



Menard County 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



The Menard County Annual 4-H Awards Program Banquet was established to recognize 4-H members, leaders, and businesses at the county level. The Menard County Youth Leadership Advisory Board reviews these 4-H Awards Program Guidelines, who in turn makes recommendations to the Menard County Extension Agents for final approval as needed. These awards can be classified into two major types of county awards:

Membership & Special Awards.

All 4-H member's "age eligibility rules" are based on the age of the 4-H member as of August 31 (EXCEPTION: Gold Star is date of application) of the 4-H calendar year *prior to the Annual 4-H Award Banquet*. 4-H members enrolled in Menard County 4-H Clubs that meets the following award guidelines are eligible to receive a 4-H award (s) at the Annual 4-H Banquet.

4-H MEMBER AWARD

4-H PROJECT PIN (Project Report Form required) This 4-H AWARD is to recognize 4-H members that complete his/her project work by turning in a complete "4-H project record form" (at the County Extension Office) for any organized county project group (4-H projects involved in the County Livestock Show, County Food Show, Junior Master Gardeners, Photography, Shooting Sports, County Fashion Show, etc.) For self determined projects, and/or projects that are not included in a county event, the report form needs to be turned in prior to August 31 of the current year.

The member will receive the program award pin in the project in which the report form was completed. If multiple projects report forms are completed during the current year, the member must designate the project pin they wish to receive. Member may receive one (1) activity pin per year.

4-H SPECIAL AWARDS

All 4-H members that turns in a completed "4-H Record Book" at the appropriate time & place that meets the requirements of the following award guidelines for the "current year", are eligible to receive a Special 4-H Award. It is not expected that the project, leadership, & community service requirements all be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-H'er has been in the program.

4-H BRONZE STAR AWARD (Record Book Required) Nine (9) years old or eight (8) years old and in the 3rd grade, and not older than 11 years old... This SPECIAL 4-H AWARD is to recognize outstanding achievement by 4-H members that have been in 4-H for at least one year. The 4-H member must submit an award program record book and completed 1 or more 4-H projects, participated in at least one county/district event and/or 4-H camp, attend 50% of 4-H club meetings, and participate in 1 or more community service projects. A 4-H member may receive the award only once.

4-H SILVER STAR AWARD (Record Book Required) 12 - 14 years old ... This *SPECIAL 4-H AWARD* is to recognize outstanding achievement by 4-H members that have been in 4-H for at least two (2) years. The 4-H member must submit an award program record book, completed 2 or more 4-H projects, participated in a county Roundup event and/or attend a 4-H camp, attend 50% of 4-H club meetings, and participate in community service projects. A 4-H member may receive the award only once.

4-H GOLD STAR AWARD (Record Book & Interview Required) 15 years old or older... Guidelines for this *SPECIAL AWARD* is established by state 4-H guideline policies. The award is to recognize senior 4-H members for outstanding achievement in their projects, leadership, community service, and non 4-H activities. The Gold Star Award is the highest 4-H award given at the county level. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award will be presented to two of the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following state qualifications include:

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age at time of application and must have completed at least three years in 4-H.
2. The member must at the appropriate time and place submit a current awards program record book, participate in the interview process, and meets the requirements of the award guidelines.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three (3) different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms.. and have participated in at least 3 of the following areas:
 - Roundup Contests, 4-H sponsored shows, etc.
 - Project Exhibits - Camps -Leadership Labs
 - Public Relations (demonstrations, radio, TV, speeches, poster displays, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fund raising, State and National Congress)
4. During his or her years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (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.
5. In addition to the record book, the 4-H member must submit an application signed by his/her current club manager during the time of the interview.
6. The 4-H member(s) receiving the Gold Star Award will receive a certificate and pin at the District Gold Star Luncheon. The county award will be a plaque. A 4-H member may receive the award once.

"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER" LEADERSHIP AWARD (Record Book Required) 9 years old or older... This *SPECIAL AWARD* is to award 4-H members for outstanding leadership achievements that have won the BRONZE and/or SILVER STAR AWARD (s), but have not won the "GOLD STAR" Award. A 4-H member may receive this award more than once.

“OUTSTANDING 4-H PROJECT” ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Record Book Required) 12 years old or older... This *SPECIAL AWARD* is to 4-Hers who have excel in their 4-H projects achievements. 4-H members must have completed at least two (2) years in 4-H. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 3 different project areas, and have participated in at least two of the following areas: Roundup Events, Camp or Leadership Lab, Community Service Citizenship Project, and Public Relations. A 4-H member may receive the award more than once.

DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" 4-H LEADERSHIP AWARD (Record Book required) 14 years old or older... Guidelines for this *SPECIAL AWARD* is established by state 4-H policies, and is a national sponsored award to 4-H members for outstanding leadership achievements. The requirements are the same as for the Gold Star Award with the exception that a member must be at least 14 years old. Two awards can be given annually. Winners will receive an “I Dare You” book and a plaque. A 4-H member may receive the award only once.

“OUTSTANDING 4-H TEEN LEADER” LEADERSHIP AWARD (Record Book Required) 16 years old or older... This *SPECIAL AWARD* is to recognized senior 4-H members on the county level for outstanding leadership and commitment to the Menard County 4-H program as a teen leader. A 4-H member may receive the award more than once.

To be eligible, 4-H members must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) Have received the following 4-H Senior Special Awards...
4-H Gold Star and I Dare You awards
- 2) Completed and participated in the following events during the current year...
 - a) *4-H Record Book Award Program (exception - past state award program)*
 - b) *Participated in at least 3 of the following leadership activities*

<i>-District Leadership Lab</i>	<i>-State Project Camps/Tours</i>
<i>-Texas 4-H Camp</i>	<i>-District or State 4-H Roundup Event</i>
<i>-District or State Council</i>	<i>-National 4-H Event</i>
 - c) *Conducted, led, or managed a 4-H project group as a teen leader, project leader, project manager, camp counselor, master of ceremonies, or speaker.*
 - d) *participated as a teen leader in at least 1 community service activities.*

OTHER 4-H SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS These *SPECIAL AWARDS* are to recognized 4-H members, leaders, parents, and/or businesses that have accomplished outstanding 4-H achievements and/or support of the 4-H programs... and are not addressed in another award program list within. Guidelines for these special awards require nomination and approval by the Adult Leader/Parent Association and/or County Extension Agents prior to the Annual Achievement Banquet. Awards. The awards includes ... but are not limited to... the following:

-Outstanding Adult Leaders of the Year - The County Youth Advisory Board will nominate and select two (2) adult 4-H leaders that have not been honored in the past few years.

-Friend of 4-H - The County Youth Advisory Board will nominate and select a business or businesses that have not been honored in the past few years for their continuous support of the 4-H program.