



2025 - 2026
BURNET COUNTY 4-H

Award Descriptions & Requirements

All awards and/or recognition will be given at the annual 4-H Banquet.

Record Books & Project Pins:

All Burnet County 4-H members (3rd - 12th grade) who have completed and turned in a Record Book to the county level will receive a certificate as recognition for completion, along with a project pin for the category in which they entered their record book.

Participation Awards:

All Burnet County 4-H members (3rd - 12th grade) who have participated in a District and/or State level 4-H contest will be recognized.

Big 5 Project Award:

This award will go to (1) outstanding 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) for their efforts and involvements in a particular project area for that 4-H year. 4-H members may apply and receive awards in multiple project areas. Only one application per project area is necessary. The Big 5 Project areas are: Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM).

4-H Grows Award (Club Level):

This award will be given to the (1) 4-H Club with the most growth in membership for the 4-H year. Agents will run reports at the end of July to determine the club with the highest percentage of growth from the previous year. Total enrollment (clover kids, 4-H members, and registered volunteers) through 4-H Online will be used for these reports.

Character Counts Award:

This award will be given to (1) 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) who exhibits qualities that align with The Six Pillars of Character - Citizenship, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Trustworthiness, and Respect. Nominations for this award will be accepted from registered and approved 4-H volunteers (coaches, club managers, adult leaders, etc.) and selected by a panel of judges.

Helping Hands Award:

This award will be given to (1) 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) who has participated and/or led an outstanding amount of Community Service events and activities throughout the 4-H year. These can be from any level within the 4-H program.

Friend of 4-H Award:

This award will be presented annually to the person(s)/organization/business that have contributed outstanding support for the 4-H program on a local or county level. Selection of this award will be determined by Extension Staff. Nominations from 4-H members/leaders will be accepted until the award deadline as set by the county office.

Head, Heart, and Hands Hall of Fame

The Head, Heart, and Hands Hall of Fame is a new award honoring 4-H Alumni who have made a lasting impact on Burnet County 4-H. Inspired by the 4-H pledge, it recognizes those who have used their head, heart, and hands to lead, serve, and inspire future generations. Nominations can be made to the Extension Office, and a panel will select the winner.

I Dare You Award:

This award serves as recognition to a 4-H member in 8th - 12th grade. Recipients will be selected by a panel of judges based on the applicants excellence in character, well balanced personal development and their qualities of constructive leadership, as explained in their application. A 4-H member may only receive this award once in their 4-H career.

An interview is required for all Star applicants (below). Date will be set and announced by the County Office.

Bronze Star Award:

This award recognizes achievements by junior 4-H members (3rd - 5th grade) who has completed at least one (1) year in 4-H. A maximum of two (2) recipients will be selected each year by a panel of judges created by the County Extension Agents. Requirements for this award include the completion of a record book, involvement in at least one (1) 4-H project during the year of application, participation in community service, and involvement in at least two (2) other 4-H activities as listed on the application. A 4-H member may only win this award once in their 4-H career.

Silver Star Award:

This award recognizes achievements by intermediate 4-H members (6th - 8th grade) who have completed at least two (2) years in 4-H. A maximum of two (2) recipients will be selected each year by a panel of judges created by the County Extension Agents. Requirements for this award include the completion of a record book, involvement in at least two (2) 4-H projects during the year of application, participation in community service, served in at least one (1) leadership role, and involvement in at least two (2) other 4-H activities as listed on the application. A 4-H member may only win this award once in their 4-H career.

Gold Star Award:

The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program through the county 4-H Program. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award is for senior aged members (9th - 12th grade) and can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.

Eligibility and requirements for this award are lined out by the state and can be found in page one (1) of the application. A maximum of two (2) Burnet County 4-H members will be selected each year by a panel of judges created by the County Extension Agents.



Dear Burnet County 4-H members and families,

We would all like to congratulate you on your successes within the Burnet County 4-H Program this year! We hope that your experiences have been an accurate representation of all that this incredible program has to offer, and we hope that your love for 4-H continues to grow as it does for us. We encourage you to dive deeper into your projects, expand your involvement by trying something new, give back to Burnet County through impactful community service projects, and to serve others and this program through leadership roles. Congratulations again, and we cannot wait to see all that you accomplish in the future!

