarded to every 4-H member in the County who completes a 4-H project during the year and turns in a 4-H Member Achievement Plan and/or a Record Book. The pins are presented by years of completed 4-H projects, not by years of membership. A project is considered complete when a 4-H Member Achievement Plan and/or Record Book is turned into the County Extension Office. Each member should complete at least one 4-H project during the year. Only one completion pin will be given per year to any one 4-H member.

RECORD BOOK AWARDS



Record Book Awards are made based on what is reported in the 4-H Record Book. Committees judge or evaluate project work and achievement, leadership, personal growth, and development by reading the record books. Awards begin at the county level with ribbons. Juniors and Intermediates continue to the District Level where ribbons and certificates are awarded. Seniors continue through District to State. County awards are presented at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet to recognize members who have done a good job with their project based on their complete 4-H Record Book. These are the highest awards that can be achieved in the county.

COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT RIBBONS

County ribbons are awarded to members who complete a 4-H Record Book at the junior, intermediate, or senior levels.

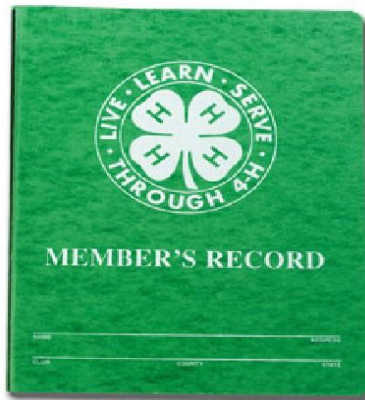


TEXAS 4-H RECORD BOOK PROGRAM

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

Purpose of Individual 4-H Member Records

1. Allow 4-H members to tell how they have grown, what they have learned, where they came up short and to do it creatively within outlined parameters.
2. Demonstrate the importance of keeping a written document of what has been done.
3. Provides a written platform for goal setting and documentation of the actions required to reach goals.
4. Provide an opportunity for competition at the County, District, and State level.



Requirements for Project Completion

1. Complete at least six learning experiences related to your project.
2. Make a set of project goals.
3. Each month you should complete at least one of your project goals.
4. Exhibit your project work.
5. Attend workshops that are available in your community or county on your particular project.
6. Attend 4-H meetings or project meetings regularly.
7. Complete 4-H project records each year.
8. Develop leadership by teaching others something about your project.
9. Conduct citizenship activities related to your 4-H project.
10. Find new and fun things to do in your project area.

GREGG COUNTY RECOGNITION

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

**ROOKIE/
CLOVER KID**

Available to any 4-H member, regardless of age, who is in his/her first year of membership. Clover Kids (K-2nd)

4-H HONOR ROLL Available to junior members, grades 3rd – 5th. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as a junior member. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H Honor Roll member during junior age.

4-H ALL STAR Available to intermediate members, grades 6th, 7th, & 8th. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as an intermediate member. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H All Star member during intermediate age.

4-H LETTERMAN Available to senior members, ages 14 and over. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as a senior member. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H Letterman during senior age.

BRONZE STAR Presented to three outstanding 4-H junior members (grades 3rd – 5th). May be received one time only.

SILVER STAR Presented to three outstanding 4-H intermediate members grades 6th – 8th. May be received one time only.

GOLD STAR Awarded each year to 3 youth (based on the number of senior 4-H members enrolled in the Gregg County 4-H program) outstanding senior 4-H members in Gregg County based on their total 4-H career. A member may receive the Gold Star Award only one time.

Danforth Award Awarded each year to 2 outstanding 4-H members who offered excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership.

Special County Awards- These awards are made available for Intermediate & Senior 4-H members to encourage excellence in 4-H project areas. A 4-H member is eligible for any award if the project is included in the 4-H Record Book. A member may apply for all awards but is only eligible to win once in each project area.

SUGGESTION: 4-H clubs should hold their own club awards recognition in May/June. At the 4-H Awards Banquet CEA's will recognize Special County Awards, Rookie, Honor Roll, All Star and Letterman winners.

