**Bandera County 4­H Star Awards**

## Bandera County 4­H offers the following achievement awards for 4­H members:

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*The first step in being considered for a 4­H Star Award is submitting your 4­H record book. All Star Award applicants must complete and submit an application in addition to turning in a completed 4­H record book. 4­H Star Award applications are due by 5:00 pm on* ***Thursday, June 13, 2024****.* ***Interviews will then be conducted*** *by a panel of Agents representatives outside of the county. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.*

# Gold Star Requirements

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award given to a senior (grades 9­12) 4­H member, and will be awarded only once in a member’s 4­H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4­H members. The award is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to gender. The following are minimum requirements that must be met:

√ The member must have at least completed his/her 9th grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least 3 years in 4­H, including the current year.

√ The 4­H member must submit an awards program recordbook in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.

√ The 4­H member must have completed projects in 2 different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in 1 or more activities in at least 3 of the following areas:

* Educational Presentations
* Citizenship activities
* Projects
* Project exhibits
* Camps
* Leadership labs
* Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
* Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.)

**Note:** The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program. The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4­H 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 4­H member must have participated in 1 or more community service activities. Examples are working with or counseling junior 4­H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club) ; and motivating other 4­H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

# Silver Star Requirements

The Silver Star is the highest county achievement award given to an intermediate (grades 6­8) 4­H member, and is awarded only once during a member’s 4­H career. Up to 2 awards will be presented annually. The award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to gender. The following are minimum requirements that must be met:

√ The member must have at least completed his/her 6th grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least 2 years in 4­H, including the current year.

√ The 4­H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.

√ The 4­H member must have completed projects in 2 different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in 1 or more activities in at least 3 of the following

areas:

* Educational Presentations
* Citizenship activities
* Projects
* Project exhibits
* Camps
* Leadership labs
* Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
* Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.)

**Note:** The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program. During his or her years in 4­H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4­H officer or committee chair (club, county, district), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4­H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working with or counseling with younger 4­H member; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club­type); and motivating other 4­H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

# Bronze Star Requirements

The Bronze Star is the highest county achievement award given to a junior (grades 3­5) 4­H member, and is awarded only once during a member’s 4­H career. Up to 2 awards will be presented annually. The award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to gender. The following are minimum requirements that must be met:

√ The member must have at least completed his/her 3rd grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least 1 year in 4­H, including the current year

√ The 4­H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

√ The 4­H member must have completed projects in 2 different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

* Educational Presentations
* Citizenship activities
* Projects
* Project exhibits
* Camps
* Leadership labs
* Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
* Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.)

**Note:** The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program.

During his or her years in 4­H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4­H officer or committee chair (club, county, district), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4­H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working with other 4­H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club­type); and motivating other 4­H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

**“I DARE YOU”**

The “I Dare You” Award is offered as recognition of excellence in character, well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership. To be eligible, the member must be fourteen as of August 31, complete three years in 4-H, and submit a completed 4-H record book on the due date.

**\*\*\* To apply please attach a Script Narrative giving a brief description about yourself and your 4-H career\*\*\***

**2023-2024 Bandera County 4­H Star and “I Dare You” Application**

***Due by 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 13, 2024***

## I am applying for: 4­H Silver Star (intermediate 4­H member, grades 6­8)

 4­H Bronze Star (senior 4­H member, grades 3­5)

 4­H Gold Star (senior 4­H member, grades 9­12)

##  4­H “I Dare You (senior 4­H member, grades 9­12)

Name

Nickname (if any)

List your 4­H projects and years of involvement

Project Years of Involvement (example: 2022­24)

What do you consider your most outstanding 4­H project? Why?

What 4­H leadership role or activity are you most proud of? Why?

Describe your most meaningful 4­H community service project:

List your plans for the future such as 4­H projects and activities, career, etc.:

What have you learned from 4­H?

Signature of applicant