

2019-2020

Cass County 4-H Awards Application and Handbook



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Objective of the Cass County 4-H Awards Program

The Cass County 4-H Awards Program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of the 4-H members in their project areas and in leadership and personal growth.

The Cass County 4-H Awards Program is coordinated in conjunction with the Texas 4-H Awards Program and the National 4-H Awards Program.

All award applications are considered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Membership

1. The Texas 4-H year is defined as September 1st through August 31st.
2. Age Requirements: Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of grade 3 through August 31st following completion of grade 12 with these age restrictions:
 - a. Minimum age- 3rd Grade
 - b. Maximum Age- 12th Grade
 - c. Age Divisions
 - i. Junior- Grades 3-5
 - ii. Intermediate- Grades 6-8
 - iii. Senior- Grades 9-12

Special education youth who are older than 19 and have not graduated from high school may participate in 4-H and Youth development programs with approval by the county extension agent. Participation should be limited to the club or county levels.

Awards Offered- to apply, complete the attached forms

Salute to Excellence-4-H members can nominate adults and volunteers who go the extra mile for the 4-H

National Leadership Award- 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

Gold Star- 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Graders

Silver Star- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

Bronze Star- 3rd, 4th, 5th Graders

Unsung Hero- Youth of any age

Angela Whitmore Memorial Scholarship- Graduating 12th Graders

Letterman Jacket- Any age

All of these applications must be submitted via email to

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or mail at

PO Box 471 Linden, Texas 75563

The due date for these applications is August 13th, 2021.

Salute to Excellence Nomination

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Category: Texas 4-H Alumni or Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

What contributions has this volunteer made to your 4-H experience?

National Leadership Award 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 Awards Program 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 Cass County Extension Office on the same date as Record Books. There will be no exceptions. The application should be paper clipped to the outside front cover of the Record Books.

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 fundraising, 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

Cass County Agents will review and screen the applications for Danforth – “I Dare You” before they are judged.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of two (2) judges. No makeup interviews will be given unless prior approval has been received by the Brazoria County Adult Leaders to allow

for a taped interview.

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](#).

National Leadership Award Application

Name: _____

Age at time of Application: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Did you submit a record book this year? YES NO

What project areas have you participated in?

Circle any of the following activities you participated in. Use the blanks below to notate how you participated in these events. Educational Presentation, Contests, Project Exhibits, Camps, Leadership Lab, Citizenship Activities, Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects, Other (may include fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.), Project activities

Describe your experiences as a leader in 4-H-

Describe your Community Service Experience in 4-H:

4-H Gold Star Award Criteria

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 Awards Program Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Gold Star Award

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

3. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book.
4. 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 fundraising, 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:

3. Served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of the 4-H organization

Selection Procedures

Cass County Agents will create a selection committee as needed.

4-H Gold Star Award Application

Name: _____

Age at time of Application: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Did you submit a record book this year? YES NO

What project areas have you participated in?

Circle any of the following activities you participated in. Use the blanks below to notate how you participated in these events. Educational Presentation, Contests, Project Exhibits, Camps, Leadership Lab, Citizenship Activities, Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects, Other (may include fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.), Project activities

Describe your experiences as a leader in 4-H-

4-H Silver and Bronze Star Award Criteria

- A. The 4-H member must apply to the award that aligns with their age group

- B. The 4-H member must submit an Awards Program Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Silver/ Bronze Star Award

- C. Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:
 - 5. Completed a project that is detailed in their record book

Selection Procedures

Cass County Agents will create a selection committee as needed.

4-H Silver/ Bronze Star Award Application

Name: _____

Age at time of Application: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Did you submit a record book this year? YES NO

What project areas have you participated in?

Circle any of the following activities you participated in. Use the blanks below to notate how you participated in these events. Educational Presentation, Contests, Project Exhibits, Camps, Leadership Lab, Citizenship Activities, Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects, Other (may include fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.), Project activities

Describe your experiences as a leader in 4-H-

4-H Unsung Hero Award

A- The 4-H Unsung Hero Award will be given to 1 4-H member in each age division who has been nominated.

B- Any 4-H parent, club member, project leader, CEA, or senior 4-H member can submit a nomination for a 4-H member in each age division for the Unsung Hero Award.

C- This award can only be received once per age division by a 4-H member.

4-H Unsung Hero Award Application:

Name of Nominee: _____

Age Division: Junior Intermediate Senior

How has this 4-H member impacted your life and why are they deserving of this award?

Angela Whitmore Memorial Scholarship

\$500 To be awarded upon the second semester of a students freshman year at a college, university, or trade school, upon grade submittal to the extension agent to verify enrollment and academic eligibility.

Requirements- Must have been a Cass County 4-H member for 3 years prior to applying for this scholarship. Must maintain a 2.5 grade point average their first semester at college, university, or a trade school to receive payment.

Name: _____

Age at time of Application: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Did you submit a record book this year? YES NO

What project areas have you participated in?

Circle any of the following activities you participated in. Use the blanks below to notate how you participated in these events. Educational Presentation, Contests, Project Exhibits, Camps, Leadership Lab, Citizenship Activities, Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects, Other (may include fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.), Project activities

Describe your experiences as a leader in 4-H-

What are your plans following high school graduation?

Grade Point Average: _____

Have you been accepted to a college, university, or trade school? YES or NO

Cass County 4-H Letterman Jacket Application

Member Name (first and last) _____ Age: _____

By submitting this application, you are requesting a review of your 4-H activities and records for determining your eligibility for a Cass County 4-H Letterman jacket. Your most recent record book must accompany this application, along with academic records showing evidence of eligibility for the past 2 years of school. Students may receive one letterman jacket during their 4-H career.

Yes No, patches only

I am applying to letter in the following project area- Write your project title next to the big 5 area it falls under-- Choose one per application page

Agriculture: _____

Natural Resources: _____

STEM: _____

Leadership and Community Service: _____

Family and Community Health: _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

-----For Club Manager Completion Only-----

Club manager, please check yes or no or needs review by each criteria for applicant participation in your club-

___ Y ___ N ___ NR- has demonstrated 2+ years' commitment to the project area

___ Y ___ N ___ NR- has remained in good standing with their Cass County 4-H Club for 3 or more years

___ Y ___ N ___ NR- completed the season or duration of participation for the club, county, and district level activities at 85% participation level for the 2 documented years

___ Y ___ N ___ NR- turned in all payment for participation fees, uniform, materials and equipment that would be owned to the Cass 4-H program or 4-H Club

___ Y ___ N ___ NR- has no more than 1 documented code of conduct violation at the club or county level

___ Y ___ N ___ NR- maintained academic eligibility per UIL standards for the last two academic years

___ Y ___ N ___ NR- student has zero in or out of school suspensions