

RIISING STAR AWARD GUIDELINES

The Rising Star is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Fort Bend County based on their total 4-H careers as reflected in the 4-H Record Book.

The Star Awards are a series of awards showing progression of the 4-Hers involvement, including growth and diversification of both the 4-H'er and their projects/events. The series begins with the Rising Star (Step 1), Bronze Star (Step 2), Silver Star (Step 3), "I Dare You" Award (Step 4), and ultimately ending with the Gold Star (Step 5).

Each award may only be received once.

These awards were designed to be received in the sequence stated but being a prior recipient of an award is not a requirement. Once you have received a step award you may not apply for a lower step award (no regression).

I. Minimum Criteria

The Rising Star was created by Fort Bend 4-H Leader Association in order to honor our Sub-Junior 4-H members for their outstanding achievements in 4-H. The applicants will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Rising Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Rising Star recipients in Fort Bend County will not exceed three (3). The Rising Star can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

- A.** The 4-H member must be at least 8 years of age and in the third grade but not over 10 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least one (1) year in 4-H including the current year.
- B.** The 4-H member must submit an Awards Program Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Rising Star Award. An application for the award must be completed and returned to the Fort Bend County Extension Office on the same date as Record Books are due unless advised otherwise by the Awards and Recognition Committee. There will be no exceptions. The application should be paper clipped to the outside front cover of the Record Books. The Record Book committee will check the sheets and books.
- C.** Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:
 - 1. Completed one (1) project as detailed in the Record Book.
 - 2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in the current year.
 - a. Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - b. Contests
 - c. Project Exhibits
 - d. Camps

- e. Citizenship Activities
- f. Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects
- g. Other (may include fund raising, etc.)
- h. Project activities

D. Leadership - During the applicant's years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:

- 1. Served as an officer or participated on a committee at some level of the 4-H organization club or county, and/or
- 2. Provided leadership in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

E. Community Service, Citizenship, Character - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as:

- 1. Working or counseling with junior 4-H members
- 2. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.
- 3. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
- 4. Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

II. Selection Procedures

The Awards and Recognition Committee will review and screen the applications for Rising Star before they are judged. This committee is to be appointed by the Fort Bend County 4-H Advisory Board during the September meeting.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of three (3) judges. The panel will be selected from former Gold Star Winners, 4-H Leaders and/or County Extension Agents. Fort Bend County Extension Agents, Leaders, Parents, or other Relatives will not be eligible to judge. The interviews will be conducted in the Fort Bend County Extension Office or in a specified location.

No makeup interview will be given unless prior approval has been received by the Awards and Recognition Committee to allow for a taped interview.

The Rising Star recipient(s) will be awarded a plaque by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board.

BRONZE STAR AWARD GUIDELINES

The Bronze Star is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Fort Bend County based on their total 4-H careers as reflected in the 4-H Record Book.

The Star Awards are a series of awards showing progression of the 4-Hers involvement, including growth and diversification of both the 4-H'er and their projects/events. The series begins with the Rising Star (Step 1), Bronze Star (Step 2), Silver Star (Step 3), "I Dare You" Award (Step 4), and ultimately ending with the Gold Star (Step 5).

Each award may only be received once.

These awards were designed to be received in the sequence stated but being a prior recipient of an award is not a requirement. Once you have received a step award you may not apply for a lower step award (no regression).

I. Minimum Criteria

The Bronze Star was created by Fort Bend 4-H Leader Association in order to honor our Junior 4-H members for their outstanding achievements in 4-H. The applicants will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Bronze Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Bronze Star recipients in Fort Bend County will not exceed three (3). The Bronze Star can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

- A.** The 4-H member must be at least 11 years of age but not over 13 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least two (2) years in 4-H including the current year.
- B.** The 4-H member must submit an Awards Program Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Bronze Star Award. An application for the award must be completed and returned to the Fort Bend County Extension Office on the same date as Record Books are due unless advised otherwise by the Awards and Recognition Committee. There will be no exceptions. The application should be paper clipped to the outside front cover of the Record Books. The Record Book committee will check the sheets and books.
- C.** Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:
 - 1. Completed projects in two (2) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book.
 - 2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas in the current year.
 - a. Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - b. Contests
 - c. Project Exhibits

- d. Camps
 - e. Leadership Lab
 - f. Citizenship Activities
 - g. Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects
 - h. Other (may include fund raising, etc.)
 - i. Project activities
- D.** Leadership - During the applicant's years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:
- 1. Served as an officer or participated on a committee at some level of the 4-H organization club or county.
 - 2. Provided leadership in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.
- E.** Community Service, Citizenship, Character - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as:
- 1. Working or counseling with junior 4-H members
 - 2. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.
 - 3. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
 - 4. Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