REQUIRED

Bronze Star, Silver Star, Gold Star, Danforth, & Special County Awards

All applications for Bronze Star, Silver Star, Gold Star, Danforth, and Special County Awards are required to turn in a biography. The biography will be read at the 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet if the member receives one of these awards. The biography should be 200 words or less, written in third person, and describe their 4-H career. Highlights of major projects, life skills learned, or special notes that the member would like to share with the audience should be included. County Extension Agents will edit as needed to fit the format of the banquet.

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Applications submitted (check all that apply)

- Rookie 4-H Member
- 4-H Honor Roll
- 4-H All Star
- 4-H Letterman
- Bronze Star

- Silver Star
- Gold Star
- Danforth, I Dare You
- Special County Awards
- Clover Kid

Biography:

COUNTY 4-H ROOKIE AWARD

Available to any 4-H member, regardless of age, who is in his/her first year of membership.
Clover Kids (K-2ND)

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____ AGE: _____

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

- Selected one project
- Turned in a project record form and/or record book
- Gave a report to 4-H leader on the project
- Gave a demonstration, talk, or prepared an exhibit on the project

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Club Manager Signature

Date

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4-H Honor Roll Member Award

Available to junior members, grades 3rd – 5th. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as a junior member. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H Honor Roll member during junior age.

NAME _____

4-H CLUB _____

Complete 9 of 11	1st Yr.	2nd Yr.	3rd Yr.
Select one project			
Turn in a project record form			
Give a report to leader on project			
Give a demonstration, talk, or exhibit project			
Attend 2/3 of regular club meetings			
Bring parents to 50% of regular club meetings			
Serve on committee or as an Elected Officer			
Help with a Community Service project			
Participate in a County Round-Up event (Method Demonstrations, Judging, etc.)			
Turn in Complete Awards Program Record Book			
Participate in a County-wide activity			

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Club Manager Signature

Date

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4-H ALL - STAR AWARD

Available to intermediate members, grades 6th – 8th. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as an intermediate. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H All Star member during intermediate age.

NAME _____ 4-H CLUB _____

Complete 13 of 16	1st Yr.	2nd Yr.	3rd Yr.
Select two different projects			
Turn in two project record forms			
Give a demonstration, talk, or exhibit on 2 projects			
Attend 2/3 of regular club meetings			
Bring parents to 50% of regular club meetings			
Serve on committee or as an elected officer			
Participate in a Community Service project			
Participate in a Promote 4-H activity			
Recruit one or more new members			
Participate in a County Round-Up event (Method Demonstrations, Judging, etc.)			
Participate in two other county-wide 4-H activities			
Assist with County-wide activity			
Turn in Complete Awards Program record book			
Represent county at district or state event or activity			
Participate in school or community activity			
Assist leaders with TWO project group or club activities			

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Club Manager Signature

Date

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4-H LETTERMAN AWARD

Available to senior members, grades 9th-12th. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as a senior member. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H Letterman during the senior age.

NAME _____ **4-H CLUB** _____

Complete 16 of 19	1st Yr.	2nd Yr.	3rd Yr.
Complete 3 or more projects			
Attend 2/3 of regular club meetings			
Junior Leader or Teen Leader			
Chairman of committee or elected officer			
Serve on County 4-H Committee			
Assist in conducting a county activity or program			
Training or presentation to a project group			
Organize a community service project			
Participate in a District or State Leadership Training			
Provide county level program or training			
Write a news article or be on radio or TV about 4-H			
Participate in a County Round-Up event			
Provide district or state program or trainings			
Compete in district or state level 4-H competition			
Participate in a National event or activity			
Promote 4-H to other groups			
Serve in Leadership position in group other than 4-H			
Research career opportunities			
Turn in a complete Awards Program Record Book			

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Club Manager Signature

Date

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RECOGNITION FOR 4-H JUNIOR MEMBERS

BRONZE STAR AWARD

Criteria for selection:

1. The Bronze Star Award will be presented each year to up to three (3) outstanding 4-H Junior Members at the County Awards Banquet. Age requirements are 3rd grade to 5th grade at the time of application.
2. Must have been in 4-H for at least one year.
3. The Bronze Star Award will be presented to the most deserving junior member without regard to gender.
4. The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the Bronze Star Award.
5. The 4-H member must attend at least 50% of his/her club meetings.
6. The 4-H member must have completed two different project areas during their 4-H career.
7. Must have participated in various 4-H activities, community service and leadership experiences.
8. A member may receive the Bronze Star Award only one time.

