

LEE COUNTY 4-H 2023 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Award Application and Record Book Deadline – May 12, 2023

JUNIOR AWARDS

Grades 3 - 5

Honor Roll Award: *(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)*

To recognize 4-H members third to fifth grade. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. A 4-H Honor Roll Award checklist must be turned in. All requirements of the Honor Roll Award Checklist may be completed in one year or within the time that a member is a Junior.

Bronze Star: *(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)*

To recognize outstanding achievements by 4-H members who are in the third grade to fifth grade. The member must have been in 4-H for at least one year. A 4-H member may receive the award only once. The Bronze Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young people. **The 4-H member must complete an application and submit a record book.** All candidates will be required to provide an interview as part of the selection process on May 26. The number of awards will be determined by the awards and recognition judges, with the number of awards given to the most deserving individuals.

Applicant must submit either a digital or printed professional headshot, or other like image, to be used in news articles, in the event applicant is chosen to receive the award. Photos must be submitted prior to or when turning in their award application. No candid shots or selfies.

INTERMEDIATE AWARDS

Grades 6 - 8

All Star Award: *(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)*

All 4-H members' grades 6-8 are eligible to receive this award one time. Requirements may be completed in one year or may be accumulated over the years as an Intermediate. A 4-H All Star Award Application must be turned in.

Silver Star: *(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)*

To recognize outstanding achievements by 4-H members grades 6 - 8. Any 4-H member may receive the award only once. The Silver Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young person. The member must have completed at least two years in 4-H including the current year. The 4-H member must complete an application and **submit a record book.** All candidates will be required to participate in an interview as part of the selection process on May 26. The number of Silver Stars to be awarded will be determined by the awards and recognition judges, with the number of awards given to the most deserving individuals.

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SENIOR AWARDS

Grades 9 - 12

Outstanding Community Service Award:

4-H members in grades 9-12 may apply for this award. A 4-H member may receive this award only one time. Members must submit a typed essay of 500 words maximum, double spaced in a font no smaller than 12 explaining their community service campaign. There is no record book requirement for this award. Applications are due at the same time as 4-H Award Applications.

Letterman Award:

4-H members in grades 9 - 12 are eligible for this award. Requirements may be completed in one year or over a period of several years. Members may count requirements completed after grade 9. A 4-H Letterman Award Application must be turned in.

Senior Award: *(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)*

Graduating seniors for the **2023** year, who are members of 4-H, may apply to receive a Senior Award, to be presented at the Lee County 4-H Awards Banquet. Seniors must have been active and meet the requirements listed on the application.

National Danforth “I Dare You” Award:

(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)

To award 4-H members in 9th grade or older for outstanding character. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. The requirements are the same as for the Gold Star Award and winners will receive an “I Dare You” book and certificate. The 4-H member must **submit a record book** in the year he or she is to be considered for the award. The number of Danforth Awards to be awarded will be determined by the Awards and Recognition Judges through an interview on May 26.

Applicant must submit either a digital or printed professional headshot, or other like image, to be used in news articles, in the event applicant is chosen to receive the award. Photos must be submitted prior to or when turning in their award application. No candid shots or selfies.

Gold Star: *(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)*

To recognize senior 4-H members for outstanding achievement, the Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award at the county level.

Qualifications:

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age as of September 1 of the current year and must have completed at least three years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member **must submit a record book** in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.

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3. All candidates will be required to provide an interview as part of the selection process on May 26.
4. Applicant must submit either a digital or printed professional headshot, or other like image, to be used in news articles, in the event applicant is chosen to receive the award. Photos must be submitted prior to or when turning in their award application. No candid shots or selfies.

4-H ROOKIE AWARD

(up to two will be awarded based on quality applications)

To recognize outstanding first and second year 4-H members. no matter the age of the 4-H member. 4-H members may receive this award only one time. Applicants may be of any age. The 4-H member must meet the requirements and submit a Rookie Application.

ADULT / LEADER AWARDS

Outstanding Leader Awards:

Two individuals will be selected and recognized at the Annual 4-H Banquet for “Distinguished Service.” 4-H volunteer leaders who are chosen for this award include outstanding club managers, leaders, project leaders, workshop leaders and volunteer leaders who go above and beyond their leader capabilities.

The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H member requires an essay no longer than 1 page.

The essay should include the following:

- Name of Person Making Nomination
- Leader Nominated Date
- Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?
- What does this leader do that is outstanding? Examples: Teaches others new projects, takes 4-Hers on tours, leads club, etc.
- How has this leader helped you? How has this leader helped others?