Sincerely,

Your Burnet County Extension Staff



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Bronze Star Award Application

For Junior 4-H Youth (in 3rd - 5th grade), who have completed one (1) year in 4-H.

**This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.
Interview date and information to come.**

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

Requirements:

- ___ Completed and turned in a Record Book this year.
- ___ Completed one (1) 4-H Project during the year of application.
- ___ Participated in Community Service.
- ___ Participated in at least two (2) activities (listed on page 2).

Record Book Category Entered: _____

List at least one (1), but no more than three (3), projects you have been active in this year, and one sentence of your favorite part of the project, or what that project taught you:

Name of Project:	Description of Project:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Tell us about the Community Service activities you have participated in. Include things such as: What events were they? Who did you participate with? How did you help? What did you learn?

4-H Activities participated in this year (applicant will need two (2) to qualify):

___ 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster display, radio, TV, newspaper): _____

___ 4-H Camp at county, district, or state level: _____

___ Livestock Show Entry- only one (1) counted (must have entered through 4-H).

___ Food Show.

___ Photography.

___ Fashion Show.

___ Horse Show.

___ Share The Fun.

___ 4-H Rifle Contest.

___ Public Speaking.

___ Educational Presentations.

___ Team Contests (Circle any that apply): Consumer Decision Making, Leaders 4 Life, Duds 2 Dazzle, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Wool & Mohair Judging, Livestock Skillathon.

___ Other (must be approved by Extension Agent): _____

Leadership Skills are a vital part of the 4-H experience. Explain any Leadership Positions you have held (Jr. Officer, committee member, project leader, etc.) or plan to hold in the future:

By signing, I certify that all information in this application is accurate.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Silver Star Award Application

For Intermediate 4-H Youth (in 6th - 8th grade), who have completed two (2) years in 4-H.

**This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.
Interview date and information to come.**

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

Requirements:

- ___ Completed and turned in a Record Book this year.
- ___ Completed two (2) 4-H Projects during the year of application.
- ___ Participated in Community Service.
- ___ Served in at least one (1) Leadership Role (Officer, Committee Chair, etc.).
- ___ Participated in at least two (2) activities (listed on page 2).

Record Book Category Entered: _____

List at least two (2), but no more than four (4), projects you have been active in this year, and one sentence of your favorite part of the project, or what that project taught you:

Name of Project:	Description of Project:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Tell us about the Community Service activities you have participated in. Include things such as: What events were they? Who did you participate with? How did you help? What did you learn?

4-H Activities participated in this year (applicant will need two (2) to qualify):

___ 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster display, radio, TV, newspaper): _____

___ 4-H Camp at county, district, or state level: _____

___ Livestock Show Entry- only one (1) counted (must have entered through 4-H).

___ Food Show.

___ Photography.

___ Fashion Show.

___ Horse Show.

___ Share The Fun.

___ 4-H Rifle Contest.

___ Public Speaking.

___ Educational Presentations.

___ Team Contests (Circle any that apply): Consumer Decision Making, Leaders 4 Life, Duds 2 Dazzle, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Wool & Mohair Judging, Livestock Skillathon.

___ Other (must be approved by Extension Agent): _____

Leadership Roles (check all that apply):

___ Serve as a 4-H Officer or Committee Chairman (Club, County, District, State): _____

___ Serve as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project: _____

___ Other (must be approved by Extension Agent): _____

By signing, I certify that all information in this application is accurate.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Gold Star Guidelines & Application

The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program through the county 4-H Program. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.

Requirements for the Texas 4-H Gold Star

As the highest award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, County Offices and Agents are ask to maintain a high level of integrity and honor through their selection process of county Gold Star recipients. At the MINIMUM, the following guidelines should be used in the eligibility and selection process for each county:

- The member must have at least 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 Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in at least three different project areas, submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities 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 of time 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.

For Senior 4-H Youth (in 9th - 12th grade), who have completed three (3) years in 4-H.

