**AWARDS OPEN TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS**

* ***4-H Member Superstar Award***

This award is to recognize an individual that shows a strong commitment to their club and is very active in all the club’s activities. This individual may not be the loudest in the room or the center of attention, but the club would not be the same without them. To be considered for this award, the individual can be nominated by their Club Manager/Leader, Project Leader, or 4-H Staff members, Each club is eligible to have a winner.

**CLOVER KIDS ALL STAR AWARD**

**(Grades K-2nd)**

* ***Clover Kids All Star Award***

To recognize Clover Kids accomplishments over the program year. The Clover Kids All Star Award is open to all Clover Kid members, grades K-2nd. The application must be turned in. Age is based on age as of September 1 of current 4-H year.

**JUNIOR AWARDS**

**(Grades 3-5 minimum age 8)**

* ***Rookie of the Year Award***

To recognize outstanding first year 4-H members. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. All applicants except Clover kids may apply. The 4-H member must meet the requirements and turn in the Rookie of the Year Application.

* ***Record Book Awards***

4-H members who enter a Record book in the Dallas County 4-H Record Book competition shall receive a 4-H Project pin and recognition at the Dallas County Awards Ceremony.

* ***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 may be completed in one year or within the time that a member is a Junior.

* ***Bronze Star (Record Book required)***

Junior members that have completed one full year in 4-H are eligible for this award. Dallas County has the opportunity to select as many 4-H members as possible. The Bronze Star Award is the highest award that a junior 4-H member can receive. This award may be received only once in a member’s 4-H career. 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. Multiple winners may be selected at the discretion of the judges.

* ***Silver Star (Record Book required)***

The Silver Star recognizes outstanding achievements by 4-H members grades 6-8 or any member that has completed a minimum of two years in 4-H including the current year. Any 4-H member may receive the award only once. The Silver 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. The number of Silver Stars to be awarded will be at the discretion of the judges.

**INTERMEDIATE AWARDS**

**(Grades 6-8)**

* ***Rookie of the Year Award***

To recognize outstanding first year 4-H members. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. All applicants except Clover kids may apply. The 4-H member must meet the requirements and turn in the Rookie of the Year Application.

* ***Rising Star Awards***

This award recognizes outstanding 6th to 8th graders who have completed at least two years in 4-H. 4-H members may receive this award one time. Recipients of this award are recognized as going above and beyond while making the most of their short time in 4-H.

* ***Record Book Awards***

4-H members who enter a Record Book in the Dallas County 4-H Record Book competition shall receive a 4-H Project pin and recognition at the Dallas County Awards Ceremony.

* ***Bronze Star (Record Book required)***

All 4-H members who have completed one full year in 4-H are eligible for this award. Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select as many 4-H members as possible who meet the criteria. This award may be received only once in a member’s 4-H career. 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. Multiple winners may be selected at the discretion of the judges.

* ***Silver Star (Record Book required)***

The Silver Star recognizes outstanding achievements by 4-H members grades 6-8 or any member that has completed a minimum of two years in 4-H including the current year. Any 4-H member may receive the award only once. The Silver 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. The number of Silver Stars to be awarded will be at the discretion of the judges.

**SENIOR AWARDS**

**(Grades 9-12)**

* ***Rookie of the Year Award***

To recognize outstanding first year 4-H members. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. All applicants except Clover kids may apply. The 4-H member must meet the requirements and turn in the Rookie of the Year Application.

* ***Record Book Award***

4-H members who enter a Record book in the Dallas County 4-H Record Book competition shall receive a 4-H Project pin and recognition at the Dallas County Awards Ceremony.

* ***Outstanding Service Award***

4-H members age 14 or older may apply for this award. A 4-H member may receive this award only once. Members must submit a typed essay of 1,000 words maximum, double spaced in a font no smaller than 12. The essay should explain their involvement with different community service opportunities, and how this involvement has impacted them and their community. Details on the organization(s) you volunteered with, how you were able to gather support from other club members, and details on if you organized the event, should also be included. This essay is due at the same time as the awards application.

* ***Bronze Star (Record Book required)***

All 4-H members who have completed one full year in 4-H are eligible for this award. Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select as many 4-H members as possible who meet the criteria. This award may be received only once in a member’s 4-H career. 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. Multiple winners may be selected at the discretion of the judges.

* ***Silver Star (Record Book required)***

The Silver Star recognizes outstanding achievements by any 4-H member who has completed a minimum of two years in 4-H, including the current year. Any 4-H member may receive the award only once. The Silver 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. The number of Silver Stars to be awarded will be at the discretion of the judges.

* ***Gold Star (Record Book required)***

Recognizes Senior 4-H members for outstanding achievement. The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given at the county level. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member’s 4-H career. The 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. The number of Gold Stars to be awarded will be at the discretion of the judges.

www.texas4-h.tamu.edu/awards/

**\*External Awards\***

* ***Lone Star Ag Credit Leadership Award***

The Lonestar Ag Credit Leadership Award recognizes 4-H members for their dedication to “making the best better”. Award recipients are chosen on their ability to grow clubs, lead project groups, and coordinate events in their community. Dallas County can select up to two 4-H members to be recognized for this award, which is at the discretion of the Lone Star Ag Credit and the Dallas County Agent(s). This Award may be received only once in their 4-H career. 4-H members must have completed their freshman year in high school, show exemplary qualities as a leader in 4-H and the community, and have completed at least two years in 4-H including the current year.

* ***Congressional Award***

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress’s award for young Americans. The program is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. Young people may register when they turn 13 1/2 years old and must complete their activities by their 24th birthday.

Participants earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning this award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you’d like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace – on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals after registering for the program.

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