

# Dallas County 4-H Award Biographical Sketch Form

**2 X 3 INCH HEADSHOT MUST BE ATTACHED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

Check the appropriate box for the award you are applying for:

- Rookie of the Year       Bronze Star       Silver Star       Lone Star Ag Credit  
 Rising Star       Shooting Star       Gold Star       I Dare You

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Nick name if any \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. with area code (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian names \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school you attended \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

My record book this year was entered in \_\_\_\_\_

**List 4-H projects you have completed and indicate number of years in each project**

**What do you consider your most outstanding 4-H project? Why**

**List the activities in which you have participated such as method demonstrations, judging contests, camps, leadership labs, state and national meetings**

**List your most outstanding leadership experiences—club, county, district, offices held, committee work**

**List one or more community service activities in which you participated**

**List major 4-H honors and recognition List non 4-H honors**

**What have you learned from 4-H in 50 words or less**

**List the funniest/most unusual experience in connection with a project:**

**MEMBER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

# Dallas County

## 4-H Member Recognition Awards

4-H members are recognized at the annual 4-H County Banquet for accomplishments made during the year. 4-Hers who apply for these awards must complete the requirements for the award. 4-H members must attend the banquet in order to receive their award. A description of the awards follows.

### Junior 4-H Member Recognition Awards

#### Rookie of the Year

**Grade** 4-H member must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- The 4-H member must be within their **FIRST** official year of membership (*not including Clover Kid membership*).
- The 4-H member must submit a **Project Recordbook** to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in at least one project area.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

#### Awards

Each year Dallas County 4-H has the opportunity to select one Junior Division 4-H member. *This award may be received only once in their 4-H career.*

#### Bronze Star Award Criteria

**Grade** 4-H member must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and must have completed at least **one year in 4-H**,

#### Eligibility Criteria

- The 4-H member must submit a **Project Recordbook** to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in two different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities at the county, district or state level
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

#### Awards

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select up to two 4-H members to be recognized as Bronze Star 4-Hers. *This may be received only once in their career.*

## Intermediate 4-H Member Recognition Awards

### Rookie of the Year

**Grade** 4-H member must be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- The 4-H member must be within their **FIRST** official year of membership
- The 4-H member must submit a **Project Recordbook** to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in at least one project area.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

#### Awards

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select one Intermediate and/or Senior 4-H member to be recognized as Rookie of the Year. *This award may be received only once in their 4-H career.*

### Silver Star Award Criteria

**Grade** 4-H member must be 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and must have completed at least **two years in 4-H**, including the current year.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- The 4-H member must submit a **Project Recordbook** to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

#### Awards

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select up to two 4-H members to be recognized as Silver Star 4-Hers. *This may be received only once in their career.*

### Rising Star Award Criteria

**Grade** 4-H member must be 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and must have completed at least **two years in 4-H**, including the current year.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- The 4-H member must submit a **Project Recordbook** to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have went **above and beyond** in their 4-H project activities (showing example of leadership, project growth and 4-H promotion)
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

#### Awards

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select one 4-H members to be recognized as Rising Star. *This may be received only once in their career.*

## Senior 4-H Member Recognition Awards

### Rookie of the Year

**Grade** 4-H member must be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- The 4-H member must be within their **FIRST** official year of membership
- The 4-H member must submit a **Project Recordbook** to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in at least one project area.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

#### Awards

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select one Intermediate and/or Senior 4-H member to be recognized as Rookie of the Year. *This award may be received only once in their 4-H career.*

### Shooting Star Award Criteria

**Grade** 4-H member must be in 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade and must be in their **first or second year as a senior division 4-H member**, including the current year.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- The 4-H member must submit a **Project Recordbook** to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

#### Awards

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select up to two 4-H members to be recognized as Shooting Star 4-Hers. This may be received only once in their career.

## Gold Star Award Criteria

**Age** 4-H member must have completed their sophomore year and must have completed at least **three years in 4-H**, including the current year.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Submit an awards program Recordbook to be considered for the awards.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas: Method Demonstration Camps Citizenship Activities Leadership Lab Project Exhibits Public Relations (demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspaper, etc) Other (exchange programs, State & National Congress, Leadership Tour) **NOTE: It is not expected that the above requirements for projects and activities be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-Her has been in the 4-H program.**
- During his or her 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.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

### Awards

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select up to 4-H members to be recognized as Gold Star 4-Hers based on the total county 4-H program enrollment. **This is the highest award given by the 4-H program and may be received only once in their career.**

### Danforth "I Dare You" Award Nominee Criteria

**Grade:** 4-H member have **completed their freshman year in high school**, show outstanding qualities in servant leadership and have completed at least **two years in 4-H** including the current year.

The I Dare You Leadership Award is not a contest or competition; it recognizes excellence in character, well-balanced personal development, and potential for leadership. 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 A.Y.F.'s three sites (Michigan, New Hampshire and California).

#### **After Nomination is selected:**

A prepaid processing fee of \$21.00 is required. The fees must accompany the selection forms. I Dare You application forms and ILC brochures, posters and information packets are available from the American Youth Foundation.

## Lone Star Ag Credit Leadership Award

**AGE:** 4-H member must have completed their freshman year in high school, show exemplary qualities as a leader in 4-H and the community, and have completed at least **two years in 4-H** including the current year.

The Lone Star Ag Credit Leadership Award recognizes 4-H members for their dedication to "*making the best better*". Award recipients are chosen on their ability to grow clubs, leader project groups, and coordinate events in the community.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Submit a **Project Recordbook** in the year he or she is to be considered for the awards.
- The 4-H member must have showcased how they were able to lead 4-H activities to strengthen their local club or develop new ways of delivering 4-H in the community.
- During his or her 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.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least one contest either at the county, district or state level in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

### **Awards**

Each year Dallas County has the opportunity to select up to **two** 4-H members to be recognized for this award, which is at the discretion of Lone Star Ag Credit. **This award may be received only once in their 4-H career.**