**This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.
Interview date and information to come.**

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

List your three (3) main 4-H projects and number of years you have participated:

Name of Project: _____ Number of Years: _____

Summarize your experiences, such as project meetings, clinics, tours, and successes you have had in the 4-H projects listed above.

List your leadership experiences as well as your participation in experiences such as leadership labs, State and National 4-H leadership events, and/or county, district or state leadership opportunities:

Describe your participation in any competitive 4-H event such as a judging contest, public speaking, educational presentations, food shows, or quiz bowls.

Provide a summary of any citizenship activities you have been involved in through 4-H.

Describe your participation in any 4-H related camp you have attended, or provided leadership at, on the county, district or state level.

Describe your future plans for 4-H, a profession, or college.

Part of being considered for the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award is to receive a statement or quote from a 4-H volunteer (not your County Agent) who has worked closely with you through your 4-H career. This quote allows the judges to evaluate how others appreciate your leadership and involvement in 4-H.

A statement or quote from a leader about the 4-H member.

4-H Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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I Dare You Award Application

For 4-H Youth in 8th - 12th grade.

This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

This award is given to the two (2) most outstanding 4-H members, "who have demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership and who have been well balanced on the four-square basis of healthy physical habits, an alert and ever growing mind, and outreach of friendship and constructive social relationships within the home and community and, above all, character" as specified by the award originator, William Danforth.

Requirements (please check off):

- Be in 8th - 12th grade.
- Attach a signed recommendation letter from a 4-H leader or adult (not a family member).
- Completion of the attached application.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrate qualities of constructive leadership.
- Well balanced on the four-square basis of:
 - Healthy physical habits
 - An alert and ever growing mind
 - An outreach of friendship and constructive social interactions within the home and community
 - Character

Name: _____

Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____

Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

List out five (5) of the 4-H leadership roles/duties you have held that you are the most proud of, and tell us the year(s) you held them, and at what level (club, county, district, state).

Leadership Role:	Year(s):	Level:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List out five (5) other leadership roles/duties you have held that you are the most proud of, and tell us the year(s) you held them, and for what organization (name of club, through school, church, etc.).

Leadership Role:	Year(s):	Organization:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please attach a short essay that tells us why you should receive the "I Dare You" award based on its selection criteria. Maximum length of one page.

Attach your signed recommendation letter from a 4-H leader or adult who is not a family member.

My signature below indicates that I believe I meet all requirements to be an "I Dare You" award recipient and that all of the information in this application is accurate.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

My signature below indicates that I believe my 4-H member applying for the "I Dare You" award meets all criteria listed and that all information in this application is correct.

4-H Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Helping Hands Award Application

This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

This award is given to (1) 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) who has participated and/or led an outstanding amount of community service events and activities throughout the 4-H year. These can be from any level within the 4-H program.

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____
of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

*List community service or service learning projects that might include: clean ups, collections, repairs, construction, care packets, visitations, education, donations, presentations, etc. **Your Role: Y-Yourself, M-Member of a Group, P-Primary Leadership. Level: C-club, Co-county, D-district, S-state, National, I-international.** ONLY include from this year (September 2023 - Current).*

List community service or service learning projects that might include: clean ups, collections, repairs, construction, care packets, visitations, education, donations, presentations, etc. **Your Role: Y-Yourself, M-Member of a Group, P-Primary Leadership. Level: Cl-club, Co-county, D-district, S-state, N-national, I-international.** ONLY include from this year (September 2022 - Current).

	Your Role (Y, M, P)	Level (Cl, Co, D, S, N, I)	Service Activity	Importance & Impact
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

Tell me about the community service event/activity that is the most important to you and why.

Tell me how participating in community service has impacted you personally.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Big 5 - Project Area Award

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

of years in this Project Area: _____

Projects completed this year (circle all that apply):

Beef Cattle

Horse

Rabbits

Dairy Cattle

Horticulture

Sheep

Dog Care & Training

Meat Science

Swine

Goats

Poultry

Veterinary Science

What activities have you participated in related to your project(s) (contests, workshops, camps, etc.)?

What leadership, community service, and/or citizenship activities have you done related to your project(s)?

What are the most important things you have learned this year from your involvement in your project(s)?