Judging process:

- A check of award eligibility and required application materials.
- Judging of the awards application.
- An interview with a panel of judges.
- Review of 4-H Recordbook and achievements.

BRONZE STAR APPLICATION

(must be no longer than 3 pages)

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

CLUB: _____

1. Number of years in 4-H: _____
2. Projects completed:

3. Honors or Awards received in 4-H:

4. What projects have you enjoyed the most:

5. List Leadership activities other than in 4-H:

6. List other honors or awards.

7. Future plans for 4-H.

8. In 100 words or less, what has 4-H meant to you:

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Club Manager Signature

Date

RECOGNITION FOR 4-H INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS

SILVER STAR AWARD

Criteria for selection:

1. The Silver Star Award will be presented each year to up to three (3) outstanding 4-H Intermediate Members at the County Awards Banquet. Age requirements are grades 6th – 8th at the time of application.
2. The member must attend at least 50% of his/her club meetings.
3. Must have been in 4-H for at least two years.
4. The Silver Star Award will be presented to the most deserving intermediate member without regard to gender.
5. The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the Silver Star Award.
6. The 4-H member must have completed three different project areas during their 4-H career.
7. Must have participated in various 4-H activities, community service and leadership experiences.
8. A member may receive the Silver Star Award only one time.

Judging process:

- A check of award eligibility and required application materials.
- Judging of the awards application.
- An interview with a panel of judges.
- Review of 4-H record book and achievements.

SILVER STAR APPLICATION

(must be no longer than 4 pages)

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

CLUB: _____

Number of years in 4-H: _____

1. Projects completed:

2. Honors or Awards received in 4-H:

3. What projects have you enjoyed the most:

4. List Leadership activities other than in 4-H:

5. List other honors or awards

6. Future plans for 4-H.

7. In 100 words or less, what has 4-H meant to you:

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Club Manager Signature

Date

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RECOGNITION FOR 4-H SENIOR MEMBERS

Gold Star & Danforth Awards

The Gold Star Award is one of the most sought after 4-H awards at the county level. It is awarded each year to (3-4 youth, based on the number of senior 4-H members enrolled in the Gregg County 4-H program) outstanding senior 4-H members in Gregg County based on their total 4-H career. Any 4-H member not meeting the minimum criteria will not be considered for the award.

Guidelines for Awarding the Gold Star and Danforth - I Dare You Awards.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years old at the time of application.
2. The 4-H member must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
3. The member must attend at least 50% of his/her club meetings.
4. The 4-H member must submit an awards program **Record Book** in the year he or she is to be considered for the Gold Star or Danforth - I Dare You awards.
5. The Gold Star is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to race, sex, religion, handicap, creed, or national origin.
6. A member may receive the Gold Star Award or Danforth - I Dare You Award only one time.

7. **Projects and Activities**

During his/her years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have:

- A. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and/or Record Book.
- B. Participated in one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas:
 - * Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - * Contests
 - * Project Exhibits
 - * Camps
 - * Leadership Lab
 - * Citizenship Activities
 - * Public Relations (For Example: Demonstrations, Speeches, Poster Displays, Club Exhibits, Project Shows, Radio, TV, Newspaper, Special Projects)
 - * Other May Include: Exchange Programs, Fund Raising, State and National Congress, etc.

Note: It is not expected that the 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-Her has been in the program.

8. During his or her years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have exhibited leadership skills in one or more of the following areas:
 - A. Must have served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of 4-H organization (club, county, district, state)
 - B. Must have served as a Junior or Teen Leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

9. Community Service - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. For example:
 - A. Working or counseling with Junior 4-H members.
 - B. Community service projects, either individual, group or club-type projects.
 - C. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects, and/or exhibits.

Gold Star Selection Procedure:

- * Interviews will be held by a team of 2-3 judges with location and times to be announced.
- * Selection of winners will be based off interview, and application.

No makeup interviews!

Danforth - I Dare you Award:

William H. Danforth's *I Dare You* was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the general area of personal motivation. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership. A copy of the book and a personalized certificate suitable for framing comprise the tangible parts of the award. Gregg County will give two (2) awards to deserving Senior age 4-H Members (15 and up as of current 4-H year). The selection procedure is the same as for the Gold Star selection.

