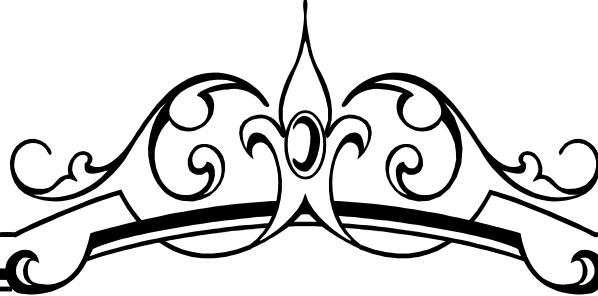


Brazos County 4-H



In recognition of your outstanding 4-H work

2012

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Awards and Recognition Handbook

Junior

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Important Dates

All applications are due to the County Extension Office on:

Friday, July 6, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.

All age requirements are as of:

August 31, 2011

Junior Age Category – age 8 (and in the 3rd grade) to 10

Intermediate Age Category - ages 11-13

Senior Age Category - ages 14 and over

Awards Interviews will be held **August 7, 2012** with no alternate date except for emergency situations.



BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H AWARD PROGRAM

The Brazos County 4-H Awards and Recognition Handbook has been developed to inform Intermediate 4-Hers and parents of the awards and recognitions that are available on the County Level. The Awards Program is designed to recognize boys and girls for their project work, leadership and personal growth and development. We hope that this handbook will be beneficial to the 4-H member.

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4-H COMPLETION YEAR PINS



4-H completion year pins are awarded to every 4-H member in the County who completes a 4-H project during the year and turns in a 4-H Member Achievement Plan and/or a record book. The pins are presented by years of completed 4-H projects, not by years of membership. A project is considered complete when a 4-H Member Achievement Plan and/or Record book is turned into the County Extension Office. Each member should complete at least one 4-H project during the year. Only one completion pin will be given per year to any one 4-H member.

RECORD BOOK AWARDS



Record Book Awards are made based on what is reported in the 4-H Record Book. Committees judge or evaluate project work and achievement, leadership, personal growth and development by reading the record books. Awards begin at the county level with ribbons. Juniors and intermediates continue to the District Level where ribbons and certificates are awarded. Seniors continue through District to State. County awards are presented at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet to recognize members who have done a good job with their project on the basis of their complete 4-H Record Book. These are the highest awards that can be achieved in the county.

COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT RIBBONS

County ribbons are awarded to members who complete a 4-H Record Book at the junior, intermediate or senior levels.

TEXAS 4-H RECORD BOOK PROGRAM

Purpose of Individual 4-H Member Records

1. To help youth learn record keeping skills.
2. To document 4-H learning experiences.
3. To teach youth how to set personal goals and to monitor progress toward those goals.
4. To help youth reflect on and understand the value of their learning experiences.
5. To help Extension faculty and volunteers monitor the growth and development of 4-H members.
6. To provide information for awards and recognition programs.
7. To provide documentation concerning the value of the 4-H & Youth Development Program.

The Five Objectives of All Texas 4-H Record Books

The 4-H member will:

1. Attain a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and activities and the way they improve family and community life.
2. Acquire life skills essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
3. Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings to everyday living.
4. Use all 4-H training and experiences in choosing and preparing for a job.
5. Develop leadership skills that promote positive youth development.

Requirements for Project Completion

1. Complete at least six learning experiences related to your project
2. Make a set of project goals.
3. Each month you should complete at least one of your project goals.
4. Exhibit your project work.
5. Attend workshops that are available in your community or county on your particular project.
6. Attend 4-H meetings or project meetings regularly.
7. Complete 4-H project records each year.
8. Develop leadership by teaching others something about your project.
9. Conduct citizenship activities related to your 4-H project.
10. Find new and fun things to do in your project area.

