

RECOGNITION FOR 4-H SENIOR MEMBERS

GOLD STAR AWARD

The Gold Star Award is one of the most sought-after 4-H awards at the county level. It is awarded each year to 2 outstanding 4-H members in Wise County based on their total 4-H career. Any 4-H member not meeting the minimum criteria will not be considered for the award.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age at the time of application.
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 their club meetings.
4. The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Record Book in the year they are to be considered for the Gold Star Award.
5. The Gold Star is presented to the most deserving senior member without regard to race, sex, religion, handicap, creed, or national origin.
6. A member may receive the Gold Star Award only one time.
7. **Projects and Activities**

During their years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have:

- A. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas including submission of a 4-H 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
 - State and National Congress
 - Fund Raising
 - Ambassadorship/Mentorships

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 the time the member has been in the program.

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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:
- Must have served as an officer or committee chairman at some level in the 4-H Organization (club, county, district, state, etc.)
 - Must have served as a Junior or Teen Leadership 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:
- Working or counseling with Junior 4-H members.
 - Community service projects, either individual, group, or club-type projects.
 - Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstration projects, and/or exhibits.

Gold Star Selection Procedure:

- Interviews will be held by a team of 2-3 judges with locations and times to be announced.
- The selection of winners will be based on interviews and applications.
- No makeup interviews!

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DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" LEADERSHIP AWARD

There are many young people who have demonstrated unusual integrity, balanced personal development, and a willingness to assume responsibility.

They may hold elected positions or they may be young people whose leadership qualities have not yet been fully appreciated by their peers. The nationally known "I Dare You" Leadership Award provides a vehicle to recognize the achievements and the promise of these aspiring leaders.

The I Dare You Leadership Award

The I Dare You Award was first offered in 1941 by businessman and philanthropist, William H. Danforth, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service. The founder of the Ralston Purina Company and a successful entrepreneur and civic leader, Mr. Danforth believed that a balanced four-fold life of mental, physical, social, and spiritual development sustained individuals for the demand of leadership.

Selection

The "I Dare You" Award is a National 4-H Award, two (2) are presented at the county level. 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 "I Dare You" award if there are no 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria.

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 a record book for the 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.

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Selection Continued

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. Educational 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 fundraising, 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 a 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 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.

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APPLICATION

(Must be no longer than 4 pages)

Applicant _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Club Name: _____ Number of years in 4-H: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age as of Jan. 1: _____

Please select which award(s) you are applying for:

Gold Star Award

Danforth "I Dare You" Award

1. What project(s) do you consider to be your primary area(s) of involvement during your 4-H career?

2. What life skills have you learned through your 4-H project(s)? What did you enjoy most about your project(s)?

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

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

5. Has 4-H helped you in making future plans and goals? If so, what are your plans and goals at this time? (i.e. school, career, family, project goals)

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

7. How have others gained from your leadership experiences?

8. What suggestion(s) would you make to change Wise County's 4-H program and what would you be willing to do to help make this change?

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date