

## **Rookie of the Year Award**

The Rookie of the Year Award is a county level award that is awarded each year to one outstanding 4-H member in Medina County based on personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contribution to the overall 4-H program. This award will only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career. First year 4-H members are eligible to apply for this award.

- Must be in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and a first year 4-H member
- Must have participated in one or more activities in the following areas:
  - Projects and/or project exhibits
  - Competitive events
  - Community Service
  - 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster display or booth, newspaper, school, 4-H Open House, etc.)
  - Participation in leadership experiences at county, district or state level
  - Camps at county, district or state level
  - Other 4-H activities such as exchange programs, fundraising, volunteer work, etc.

Requirements to apply for the Bronze Star Award:

- Complete a Record Book for the current year
- Complete an Interview to a small panel of judges
- Submit a 1-page minimum essay, answering the following questions (feel free to add anything 4-H related) by May 29<sup>th</sup>:
  - How did you become involved in 4-H?
  - What does 4-H mean to you?
  - What is your main project in 4-H?
  - Who has influenced you the most since you have been in 4-H?
  - What has been your most exciting/disappointing 4-H experience?
  - What is the greatest life skill you feel you have gained through your involvement in 4-H?
  - How can you best promote 4-H?
  - What would you tell someone who knew nothing about 4-H to get them to join?
  - Why do you deserve the Bronze/Silver/Gold Star award?