II. Selection Procedures

The Awards and Recognition Committee will review and screen the applications for Bronze Star before they are judged. This committee is to be appointed by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board during the September meeting.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of three (3) judges. The panel will be selected from former Gold Star Winners, 4-H Leaders and/or County Extension Agents. Fort Bend County Extension Agents, Leaders, Parents, or other Relatives will not be eligible to judge. The interviews will be conducted in the Fort Bend County Extension Office or in a specified location.

No makeup interview will be given unless prior approval has been received by the Awards and Recognition Committee to allow for a taped interview.

The Bronze Star recipient(s) will be awarded a plaque by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board.

SILVER STAR AWARD GUIDELINES

The Silver Star is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers Fort Bend County in Texas based on their total 4-H careers as reflected in the 4-H Record Book.

The Star Awards are a series of awards showing progression of the 4-Hers involvement, including growth and diversification of both the 4-H'er and their projects/events. The series begins with the Rising Star (Step 1), Bronze Star (Step 2), Silver Star (Step 3), "I Dare You" Award (Step 4), and ultimately ending with the Gold Star (Step 5).

Each award may only be received once.

These awards were designed to be received in the sequence stated but being a prior recipient of an award is not a requirement. Once you have received a step award you may not apply for a lower step award (no regression).

I. Minimum Criteria

The Silver Star is the third highest 4-H award at the county level therefore recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Silver Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Silver Star recipients in Fort Bend County will not exceed three (3). The Silver Star can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

- A.** The 4-H member must be at least 13 years of age but not over 19 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
- B.** The 4-H member must submit an Awards Program Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Silver Star Award showing at least three (3) years of 4-H experience. An application for the award must be completed and returned to the Fort Bend County Extension Office on the same date as Record Books are due unless advised otherwise by the Awards and Recognition Committee. There will be no exceptions. The application should be paper clipped to the outside front cover of the Record Books. The Record Book committee will check the sheets and books.
- C.** Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:
 - 1. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book.
 - 2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas in the current year.
 - a. Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - c. Contests
 - d. Project Exhibits

- e. Camps
- f. Leadership Lab
- g. Citizenship Activities
- h. Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects
- i. Other (may include fund raising, State and National Congress, etc.)
- j. Project activities

D. Leadership - During the applicant's years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:

- 1. Served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of the 4-H organization club, county, district, state and/or
- 2. Served as junior or teen leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

E. Community Service, Citizenship, Character - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as:

- 1. Working or counseling with junior 4-H members
- 2. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.
- 3. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstration, projects and/or exhibits.
- 4. Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

II. Selection Procedures

The Awards and Recognition Committee will review and screen the applications for Silver Star before they are judged. This committee is to be appointed by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board during the September meeting.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of three (3) judges. The panel will be selected from former Gold Star Winners, 4-H Leaders and/or County Extension Agents. Fort Bend County Extension Agents, Leaders, Parents, or other Relatives will not be eligible to judge. The interviews will be conducted in the Fort Bend County Extension Office or in a specified location.

No makeup interview will be given unless prior approval has been received by the Awards and Recognition Committee to allow for a taped interview.

The Silver Star recipient(s) will be awarded a silver pen by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board.

DANFORTH- “I DARE YOU” AWARD GUIDELINES

The “I Dare You” Award is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Fort Bend County based on their total 4-H careers as reflected in the 4-H Record Book. The Danforth- “I Dare You” Award is the second highest award given on the county level.

History of the Danforth- “I Dare You” Award

Mr. William H. Danforth’s book, “I Dare You” was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the area of personal motivation. Now in the 28th printing, the book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its I Dare You Committee. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced development as well as demonstrated leadership.

The Star Awards are a series of awards showing progression of the 4-Hers involvement, including growth and diversification of both the 4-H’er and their projects/events. The series begins with the Rising Star (Step 1), Bronze Star (Step 2), Silver Star (Step 3), “I Dare You” Award (Step 4), and ultimately ending with the Gold Star (Step 5).

Each award may only be received once.

These awards were designed to be received in the sequence stated but being a prior recipient of an award is not a requirement. Once you have received a step award you may not apply for a lower step award (no regression).

