



Dallas County 4-H

2025 ADULT LEADERSHIP Award Application Packet

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARDS:

Multiple individuals will be selected and recognized at the Annual 4-H Awards Ceremony for “Distinguished Service.” 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. Multiple nominations are welcome.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD- The Outstanding Leader Award chosen by the 4-H members requires a short essay. **The ESSAYS ARE DUE JULY 14, 2025!** 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?

RISING STAR VOLUNTEER AWARDS:

The Rising Star Volunteer Award is given to an individual who has spent no more than 2 years as a 4-H volunteer. The volunteers nominated for this award will be someone who despite being new took on a task and followed through. (ex: started a new fundraising initiative, kicked off a new project.)

The Rising Star Volunteer Award requires a short essay and will be chosen by the 4-H members, or 4-H staff. **The ESSAYS ARE DUE JULY 14, 2025!** The essay should include the following:

- Name of person making nomination
- Name of person being nominated
- Date
- How long has the volunteer been involved
- Examples of how the volunteer has assisted their fellow 4-H members, Club, Group or County.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

The Mentor of the Year Award honors an individual or program that has made a difference in a child's life over time through mentoring, or someone who has developed a structured and trusting relationship that brings a young person together with a caring individual who offers guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD- The Mentor of the Year Award requires a short essay and will be chosen by the 4-H members. **The ESSAYS ARE DUE JULY 14, 2025!** The essay should include the following:

- Name of person making nomination
 - Mentor/Program being nominated
 - Date
 - Why do you think this Mentor/Program has influenced the child's (children's) life?
 - How has Mentor/Program offered guidance, support and encouragement to help develop the child's (children's) life?
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HEART OF 4-H AWARD:

This award goes to an individual, business, or organization that has greatly supported the Dallas County 4-H program. The recipient is selected by the Dallas County Advisory Board and the award is presented at the Dallas County 4-H Awards Ceremony. The recipient chosen for this award will be an outstanding volunteer who does not have a 4-H member participating in the 4-H program in the current year.

HEART OF 4-H AWARD- The Heart of 4-H Award requires a short essay. One recipient will be chosen by the Dallas County 4-H Advisory Board.

The ESSAYS ARE DUE JULY 14, 2025! The essay should include the following:

- Name of person making nomination
 - Individual or Business being nominated
 - Date
 - How has this Individual or Business supported Dallas County 4-H?
 - What influence has this had on the current 4-H program year?
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4-H PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

This Award honors an organization, business, or community group whose outstanding support and collaboration have significantly advanced the mission of 4-H. This award recognizes a partner whose commitment to positive youth development has empowered young people to reach their full potential as confident, capable, and compassionate leaders.

Through generous contributions of time, resources, expertise, or advocacy, the recipient has demonstrated a shared vision for creating meaningful opportunities for youth in their communities. Their partnership has strengthened program impact, expanded outreach, and exemplified the true spirit of teamwork and service.

This award is a testament to the power of partnerships in helping 4-H grow True Leaders. The 4-H Partner of the Year Award requires a short essay.

The ESSAYS ARE DUE July 14, 2025! The essay should include the following:

- Name of person making nomination
- Business, organization or community group being nominated
- Date
- How has this Business, organization, or community group supported Dallas County 4-H?
- What influence has this had on the current 4-H program year?
Describe their involvement.