

Star Awards

Bronze Star Award

The Bronze Star Award is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Bosque County on the basis of personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contribution to the overall 4-H program. 4-Hers 11 and 12 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year may apply for this award. The maximum number of Bronze Star recipients will be one per 4-H year. Recipients of the award will be selected by a panel of judges. The judges decision will be final. A completed 4-H Record Book must be completed in the year applying for the award.

Silver Star Award

The Silver Star Award is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Bosque County on the basis of personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contribution to the overall 4-H program. 4-Hers 13 and 14 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year may apply for this award. The maximum number of Silver Star recipients will be one per 4-H year. Recipients of the award will be selected by a panel of judges. The judges decision will be final. A completed 4-H Record Book must be completed in the year applying for the award.

Gold Star Criteria

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award will be presented to the most

deserving young people without regard to sex. A completed 4-H Record Book must be completed in the year applying for the award.

DANFORTH – “I DARE YOU” AWARD

History of the Mr. William H. Danforth’s book, “I Dare You” was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the area of personal motivation. Now in it’s 28th printing, the book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its I Dare You Committee. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced development as well as demonstrated leadership.

Minimum Criteria

The Danforth – “I Dare You” is a National 4-H award, recipients will be awarded at the county level and will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Danforth – “I Dare You” if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Danforth – “I Dare You” recipients in Bosque County will not exceed one (1). The Danforth – “I Dare You” can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

A. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age but not over 19 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.

B. The 4-H member must submit an 4-H Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Danforth – “I Dare You” showing at least three (3) years of 4-H experience. An application for the award must be completed and returned to the Bosque County Extension Office on the same date as Record Books. There will be no exceptions.

C. Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:

1. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book.
2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas in the current year.
 - a. Educational Presentation
 - b. Contests
 - c. Project Exhibits
 - d. Camps
 - e. Leadership Lab
 - f. Citizenship Activities
 - g. Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects
 - h. Other (may include fund raising, State and National Congress, etc.)
 - i. Project activities

D. Leadership – During the applicant's years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:

1. Served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of the 4-H organization club, county, district, state and/or
2. Served as teen leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

E. Community Service, Citizenship, Character – The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as:

1. Working or counseling with 4-H members
2. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.

3. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
4. Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

Selection Procedures

The Bosque County Extension Office will arrange interviews with outside judges. Interviews are required. The interviews will be conducted in the Extension Office or in a specified location.

No makeup interviews will be given unless prior approval has been received by the Bosque County Extension Agents.

The Danforth – “I Dare You” recipient(s) will be awarded the Mr. William H. Danforth’s book, “I Dare You”. They will also be eligible to attend the national Leadership Conference hosted by the American Youth Foundation. There are scholarships available to you for funding by the program. Visit the [American Youth Foundation webpage](#) and also remember to visit their [scholarship page](#).