If you plan to participate in this project next year, what goals would you set for yourself and your project(s)? If you do not plan to participate in this project again next year, explain why.



Only one form per Big 5 Project Area can be submitted for recognition each year at the awards banquet.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Big 5 - Project Area Award

FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

of years in this Project Area: _____

Projects completed this year (circle all that apply):

Consumer Education

Food & Nutrition

Health & Personal Safety

Fashion & Interior Design

What activities have you participated in related to your project(s) (contests, workshops, camps, etc.)?

What leadership, community service, and/or citizenship activities have you done related to your project(s)?

What are the most important things you have learned this year from your involvement in your project(s)?

If you plan to participate in this project next year, what goals would you set for yourself and your project(s)? If you do not plan to participate in this project again next year, explain why.



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4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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NATURAL RESOURCES

This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

of years in this Project Area: _____

Projects completed this year (circle all that apply):

Entomology

Range Science

Water

Forestry

Shooting Sports

Wildlife & Fisheries

Outdoor Education &
Living Skills

Sportfishing

What activities have you participated in related to your project(s) (contests, workshops, camps, etc.)?

What leadership, community service, and/or citizenship activities have you done related to your project(s)?

What are the most important things you have learned this year from your involvement in your project(s)?

If you plan to participate in this project next year, what goals would you set for yourself and your project(s)? If you do not plan to participate in this project again next year, explain why.



Only one form per Big 5 Project Area can be submitted for recognition each year at the awards banquet.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Big 5 - Project Area Award

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)

This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

of years in this Project Area: _____

Projects completed this year (circle all that apply):

Computer Science

Robotics

Science, Technology,
Engineering & Math

Photography & Videography

Rocketry & Aerospace

What activities have you participated in related to your project(s) (contests, workshops, camps, etc.)?

What leadership, community service, and/or citizenship activities have you done related to your project(s)?

What are the most important things you have learned this year from your involvement in your project(s)?

If you plan to participate in this project next year, what goals would you set for yourself and your project(s)? If you do not plan to participate in this project again next year, explain why.



Only one form per Big 5 Project Area can be submitted for recognition each year at the awards banquet.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Big 5 - Project Area Award

LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

This application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

of years in this Project Area: _____

Projects completed this year (circle all that apply):

Workforce & Career Prep

Global Citizenship

Theater & Performance Arts

Citizenship

Leadership

Youth Entrepreneurship

Community Service

Public Speaking

What activities have you participated in related to your project(s) (contests, workshops, camps, etc.)?

Describe how your involvement in this project has either impacted you, or how you have impacted others.

What are the most important things you have learned this year from your involvement in your project(s)?

If you plan to participate in this project next year, what goals would you set for yourself and your project(s)? If you do not plan to participate in this project again next year, explain why.



Only one form per Big 5 Project Area can be submitted for recognition each year at the awards banquet.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Character Counts

This award will be given to (1) 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) who exhibits qualities that align with The Six Pillars of Character - Citizenship, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Trustworthiness, and Respect. Nominations for this award will be accepted from registered and approved 4-H volunteers (coaches, club managers, adult leaders, etc.) and selected by a panel of judges.

This nomination is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

Name of Nominee: _____

Age division of 4-H member Circle one:

Junior 3-5 grade Intermediate 6-8 grade Senior 9-12 grade

Please list 3 reasons why this 4-H member deserves the Character Counts Award:



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Head, Heart, and Hands Hall of Fame

The Head, Heart, and Hands Hall of Fame is a new and prestigious award created to honor outstanding community members who have made a lasting and meaningful impact on Burnet County 4-H. Rooted in the values of the 4-H pledge, this award recognizes individuals who have used their head for clearer thinking, their heart for greater loyalty, and their hands for larger service in ways that continue to strengthen and advance the 4-H program. Inductees into this Hall of Fame embody the spirit of lifelong leadership and service, serving as role models to current members while demonstrating the enduring influence of 4-H beyond their youth involvement.

This nomination is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15, 2026 at Noon.

Name of Nominee: _____

Please list 3 reasons why this nominee deserves the Head, Heart, and Hands Hall of Fame Award: