

GOLD STAR & DANFORTH AWARDS

DUE by Monday, June 23, 2014 to the Extension office!!

The Gold Star Award is one of the most sought after 4-H awards at the county level. It is awarded each year to (3-4 youth, based on the number of senior 4-H members enrolled in the Harris County 4-H program) outstanding senior 4-H members in Harris County based on their total 4-H career. A member may receive the Gold Star Award or Danforth - I Dare You Award only one time. Any 4-H member not meeting the minimum criteria will not be considered for the award.

Guidelines for Awarding the Gold Star and Danforth - I Dare You Awards.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The 4-H member must be at least 14 years old as of **August 31, 2013**.
2. The 4-H member must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
3. The member must attend at least 50% of his/her club meetings.
4. The 4-H member must submit an awards program **Record Book** in the year he or she is to be considered for the Gold Star or Danforth - I Dare You Awards.
5. The Gold Star is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to race, sex, religion, handicap, creed or national origin.
6. A member may receive the Gold Star Award or Danforth - I Dare You Award only one time. These awards can be received in the same year.
7. **Projects and Activities**

During his/her years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have:

- A. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and/or Record Book.
- B. Participated in one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas:

- Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation Contests
- Project Exhibits
- Camps
- Leadership Lab
- Citizenship Activities
- Public Relations (For Example: Demonstrations, Speeches, Poster Displays, Club Exhibits, Project Shows, Radio, TV, Newspaper, Special Projects)
- Other May Include: Exchange Programs, Fund Raising, State and National Congress, etc.

Note: It is not expected that the 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-Her has been in the program.

8. During his or her years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have exhibited leadership skills in one or more of the following areas:

- A. Must have served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of 4-H organization (club, county, district, state)
- B. Must have served as a Junior or Teen Leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

9. Community Service - The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. For example:

- A. Working or counseling with Junior 4-H members.
- B. Community service projects, either individual, group or club-type projects.
- C. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects, and/or exhibits.

Gold Star Selection Procedure:

- * An **application form** for the award must be completed and turned in with the **Record Book**.
- * Record books will be judged and ranked by an unbiased judging panel.
- * Interviews will be held on **June 21, 2013** at the County Extension Office by a team of 2-3 judges (times to be announced).

Danforth - I Dare you Award:

William H. Danforth's *I Dare You*, was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the general area of personal motivation. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership. A copy of the book and a personalized certificate suitable for framing comprise the tangible parts of the award. Harris County will give one (1) or two (2) awards to deserving Senior age 4-H Members. The selection procedure is the same as for the Gold Star selection.

Gold Star/"I Dare You" Award Application Form

Applicant:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Mailing Address:

Parents'/Guardians' Names:

County: Harris Number of Years in 4-H Club Work: _____

4-H Club Name:

Age (as of August 31, 2012) _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

What project/s do you consider to be your primary area/s of involvement over the past one to four years?

What **life skills** (i.e. record keeping, public speaking, etc.) have you learned through this/these project/s? What did you enjoy most about the project/s?

What influence has your 4-H involvement had on your family?

What do you consider to be your most meaningful 4-H experience?

Has 4-H helped you in making future plans and goals? If so, what are your plans and goals at this time? (Example: School, career, family, project goals)

What is the most meaningful award/recognition you have received as a result of your 4-H involvement?

How have others gained from your leadership experiences?

What suggestion/s would you make to change your county's 4-H program and what would you be willing to do to help make this change?

Applicant's Signature

Parent's Signature

Club Manager's Signature

**Interview dates and times will be scheduled after the applications are received.
Return to the Harris County Extension Office by Monday, June 23, 2014.**

SCORE CARD FOR GOLD STAR/DANFORTH AWARD

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

	<u>Possible Points</u>	<u>Points Received</u>
Interview	50 points	_____
Record book	40 points	_____
Written application	10 points	_____
	Total Points	_____

POSSIBLE GOLD STAR & DANFORTH INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- How has 4-H affected your life?
- What has been the highlight of your 4-H career?
- Discuss your main 4-H project.
- Discuss other projects you have had in 4-H.
- Discuss your citizenship experiences in 4-H.
- Discuss your leadership experiences in 4-H.
- Why should you be considered for the Gold Star or Danforth Award?