BELL COUNTY 4-H
2023 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

NOTICE: All 4-H members applying for awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth or Outstanding Community Service, must submit the appropriate paperwork and applications on or before **June 2, 2023!** Award Interviews will be in **June of 2023** at the Bell County Extension Office. Record books for county competition will be due **June 2, 2023**. If you do not complete your recordbook by the deadline, you will forfeit your award (only for awards requiring a recordbook). Awards based on 4-H Grade.
Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet: **August 2023.**

ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BELL COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE:

http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/

RECORDBOOK PINS:

To recognize 4-H members for completion of project work and 4-H participation. 4-H members must complete an awards program record book during the current year. Must meet program objectives of project area and record book must be signed by the current club manager. This is open to all 4-H ages: clover, junior, intermediate, and senior.

JUNIOR AWARDS
(Grades 3-5)

ROOKIE AWARD:

To recognize outstanding first and second year 4-H members. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. Applicants may be of any age. The 4-H member must meet the requirements of and turn in a Rookie Application. Rookie Award winners will receive a green clover recognition pin presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet.

HONOR ROLL AWARD:

To recognize 4-H members third to fifth grade. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. A 4-H Honor Roll Award checklist must be turned in. All requirements of the Honor Roll Award Checklist may be completed in one year or within the time that a member is a Junior. Honor roll award winners will receive a silver clover recognition pin presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet.

BRONZE STAR (recordbook required)

To recognize outstanding achievements by 4-H members who are in the third grade to fifth grade. The member must have been in 4-H for at least one year. A 4-H member may receive the award only once. The Bronze Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young people. The 4-H member must complete an application and submit a record book in the year he/she is to be considered for the award. All candidates will be required to provide an interview as part of the selection process. The number of awards will be determined by the awards and recognition judges, with the number of awards given to the most deserving individuals.

INTERMEDIATE AWARDS
(Grades 6-8)

ROOKIE AWARD:

To recognize outstanding first and second year 4-H members. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. Applicants may be of any age. The 4-H member must meet the requirements of and turn in a Rookie Application. Rookie Award winners will receive a green clover recognition pin presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet.

ALL STAR AWARD:

When 4-H members become 11 years old, he/she may begin work on the All Star Award. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. Requirements may be completed in one year or may be accumulated over the years as an Intermediate. All 4-H members grades 6-8 are eligible to receive this award one time. A 4-H All Star Award Application must be turned in. All Star Award winners will receive a gold clover recognition pin presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet.

SILVER STAR (recordbook required):

To recognize outstanding achievements by 4-H members grades 6-8. Any 4-H member may receive the award only once. The Silver Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young person. The member must have completed at least two years in 4-H including the current year. The 4-H member must complete an application and submit a record book in the year he/she is to be considered for the award. All candidates will be required to provide an interview as part of the selection process. The number of Silver Stars to be awarded will be determined by the awards and recognition judges, with the number of awards given to the most deserving individuals.

SENIOR AWARDS
(Grades 9-12)

ROOKIE AWARD:
To recognize outstanding first and second year 4-H members. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. Applicants may be of any age. The 4-H member must meet the requirements of and turn in a Rookie Application. Rookie Award winners will receive a green clover recognition pin presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:
4-H members in grades 9-12 may apply for this award. A 4-H member may receive this award only one time. Members must submit a typed essay of 1,200 words maximum, double spaced in a font no smaller than 12 explaining their community service campaign. There is no record book requirement for this award. Essays will be judged by county officials directly connected with 4-H that do not have children involved in 4-H. The Outstanding Community Service Award winner will receive a plaque. Applications are due at the same time as 4-H Award Applications.

LETTERMAN AWARD:
4-H members in grades 9-12 are eligible for this award. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. Requirements may be completed in one year or over a period of several years. Members may count requirements completed after grade 9. A 4-H Letterman Award Application must be turned in. Letterman Award winners will receive a letterman jacket patch presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet.

SENIOR AWARD:
Graduating seniors for the **2023** year, who are members of 4-H, may apply to receive a Senior Award, to be presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet. Seniors who missed their junior year to apply may go ahead and apply for this award if they have not received it before. Seniors must have been active and meet the requirements listed on the application. 4-H members may receive this award only one time.

NATIONAL DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" AWARD (recordbook required):
To award 4-H members in 9th grade or older for outstanding character. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. The requirements are the same as for the Gold Star Award and winners will receive an "I Dare You" book and certificate. The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award. All candidates will be required to provide an in-person interview as part of the selection process. The number of Danforth Awards to be awarded will be determined by the Awards and Recognition Judges.

GOLD STAR (recordbook required):

To recognize senior 4-H members for outstanding achievement. The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award at the county level. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex.

Qualifications:

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age as of September 1st of the current year and must have completed at least three years in 4-H including the current year.

2. The 4-H member must submit a record book in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.

3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in at least three of the following areas: method demonstrations/4-H presentation; contests; projects; project exhibits; camps; Leadership Lab; citizenship activities; public relations (demonstrations, radio, T.V., speeches, poster displays, newspapers, etc.); other (includes Exchange Program; fund raisers, State and National Congress).

   NOTE: *It is not expected that the above requirements for projects and activities all be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-H'er has been in the program. During his or her years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills, be serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state); and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities*

4. In addition to the record book, the 4-H member must submit an application signed by his or her current club manager and participate in an interview. All candidates will be required to provide an in-person interview as part of the selection process.

5. The 4-H member(s) receiving the Gold Star Award will receive a certificate and pin from the District 8 office that will be presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet.

   NOTE: The number of Gold Star awards to be awarded in any one year are limited and determined by the State 4-H Program and that information are sent to the 4-H Program Coordinator.

ADULT LEADER AWARDS

NOTE: County Extension Agents cannot be selected for the Outstanding Leader Award and Friend of 4-H Award.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARDS*:*

Two individuals will be selected and recognized at the Annual 4-H Banquet for "Distinguished Service." One will be chosen by the MAB and one chosen by 4-H members. 4-H volunteer leaders who are chosen for this award include outstanding club managers, leaders, project leaders, workshop leaders and volunteer leaders who go above and beyond their leader capabilities.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD- The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H member requires an essay no longer than 1 page. **The essays are due June 2, 2023**.
The essay should include the following:
Name of Person Making Nomination
Leader Nominated
Date
Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?
What does this leader do that is outstanding? Examples: Teaches others new projects, takes 4-Her's on tours, leads club, etc.
How has this leader helped you?
How has this leader helped others?

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD:

This award goes to an individual or business that has greatly supported the Bell County 4-H program. The recipient is selected by the Membership Advisory Board and the award is presented at the County 4-H Awards Banquet. Recipients chosen for this award are outstanding volunteers who do not have 4-H members participating in the 4-H program in the current year.

If you would like to nominate an Outstanding Leader or Friend of 4-H who has been chosen before or even a County Extension Agent, you can nominate them in early spring through the Texas 4-H Program. Please see weekly updates or newsletter for details.