

Bronze Star Award

The Bronze Star Award is a county level award that is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers 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. Junior age division 4-H members (3rd – 5th grade) of the current 4-H year may apply for this award.

- Must be 9-11 years of age as of September 1, 2025, and have completed at least 2 years in 4-H including the current year.
- The 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 and Interview to a small panel of judges
- Submit a 2-page minimum essay, answering the following questions (feel free to add anything 4-H related) by May 29th:
 - 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?

Silver Star Award

The Silver Star Award is a county level award that is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers 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. Intermediate age division 4-H members (6th – 8th grade) of the current 4-H year may apply for this award.

- The applicant must be 12-14 years of age as of September 1, 2025 and completed at least 2 years in 4-H including the current year.
- The 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 Silver Star Award:

- Complete a Record Book for the current year
- Complete and Interview to a small panel of judges
- Submit a 2-page minimum essay, answering the following questions (feel free to add anything 4-H related) by May 29th:
 - 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?

Gold Star Award

The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award at the county level and is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers 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. Junior age division 4-H members (9th-12th grade) of the current 4-H year may apply for this award.

- The members must have completed or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least three of the following areas:
 - Projects and/or Project Exhibits
 - Participation in Leadership Experiences such as Leadership Labs, Texas 4-H Congress, or National Leadership Events such as National 4-H Congress/Conference, and any county, district, or state leadership group.
 - Competitive Events (judging, educational presentation, public speaking, food show, quiz bowls, etc).
 - Citizenship activities
 - Camps at the county, district, or state level.
 - 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fund raising)

Note: The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period the person has been in the program.

- The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair (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.
- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples include providing leadership to a One Day 4-H project, 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.
- The 4-H member **MUST SUBMIT A TEXAS 4-H RECORDBOOK** in the year they are to be considered for the award.

Requirements to apply for Gold Star Award:

- Complete a Record Book for the current year
- Complete and Interview to a small panel of judges
- Submit a 2-page minimum essay, answering the following questions (feel free to add anything 4-H related) by May 29th:
 - o How did you become involved in 4-H?
 - o What does 4-H mean to you?
 - o What is your main project in 4-H?
 - o Who has influenced you the most since you have been in 4-H?
 - o What has been your most exciting/disappointing 4-H experience?
 - o What is the greatest life skill you feel you have gained through your involvement in 4-H?
 - o How can you best promote 4-H?
 - o What would you tell someone who knew nothing about 4-H to get them to join?
 - o Why do you deserve the Bronze/Silver/Gold Star award?