

Golden Clover Award

The Golden Clover Award is a county level achievement award and is awarded each year to outstanding 4-H members in Medina 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. Senior age division 4-H members (10-12th grade) of the current 4-H year may apply for this award.

- Must be a senior level 4-H member at the time of application and have completed 9th grade and at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
- **Must have already been awarded the Gold Star Award.**
- The 4-H member must have participated in at least three projects in 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 the Golden Clover Award:

- Complete a Record Book for the current year
- Complete an Interview with 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 Golden Clover Award? How did you feel when you were awarded the Gold Star Award?
 - o What has changed in your 4-H career since you were awarded the Gold Star Award? Ex. Goals, projects, etc.