***Guadalupe County 4-H Achievement Award Information & Guidelines***

**GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Purpose - To recognize outstanding achievements by FIRST YEAR 3rd grade 4-H members. A member may receive the award only once. The number of awards presented in one year is up to two.

Qualifications -

A. The Member must be a first year 4-Her in the 3rd grade

B. The Rookie of the Year Award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex.

C. The 4-H member must submit a Recordbook to be eligible for this award.

D. There is an interview for this award

E. The 4-H member must have completed projects in two different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

- Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation - Contests

- Projects - Project Exhibits

- Camps - Citizenship Activities

- Public Relations (demonstrations, radio, TV, - Other (includes exchange,

speeches, poster displays, project shows, fundraising, etc.)

newspapers, club exhibits, etc.)

F. Some leadership needs to be demonstrated.

G. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are: participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Award - County award is a plaque to be presented at the Annual Achievement Banquet.

**JUNIOR GOLD STAR AWARD**

Purpose - To recognize outstanding achievements by Junior age (4th to 5th grade) 4-H members. A member may receive the award only once. The number of awards presented in one year is one to three.

Qualifications -

A. The member must be 4th or 5th grade September 1 of the previous year.

B. The member must have completed at least two years in 4-H including the current year.

C. The Junior Gold Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex.

D. The 4-H member must submit a Junior Recordbook to be eligible for this award.

E. There is an interview for this award

F. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

- Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation - Contests

- Projects - Project Exhibits

- Camps - Citizenship Activities

- Public Relations (demonstrations, radio, TV, - Other (includes exchange,

speeches, poster displays, project shows, fundraising, etc.)

newspapers, club exhibits, etc.)

G. Some leadership needs to be demonstrated.

H. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are: participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

**Note:** It is not expected that the above requirements for projects and activities 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. No award will be given to any 4-H member not meeting the minimum requirements.

Award - County award is a plaque to be presented at the Annual Achievement Banquet.

**INTERMEDIATE GOLD STAR AWARD**

Purpose - To recognize outstanding achievements by Intermediate age (6th to 8th grade) 4-H members. A member may receive the award only once. The number of awards presented in one year is one to three.

Qualifications -

A. The member must be 6th grade to 8th grade by September 1 of the previous year.

B. The member must have completed at least two years in 4-H including the current year.

C. The Intermediate Gold Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex.

D. The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book and application in the year he or she is to be considered for the Intermediate Gold Star Award.

E. Must participate in interview.

F. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

- Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation - Contests

- Projects - Project Exhibits

- Camps - Citizenship Activities

- Public Relations (demonstrations, radio, TV, - Other (includes exchange,

speeches, poster displays, project shows, fundraising, etc.)

newspapers, club exhibits, etc.)

G. During his or her years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills by volunteering to serve on club committees, help with club activities, fundraisers and community service projects and volunteering to help club project leaders in project areas the 4-H’er is involved. Some leadership needs to be demonstrated.

H. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are: participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

**Note:** It is not expected that the above requirements for projects and activities 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. No award will be given to any 4-H member not meeting the minimum requirements.

Award - County award is a plaque to be presented at the Annual Achievement Banquet.

**GREEN CLOVER AWARD**

Purpose - To recognize one to three, freshman senior 4-H members for outstanding achievement. The award will be presented to one to three of the most deserving young people without regard to sex.

Qualifications

A. The member must be 9th grade as of September 1 of the previous year and must have completed at least two years in 4-H including the current year.

B. The 4-H member must submit an awards program recordbook and application in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

C. The 4-H member must have participated in an interview.

D. The 4-H member must meet the same criteria that applies to Gold Star except age.

Award - County award is a plaque to be presented at the Annual Achievement Banquet.

**SENIOR GOLD STAR AWARD**

Purpose - To recognize senior 4-H members for outstanding achievement. The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. This award can only be received one time.

Qualifications -

A. The member must be at least 10th to 12th grade on September 1 of the previous year and must have completed at least three years in 4-H including the current year.

B. The 4-H member must submit an awards program recordbook and application in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

C. The 4-H member must participate in an interview.

D. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

- Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation - Contests

- Projects - Projects Exhibits

- Camps - Leadership Labs

- Citizenship Activities - Other (includes exchange,

- Public Relations (demonstrations, radio, TV, fundraising, State & National

speeches, poster displays, newspapers, etc.) Congress,)

**Note:** It is not expected that the above requirements for projects and activities all be completed in the current year. 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. Examples are: working or counseling with junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Award - Gold Star certificate and plaque presented at Annual Achievement Banquet.

**SILVER STAR AWARD**

Purpose - To recognize senior 4-H members for outstanding achievement. Award presented to the runners-up to the County Gold Star Award.

Qualifications - same as County Gold Star Award.

Award - county award is a plaque presented at the Annual Achievement Banquet.

**GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD**

Sponsor - Guadalupe County Adult Leaders & Parents Assoc.

Purpose - Given to one Senior 4-H member who has received the Gold Star Award.

Qualifications -

A. Meets all criteria for Gold Star.

B. Has already won the County Gold Star Award.

C. Must participate in an interview.

Award - County award is a plaque presented at the Annual Achievement Banquet.

**“I DARE YOU” AWARD**

William H. Danforth’s book, **I Dare You**, was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the general area of personal motivation. Now in its 28th printing, the book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its I Dare You committee.

Purpose - To recognize 4-H youth who have demonstrated unusual integrity, balanced personal development and a willingness to assume responsibility. Two awards will be given. Must be a senior 4-Her eligible for Gold Star or Golden Clover. Recipients of these awards are selected from applicants for Gold Star and Golden Clover Awards.