2026 Randall County 4-H

GOLD STAR

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.

In order to apply for the Gold Star award, you must meet all the following criteria:

- Must be at least 15 years old at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.

- Must have submitted a completed record book to the Randall County Extension Office by **June 10, 2026**.

- Must turn in a completed Gold Star Award application (included in this document) with a copy of the record book to the County Extension Office by **June 24, 2026**.

- In-person interviews will take place on **July 9, 2026** at the Extension office. If you are unable to interview in person, you must turn in a video of the recorded interview by **July 6, 2026**.

- Must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
    - Educational Presentations
    - Citizenship Activities
    - Projects
    - Project Exhibits
    - Camps
    - Leadership Labs
    - Public Relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspaper)
    - Other (Ex: exchange programs, fundraising, State and/or National Congress, etc.)

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 chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or 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 are 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.)

“I DARE YOU” AWARD

Two senior 4-H members can be selected to receive this award in recognition of excellence in character, well-balanced personal development, as well as demonstrated leadership. **Applicants must have completed at least their Sophomore year in high school.**

Interview Instructions

Interviews will be conducted face to face on **July 9, 2026**. If you are unable to interview on this date, you may submit a pre-recorded interview before **July 6, 2026**. You may deliver it to the Randall County Extension Office on a zip drive or email it to Tracy Ware, tracy.ware@ag.tamu.edu. Your interview should not exceed 10 minutes in length and it should include the following:

- Introduce who you are and which award you are interviewing for: I Dare You or Gold Star

You will then answer the following questions for the judges. If you have time remaining, tell the judges anything else you want them to consider about you when making their selections.

- What is your primary (favorite) 4-H project?
- How long have you been involved in it?
- What kinds of leadership experiences have you had in 4-H?
- What is the most difficult thing you have encountered with your project or any 4-H project?
- Tell the judges about any other 4-H projects you have participated in.
- How will the skills you have learned in 4-H benefit you in the future?
- Who has been the most influential person in your 4-H career and why?

When you record your interview, you may have someone ask you the questions, then you can respond to them, or you may begin your sentences with the question and then answer them.

Application for GOLD STAR and I DARE YOU Awards are available on the following pages.

2026 GOLD STAR / "I DARE YOU" INFORMATION FORM

--- SENIORS ONLY ---

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone# _____ County _____

Section I (As it will appear in printed program)
Below, write one paragraph, 8-10 lines, to include 4-H Projects, Offices held, Community Service, Leadership Activities, State and National Events, and Special Awards.

Section II (for oral narration)

Name _____ County _____

Age _____ Parents' Names _____

Name of 4-H Club _____ # Years in 4-H _____

School Attending _____

Below, write one paragraph, 6-8 lines in length, to include major 4-H event, project or activity, most memorable experience, or other 4-H highlight.

2026 GOLD STAR / "I DARE YOU" APPLICATION FORM

--- PLEASE TYPE ---

COUNTY _____

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Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

School Attending: _____ Last Year's Grade: _____

No. of Years in 4-H: _____

List of 4-H Projects in Order of Importance:

Local, County, and District Offices:

Leadership Activities:

County, District, State and National Events/Activities:

Community Service:

Other: