



2023-2024 Collin County 4-H Awards

Collin County 4-H Awards are used to honor those 4-Hers and Adult Leaders who have gone the extra mile to make their 4-H experience the best that it could be.

To be eligible for any of the awards you must turn in a 2023-2024 Recordbook.

Each award will be based on three components:

1. Application Essay (based on age-appropriate expectations)
2. Personal Interview
3. Recordbook (points will be given based on ribbon awarded)

The Gold Star Award, I Dare You Award, Friend of 4-H Award, and Outstanding Adult Leader Awards will remain the same as in years past. However, we do have some new awards this year. **Please carefully read the qualifications and requirements.**

Our new awards will be based on our 4-H motto; Head Award, Heart Award, Hands Award, and Health Award. From each age group (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior); should they qualify, an applicant may apply for any or all of these awards. However, they will only be awarded one per year. You may reapply and be eligible to win these awards each year. Individual award details are listed below.



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Youth Awards

Gold Star (2)

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement and can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career. The award is presented to the most deserving young persons without regard for gender. This award includes a \$250 scholarship. Up to two Gold Star Awards may be given.

To qualify, the 4-H member must*:

- Be at least 15 years old at time of application
- Have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year
- Have submitted a 2023-2024 Recordbook
- Have completed a project in three different project areas
- Have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H office 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
- Have participated in one or more community service activities (Examples are working with or counseling junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects [individual, group, or club]; and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects, and/or exhibits)
- Have in their 4-H career, participated in at least three of the following activities:
 - Method Demonstrations/4-H Presentation Contest
 - Citizenship Activities
 - Project Exhibits
 - Camps
 - Leadership Labs
 - Public Relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (exchange program, fundraising, State/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 their entire 4-H career.

To apply for Gold Star, please fill out both the 2023-2024 Awards Application and the Gold Star Award Checklist.



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I Dare You Award (1)

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. The book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its "I Dare You Committee". The I Dare You Leadership Award is not a contest or competition. **County Agents are asked to select the nominees.** The award consists of a copy of I Dare You, a certificate, and an invitation to apply for a scholarship to attend a 7-day International Leadership Conference (ILC) at one of the American Youth Foundation's three sites (Michigan, New Hampshire, or California). The award recognizes excellence in character, well-balanced personal development, and potential for leadership.

Rookie of the Year Award (1 Per Club)

This award is given to a first year 4-Her who jumped right in and has gotten involved in all 4-H has to offer through club or county activities, club projects, and community service opportunities. The rookie of the year award will be **chosen by each club manager** and presented to the recipient during the club's project completion award presentation.

Adult Awards

Friend of 4-H Award

This award recognizes an individual or business that has contributed their time, donations, and/or effort to assist, aid, or sponsor the 4-H organization. **Anyone can nominate a "Friend of 4-H"**. Please use the Adult Nomination Form.

Outstanding Adult Leader

This award recognizes 4-H leaders who have contributed their time and talent to leading and growing 4-Hers within their club or at a county level. Leaders may be nominated by 4-H clubs, 4-H members, or adult leaders. Please use the Adult Nomination Form.



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Head, Heart, Hands, & Health Awards

(One of each for all age groups; Junior, Intermediate, Senior)

Head Award (Leadership/4-H Promotion)

The recipient of this award must have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and/or 4-H promotional abilities.

To qualify, the 4-H member must:

- Have completed a 2023-2024 Recordbook
- Have participated in at least 1 Clover Campaign
- Have demonstrated their leadership or 4-H promotion through at least 2 activities; Examples include, but are not exclusive to:
 - Served as an officer (club, county, district, or state level)
 - Served on a committee (fundraising, event planning...)
 - Served as a camp counselor at a 4-H sponsored camp
 - Aided in public relations for 4-H (through speeches, poster displays, Learn About 4-H Night's, social media, or newspapers)
- Provide a record of leadership activities, including dates (a copy of your recordbook leadership log is sufficient)

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my head to clearer thinking by...

(Identify and describe your leadership experiences from this year, including what you learned and how these experiences impacted your life.)

Heart Award (Loyalty/Attendance)

Awarded to a 4-H member that was extremely active at the club level, attended most club meetings and activities, was engaged and active in 2 or more projects, was enthusiastic about 4-H activities, and showed great moral integrity. *This award will be decided by each club manager among their club's applicants. There is no interview for this award.

