

TRAVIS COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

Award nomination forms may be obtained from the county Extension office or at www.travis4h.com. The Travis County Extension Office presents the awards during the annual 4-H Achievement Awards Banquet (typically held in August.)

GENERAL 4-H YOUTH AWARDS:

4-H Project Medals - To be eligible for a 4-H project medal, a 4-H member must complete a 4-H record-book and submit it to the County Extension office for county competition by the assigned due date.

4-H Project Summary Award - All youth are eligible to apply for this award as long as one project has been completed. The form is for a single project, but will allow space to talk about your other projects. Please only turn in one summary form for your main project.

All Star Award - All 4-H members age 11-13 (as of August 31 of the current year) are eligible to receive this award each year. The 4-H member is required to attend 2/3 of their club meetings, complete two (2) projects, participate in two (2) community service projects, and give a demonstration, talk, or written report on two (2) projects.

Honor Roll Award - All 4-H members ages third grade to 10 years old (as of August 31 of the current year) are eligible to receive this award each year. 4-H members are required to attend 2/3 of their club meetings, complete one project, participate in one community service project, and give a demonstration, talk, or written report on their project.

Letterman Award - All 4-H members age 14-19 (as of August 31 of the current year) are eligible to receive this award each year. Requirements must be completed during the current 4-H year. Each 4-H member must attend at least 2/3 of their club meetings, complete three (3) or more projects, and participate in two (2) or more community service projects.

Rookie Award - May be awarded to a first year 4-H member of any age and chosen by the club manager.

STAR-LEVEL AWARDS *Interview is required*****

Bronze Star Award - To recognize achievement by 4-H members 9 to 11 years of age. A member may receive the award only once. Applicant must have completed at least one year of 4-H as well as an awards program record-book.

Silver Star Award - To recognize achievement by 4-H members 12 to 14 years of age. A member may receive the award only once. Applicant must have completed two years in 4-H (including this year) as well as an awards program record-book.

Gold Star Award - The highest county achievement award for 4-H members 15 to 19 years of age and intended to be received only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. Candidates are selected by a personal interview and the award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to gender. The following requirements must be met:

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age.
2. The member must have completed at least three years in 4-H, including the current year.
3. The member must submit a record book in the year they are to be considered for the award.
4. The member must have completed projects in three different project areas and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Method demonstration/4-H Presentation Contests
 - Projects
 - Project exhibits
 - Camps
 - Leadership labs
 - Citizenship activities
 - Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.)
 - Other (exchange programs, fund-raising, State and National Congress, etc.)

During their years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H 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 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are: working or counseling with junior and intermediate 4-H members, participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type), and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Note: It is not expected that the above 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-H'er has been in the program.

“I Dare You Award” - This award is to recognize 4-H youth ages 15-18 striving to be their best, leading balanced lives, demonstrating a commitment to discovering and developing their personal best, and making a positive difference in their communities. Through the promise of their character and leadership, awardees are helping to make the world a better place for all.

Presidential Student Service Awards - Exists to create a widespread grassroots recognition system to encourage millions of young Americans to participate in voluntary community service. The awards were originated by President George H. W. Bush in 1992 and expanded by President Bill Clinton. See the Travis 4-H website for instructions on entering volunteer time on-line.

- **Bronze Pin Award** - All youth up to age 14 years old who have performed 50-74 hours of service within a 12 month period are eligible to receive a bronze pin and certificate. All youth ages 15-19 years old who have performed 100-174 hours of service within a 12 month period are eligible to receive a bronze pin and certificate.
- **Silver Pin Award** - All youth up to age 14 years old who have performed 75-99 hours of service within a 12 month period are eligible to receive a silver pin and certificate. All youth ages 15-19 years old who have performed 175-249 hours of service within a 12 month period are eligible to receive a silver pin and certificate.
- **Gold Pin Award** - All youth up to age 14 years old who have performed 100 + hours of service within a 12 month period are eligible to receive a gold pin and certificate. All youth ages 15-19 years old who have performed 250 + hours of service within a 12 month period are eligible to receive a gold pin and certificate.

ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARDS:

Friend of 4-H Award - This award is to an individual outside of the 4-H organization who has made a very special contribution to 4-H through his or her time, influence, or special support. This award is decided by the County 4-H Council.

Silver Spur Award - Presented each year to an individual, business, or company who has actively supported and been involved with the development of youth through the 4-H program in Travis County. The Silver Spur Award is the highest award presented by the members of the Travis County 4-H Council. A nomination form may be obtained from the County Extension office.

Volunteer Leader Award—This is an award given to a Travis County 4-H adult volunteer leader who is screened through the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Youth Protection Standards Program. Nominations are collected in June on the appropriate form. Leaders may be nominated by youth, adults or friends of the 4-H program. A nomination form may be obtained from the County Extension office.