4-H Gold Star / "I Dare You" Awards Application Form

(must be no longer than 4 pages)

Applicant _____
Last Name
First Name
Middle

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Parents Name _____

County _____ Number of Years in 4-H Club work _____

Name of your 4-H Club _____

Age (as of Sept. 1) _____ Birth Date _____

Applying for (check all that apply) Gold Star Danforth "I Dare You"

1. What project/s do you consider to be your primary area/s of involvement over the past one to four years?

2. What **life skills** (i.e. record keeping, public speaking, etc.) have you learned through this/these project/s? What did you enjoy most about the project/s?

3. What influence has your 4-H involvement had on your family?

- 4. What do you consider to be your most meaningful 4-H experience?

- 5. Has 4-H helped you in making future plans and goals? If so, what are your plans and goals at this time? (Example: School, career, family, project goals)

- 6. What is the most meaningful award/recognition you have received because of your 4-H involvement?

- 7. How have others gained from your leadership experiences?

- 8. What suggestion/s would you make to change your county's 4-H program and what would you be willing to do to help make this change?

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Club Manager Signature

Date

SPECIAL COUNTY AWARDS

The following awards are made available on a county-wide basis to encourage excellence in 4-H projects. A 4-H member is eligible for any award if the project is included in the 4-H Record Book. A member may apply for all awards. Awards for Outstanding Achievement are awarded in the following project areas:

Beef	Fashion & Interior Design	Photography
Food & Nutrition	Horticulture	Shooting
Public Speaking	Goat	Poultry
Citizenship*	Community Service*	Swine
Horse	Leadership*	Clover Kids
Rabbit	Sheep	

*Judged on overall 4-H performance, not necessarily as a project.

Requirements:

- * **Must be in the 6th thru 12th grade as of the current 4-H year. See important dates page.**
- * Must have completed 3 years of 4-H membership.
- * **Must be active in that special project during the current year and the previous year.**
- * Each of these awards may be received only one time. A member may receive only one Special County Award and the Danforth - I Dare You or Gold Star, or Silver Star Award in one Year.
- * Must complete the appropriate award application and biography.
- * Some awards may not be given every year.
- * 4-H members may apply for more than one special award in the same year.

Judging and Evaluation Procedure

1. Record Books will be judged by a special panel of judges.
2. Judging will be based on the Texas 4-H Report Forms and 4-H Photo & Story.
3. Evaluation will include:
 - * total number of years in project
 - * achievements in the project - shows, fashion revues, demonstrations, judging, records, and fairs.
 - * learning experiences in the project - clinics, tours, meeting, workshops, etc.
 - * leadership in the project - number of people taught/assisted, planning project activities for club, county, district, state, etc., results of leadership.
 - * diversity of projects.
4. The evaluation criteria will be included in each record book eligible for Special Awards for the information of the judges.

GREGG COUNTY SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS APPLICATION

Name: _____ Age: _____ Club: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Record Book Category Entered: _____

Each Special Award can only be received once. Knowing this, I would like to be considered for the following Special Awards. Please mark all awards you would like to be considered for. (Put an X in blank). If you have already received any of the awards, please indicate the year the award was won.

Special Awards	APPLYING FOR	YEAR RECEIVED
Beef		
Citizenship		
Fashion & Interior Design		
Community Service		
Meat Goat		
Food & Nutrition		
Horse		
Horticulture		
Leadership		
Photography		
Poultry		
Public Speaking		
Rabbit		
Sheep		
Shooting Sports		
Swine		

I HAVE / HAVE NOT (please check one) received the 4-H Gold Star Award.

I HAVE / HAVE NOT (please check one) received the Danforth "I Dare You" Award.

I have read and understand the rules for applying for a Special County Award and met all requirements.

 4-H Member Signature

 Date

 Parent Signature

 Date

 Club Manager Signature

 Date

Sample Interview Questions

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

Others:

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

Judges may also ask an off the wall, left field question like:

- What would the color 4-H green taste like to you?
- If you could be any position on the baseball field, what would it be and why?