



COOKE COUNTY 4-H
4-H Year 2023-2024
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2024



ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

The Achievement Banquet is held each year as a means of honoring outstanding 4-H members, parents, leaders and Friends of 4-H. Following are the requirements to receive an invitation to the banquet, which will be held on August 17, 2024, at First Christian Church. If you have any questions, please call the County Extension office at 668-5414 or 668-5416.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Record Books – June 10, 2024

Project Record Forms – July 12, 2024

Ribbon Activity Record Forms – July 12, 2024

Special Award & Scholarship Applications – July 12, 2024

Interviews for Special Awards & Scholarships – July 22, 2024

PLEASE NOTE

A Texas 4-H Record Book for the current year is required to apply for the Honor Roll Award, Gold Star, Silver Star, Bronze Star, I Dare You and Farm Bureau Special Awards.

PROJECT RECORD FORMS & RIBBON ACTIVITY RECORD FORMS

On the following two pages, you will find the listed requirements to qualify for an invitation to the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet. The first page is a diagram summary of how many projects and ribbon activities are needed, by 4-H age division. The second page is a list of Texas 4-H projects.

A completed project record form for **each** project completed or the equivalent of projects in a Texas 4-H Record Book and a ribbon activity record form must be submitted by 4-H members to receive an invitation to the Achievement Banquet. Both of these forms are attached to this packet and are also available at our website: cooke.agrilife.org or at the AgriLife Extension Office located at 301 S. Chestnut St. in Gainesville.

Specific Award Guidelines

If a 4-H member has met the requirements to attend the Achievement Banquet in August 2024 he/she may also apply for the following awards.

All Award Applications are due to the Extension Office
by July 12, 2024

Interviews will be conducted on Monday, July 22, 2024, beginning at 3:30 PM. Please schedule your interview time when you turn in your award application.

Rookie of the Year Award **(Interview required)**

This award is presented to a first year 4-H member, in each age category of Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Applicant's first year of membership should reflect a sincere attempt to experience 4-H by participating in several different projects, attending camps and workshops, and completing community service projects. (Starting, dropping out, and then re-entering the program does not count as first year status.)

Jewels of 4-H **(no Interview)**

This pin may be awarded at the conclusion of the 1st, 5th, and 10th years of membership in the Cooke County 4-H program. A member may only receive each pin once throughout their 4-H career.

Outstanding Junior and Intermediate Awards **(Interview required)**

Junior 4-Her Age 8 & in 3rd grade-5th Grade as of August 31, 2023)
Intermediate 4-Her (6th through 8th grade as of August 31, 2023)

1. A Texas 4-H record book is not required.
2. Each nominated 4-Her will be **interviewed**.
3. A 4-Her may only receive the Junior award one time and Intermediate award one time.

Helping Hands Award

(No Interview
Required)

This award will be presented at the 4-H Achievement Banquet to 4-Hers who have performed services for the benefit of the public. One award per age category may be given each year. Community Service is defined as “providing assistance that benefits someone outside of a 4-H family.” A 4-Her may receive the award one time in each age category. Applications will be judged by a panel of impartial judges outside of Cooke County.

Bronze & Silver Star Awards

(Interview Required)

The **Bronze Star Award** is awarded to (up to 4) 4-H members who have demonstrated active involvement in 4-H projects and activities for 2-3 years. Emphasis starts to be placed on participation outside the club. 4-H members must apply for this award and must also turn in a Texas 4-H Record Book in the year applying. Candidates must also go before an **interview** committee in the year applying. 4-H Bronze Star winners may only be honored once in their 4-H career.

The **Silver Star Award** is awarded to (up to 4) 4-H members who have demonstrated active involvement in 4-H projects and activities for 4 years or more. Emphasis will be placed on participation outside of the club and on junior leadership opportunities. 4-H members must apply for this award and must also turn in a Texas 4-H Record Book in the year applying. Candidates must also go before an **interview** committee in the year applying. 4-H Silver Star winners may only be honored once in their 4-H career.

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Honor Roll Awards

(No Interview Required)

Clover Honor Roll Award may be presented to a beginner 4-H member. (Grade K-2 completed) Award can be received each year the requirements are completed.

Junior Honor Roll Award for members grades 3-5 are eligible for this award upon completing the requirements in one year or over a period of several years. Award can be received each year the requirements are completed.

Intermediate Honor Roll Award for members grades 6-8 are eligible for this award upon completing the requirements in one year or over a period of several years. Award can be received each year the requirements are completed.

Senior Honor Roll Award for members grades 9-12 are eligible for this award upon completing the requirements in one year or over a period of several years until completed.

Senior Awards
(Interview Required)
Farm Bureau Leadership Award
Danforth "I Dare You"
Gold Star Award

Criteria and method for selection:

1. 4-H member must be 14 years old as of August 31, 2023, to qualify for the Farm Bureau or the Danforth I Dare You awards and 15 years old as of August 31, 2023 to qualify for the Gold Star Award.
2. Must have completed three years in the Cooke County 4-H program including the current year.
3. Must complete a Texas 4-H Record Book in the year he/she is considered for awards.
4. Must complete a 10-15-minute **interview** with a committee of judges.
5. Projects and Activities: During his/her years in 4-H the member must have:
 - Completed projects in **three different project areas** including submission of appropriate project record forms.
 - Participated in one or more activities in at least **three of the following areas:** Education Presentation/4-H presentation, project exhibits, leadership labs or retreats, contests, camps, citizenship activities, or public relations (demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, television, newspapers, special projects). Other (exchange programs, fund raising, state and national congress, etc.)
6. During his/her years in 4-H the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman.
7. Community Service: The 4-H member must have participated in **AND** taken a leadership role in conducting one or more community service activities (community cleanup, a fund raiser for outside organization, project for nursing home, motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits etc.)
8. Can only get each award once - there is no order in which you may get these awards.
9. Gold Star Quotas – counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members in 9th grade to post high school as reported on their counties' 2022-2023 ES-237. For the 2024 banquet, Cooke County is allowed to give 2.

Year End Awards for Adult Leaders and Local Volunteers

Submission Deadline July 12, 2024

Each year the Cooke County 4-H Council recognizes leaders, parents and people that have helped through assistance or support to the 4-H Program. This is an opportunity for you to nominate a leader, parent, local businessman, or volunteer for one of the following awards. See nomination form for complete details A panel of judges from another county will review the nominations and decide on the winners.



Leader on the Town - (Only one per club)

Presented to a leader or leaders that have provided help and assistance **to their individual clubs.**

Outstanding Adult Leader

Awarded to a leader that has given their time, encouragement, and support to the **Total County 4-H Program.**

Friend of 4-H

Given to a person or business that is not directly involved in the 4-H program, but gives generous support, assistance, and encouragement to 4-H members.

Most Supportive Parents -

Presented to the parents that have given their time and support to the **County 4-H Council.**