Record Book Categories

Aquatic Science
Beef
Citizenship and Civic Education
Clothing and Textiles
Consumer Education
Dairy Dog
Energy Management
Entomology
Family Life
Food and Nutrition
Forestry
Gardening and Horticulture
Goat Health
Horse
Housing and Home Environment
Leadership Award Program
Photography
Plants and Animals (Open Category)
Poultry
Public Speaking
Rabbit
Recreation
Safety
Science and Technology (Open Category)
Sheep
Shooting Sports
Sportsfishing
Swine
Wildlife and Fisheries

BRAZOS COUNTY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Recognition Awards provide criteria-based standard of achievement for 4-H members. The 4-H member will be able to work toward non-competitive awards that will build their self-confidence.

ROOKIE Available to any 4-H member, regardless of age, who is in his/her first year of membership.

4-H HONOR ROLL Available to junior members, ages third grade to 10. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as a sub-junior member. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H Honor Roll member during junior age.

BRONZE STAR Presented to four outstanding 4-H junior members ages 8 (and in the 3rd grade) to 10. May be received one time only.

SUGGESTION: 4-H clubs should hold their own awards banquet. At the club award banquets, 4-H clubs recognize their Rookie, Honor Roll, All Star and Letterman winners.

COUNTY 4-H ROOKIE AWARD

Available to any 4-H member, regardless of age, who is in his/her first year of membership.

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____ AGE: _____

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR A 4-H ROOKIE AWARD:

- Selected one project
- Turned in a project record form and/or record book
- Gave a report to 4-H leader on the project
- Gave a demonstration, talk or prepared an exhibit on the project

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Project Leader Signature

Date

4-H Honor Roll Member Award

Available to junior members, ages third grade to 10 years old. May be received as many years as criteria are completed or criteria may be accumulated over the years as a junior member. Once received, the member continues to be known as a 4-H Honor Roll member during junior age.

NAME _____

4-H CLUB _____

Complete 10 of 11	1st Yr.	2nd Yr.	3rd Yr.
Select one project			
Turn in a project record form			
Give a report to leader on project			
Give a demonstration, talk, or exhibit project			
Attend 2/3 of regular club meetings			
Bring parents to 50% of regular club meetings			
Serve on committee or as an Elected Officer			
Help with a Community Service project			
Participate in a County Round-Up event (Method Demonstrations, Judging, etc.)			
Turn in Complete Awards Program Record Book			
Participate in a County-wide activity			

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Project Leader Signature

Date

COMPETITIVE RECOGNITION FOR 4-H JUNIOR MEMBERS

BRONZE STAR AWARD

1. The **Bronze Star Award** will be presented each year to four (4) outstanding **4-H Junior Members** at the **County Awards Banquet**. Age requirements are: 8 years old and in the 3rd grade to 10 years old at the time of application.
2. **The member must attend at least 50% of his/her club meetings.**
3. A non-bias panel of judges will interview each applicant.
4. Location and times to be announced. **No Make-Up interviews** will be given unless under extreme emergency.
5. A member may receive the **Bronze Star Award** only one time.

BRONZE STAR APPLICATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

CLUB: _____

1. Number of years in 4-H: _____

2. Projects completed: _____

3. Honors or Awards received in 4-H: _____

4. What projects have you enjoyed the most: _____

5. List Leadership activities other than in 4-H: _____

6. List other honors or awards. _____

7. Future plans for 4-H. _____

In 100 words or less, what has 4-H meant to you: _____

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Project Leader Signature

Date

SCORECARD FOR BRONZE STAR AWARD

NAME: _____

4-H CLUB: _____

		<u>POSSIBLE SCORE</u>	<u>ACTUAL SCORE</u>
RECORD BOOK	40%	40 points	_____
INTERVIEW	50%	50 points	_____
WRITTEN APPLICATION	10%	10 points	_____
AVERAGE OF JUDGES SCORES		_____	
RANKING OF APPLICANT:		_____	

POSSIBLE BRONZE STAR INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- How has 4-H affected your life?
- What has been the highlight of your 4-H career?
- Discuss your main 4-H project.
- Discuss other projects you have had in 4-H.
- Discuss your citizenship experiences in 4-H.
- Discuss your leadership experiences in 4-H.
- Why should you be considered for the Bronze Star Award?

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