I. Minimum Criteria

The Danforth – “I Dare You” is the second highest 4-H award at the county level therefore, recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Danforth – “I Dare You” if there are not 4-H members in the county who exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Danforth – “I Dare You” recipients in Fort Bend County will not exceed two (2). The Danforth – “I Dare You” can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

- A. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age but not over 19 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
- B. The 4-H member must submit an Awards Program Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Danforth – “I Dare You” showing at least three (3) years of 4-H experience. An application for the award must be completed and returned to the Fort Bend County Extension Office on the same date as Record Books are due unless advised otherwise by the Awards and Recognition Committee. There will be no exceptions. The application should be paper clipped to the outside front cover of the Record Books. The Record Book committee will check the sheets and books.

- C. Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:
1. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book.
 2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas in the current year.
 - a. Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - b. Contests
 - c. Project Exhibits
 - d. Camps
 - e. Leadership Lab
 - f. Citizenship Activities
 - g. Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects
 - h. Other (may include fund raising, State and National Congress, etc.)
 - i. Project activities
- D. Leadership - During the applicant's years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:
1. Served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of the 4-H organization club, county, district, state and/or
 2. Served as junior or teen leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.
- E. Community Service, Citizenship, Character - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as:
1. Working or counseling with junior 4-H members
 2. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.
 3. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
 4. Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

II. Selection Procedures

The Awards and Recognition Committee will review and screen the applications for the Danforth – "I Dare You" before they are judged. This committee is to be appointed by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board during the September meeting.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of three (3) judges. The panel will be selected from former Gold Star Winners, 4-H Leaders and/or County Extension Agents. Fort Bend County Extension Agents, Leaders, Parents, or other Relatives will not be eligible to judge. The interviews will be conducted in the Fort Bend County Extension Office or in a specified

location.

No makeup interview will be given unless prior approval has been received by the Awards and Recognition Committee to allow for a taped interview.

The Danforth – “I Dare You” recipient(s) will be awarded a trophy by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board.

GOLD STAR AWARD GUIDELINES

The Gold Star is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Fort Bend County based on their total 4-H careers as reflected in the 4-H Record Book.

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Each award may only be received once.

These awards were designed to be received in the sequence stated but being a prior recipient of an award is not a requirement. Once you have received a step award you may not apply for a lower step award (no regression).

I. Minimum Criteria

The Gold Star is the highest 4-H award at the county level therefore recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Gold Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Gold Star recipients in Fort Bend County will not exceed three (3). The Gold Star can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

- A.** The 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age but not over 19 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
- B.** The 4-H member must submit an Awards Program Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Gold Star Award showing at least three (3) years of 4-H experience. An application for the award must be completed and returned to the Fort Bend County Extension Office on the same date as Record Books are due unless advised otherwise by the Awards and Recognition Committee. There will be no exceptions. The application should be paper clipped to the outside front cover of the Record Books. The Record Book committee will check the sheets and books.
- C.** Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:

1. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book.
2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas in the current year.
 - a. Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - b. Contests
 - c. Project Exhibits
 - d. Camps
 - e. Leadership Lab
 - f. Citizenship Activities
 - g. Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects
 - h. Other (may include fund raising, State and National Congress, etc.)
 - i. Project activities

D. Leadership - During the applicant's years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:

1. Served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of the 4-H organization club, county, district, state and/or
2. Served as junior or teen leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

E. Community Service, Citizenship, Character - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as:

1. Working or counseling with junior 4-H members
2. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.
3. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
4. Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

II. Selection Procedures

The Awards and Recognition Committee will review and screen the applications for Gold Star before they are judged. This committee is to be appointed by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board during the September meeting.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of three (3) judges. The panel will be selected from former Gold Star Winners, 4-H Leaders and/or County Extension Agents. Fort Bend County Extension Agents, Leaders, Parents, or other Relatives will not be eligible to judge. The interviews will be conducted in the Fort Bend County Extension Office or in a specified location.

No makeup interview will be given unless prior approval has been received by the Awards and Recognition Committee to allow for a taped interview.

The Gold Star recipient(s) will be awarded \$200 by the Fort Bend County Advisory Board.

Application Form

Each award may only be received once.

Please circle the award for which you are applying:

Local-

County-

District-

State-

8. 4-H Leadership Experiences
Local-

County-

District-

State-

9. Community Service, Citizenship & Character

10. School Involvement

11. Future Plans and Goals

12. As a 4-H member please answer the following questions.

A. "What has 4-H done for me?"

B. "The happiest time in my 4-H career was":

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of club leader

Date