To qualify, the 4-H member must:

- Have completed a 2023-2024 Recordbook
- Have attended at least 90% of club meetings
- Have participated in 2 or more club projects, with attendance of at least 85%
- Have shown enthusiasm for projects and activities
- Have shown respect for project leaders and other 4-H members

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my heart to greater loyalty by...

(Identify and describe your dedication to 4-H this year, including what you learned and how these experiences impacted your life.)



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Hands Award (Community Service)

This award recognizes the 4-Her who dedicated their time and talent to helping others and gave back to the community in a voluntary capacity.

To qualify, the 4-H member must:

- Have completed a 2023-2024 Recordbook
- Have volunteered (un-paid) for at least 20 hours of community service
(At least 12 being through 4-H events, the other 8 may be through non 4-H events)
- Provide a record of community service activities, including dates (a copy of your recordbook community service log is sufficient)

* Extra consideration may be given to Senior 4-Hers who have organized and/or were a youth leader for a community service activity (Seniors Only)

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my hands to larger service by...

(Identify and describe your community service experiences this year, including what you learned and how these experiences impacted your life.)

Health Award

This award will go to the 4-Her who has strived to lead a healthy lifestyle. This could include, but is not limited to, health or physical fitness projects/activities, participation in a food and nutrition project, a project that improves your mental health, or any activity you feel truly helps you be your best self.

To qualify, the 4-H member must:

- Have completed a 2023-2024 Recordbook

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my health to better living by...

(Identify and describe any personal experience(s) from this year that you feel improved on or impacted your health in a positive way.)



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Awards Interview and Score Sheet

Youth Name: _____

Interview Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Award Applying For: _____

Appearance/Professionalism _____/10

Is the interviewee dressed in a professional/appropriate manner? On time?

Communication/Presentation _____/20

Made eye contact, organized, strong communication skills, well prepared?

4-H Project Involvement _____/20

Were they active at the club/county level this past year; able to explain what they did, what they learned, and how it affected their life?

Application (Paragraph structure and content) _____/10

Sufficiently identified and described their experiences using the parameters given.

The following corresponds to the award in which they are applying:

4-H Leadership (Head)

Adequately described leadership experiences explaining how it affected their life.

4-H Community Service (Hands) _____/40

Adequately described community service experiences explaining how it affected their life.

4-H Health

Adequately described personal health experiences explaining how it affected their life.

Recordbook _____/40

Blue (40 points) Red (30 points) White (20 points)

TOTAL _____/100

Comments:

Judge's Signature: _____



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Youth Award Application Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Collin County Club Name: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Circle Age Group: Junior Intermediate Senior

I want to apply for the following award(s): (check all that apply)

Juniors:

- Head
- Heart
- Hands
- Health

Intermediate:

- Head
- Heart
- Hands
- Health

Seniors:

- Gold Star
- I Dare You
- Head
- Heart
- Hands
- Health

*Please attach a paragraph regarding the award you are applying for, describing its personal impact on you. You will need a paragraph for each award for which you are applying.



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HEAD Award Form

Leadership

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my head to clearer thinking by...

(Identify and describe your leadership experiences from this year, including what you learned and how these experiences impacted your life.)



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HEART Award Form

Loyalty/Attendance

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my heart to greater loyalty by...

(Identify and describe your dedication to 4-H this year, including what you learned and how these experiences impacted your life.)



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HANDS Award Form

Community Service

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my hands to larger service by...

(Identify and describe your community service experiences this year, including what you learned and how these experiences impacted your life.)



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HEALTH Award Form

Healthy Choices

To apply, fill out an award application form and answer the following: (in 250 words or less)

I pledged my health to better living by...

(Identify and describe any personal experience(s) from this year that you feel improved on or impacted your health in a positive way.)



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Gold Star Application Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Collin County Club Name: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

2023-2024 Recordbook Category: _____

Project Areas:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Most Meaningful 4-H Leadership Position:

- _____

4-H Community Service Activities:

- _____
- _____
- _____

In which of the following (minimum of 3) have you participated:

___ Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation

Title: _____ Year: _____

___ Citizenship Activities

Description:

___ Project Exhibitions

Description:

___ Camps (when/where)

___ Leadership Labs (when/where)

___ Public Relations (what)

___ Other

Description:



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Adult Award Application Form

Nominee Name: _____

Submitted by: _____

Nominating for: (Circle one) **Friend of 4-H** **Outstanding Adult Leader**

Please give a brief summary describing how this nominee has contributed their time, talent, donation, and/or effort to assist, aid, or sponsor the 4-H organization within your club or at a county level.