



McCulloch County 4-H Award Program



The McCulloch County Annual 4-H Award Program was established to recognize 4-H members, leaders, and businesses at the county level. Volunteer Leaders Association make recommendations and vote on the final approval as needed. These awards can be classified into two major types of county awards....

Membership Awards & Special Awards

All 4-H member's "age eligibility rules" are based on the age of the 4-H member as of August 31 of the 4-H calendar year prior to the Annual 4-H Award Banquet.

Membership 4-H Awards

Any 4-H member enrolled in McCulloch County 4-H Clubs that meet the guidelines of the following awards, may receive up to 2 membership pins per year.

4-H YEAR PIN *(4-H Project Report Form Required)*

This MEMBERSHIP 4-H AWARD is to recognize 4-H members that completes his/her project work by turning in a complete "4-H project record form" (at the County Extension Office) for the County Livestock Show, Food Show, Fashion Show, and Photography Show. For self determined projects, and /or projects that are not included in a county event, the project report form needs to be turned in prior to August 1 of the current year. Member may receive one (1) pin per year.

4-H ACTIVITY CERTIFICATE *(Competes in a sponsored 4-H District/State/National event required)*

This MEMBERSHIP 4-H AWARD is to recognize 4-H members that competes in an out-of-county sponsored "4-H District/State/National" event. Eligible activities include 4-H Roundup events (presentations, judging, Share the fun, shooting sports, quiz bowl, fashion show, food show, public speaking) and/or District/State/National 4-H sponsored show/events, (Rabbit, Photography, Dog, Horse, Shooting Sports, Wildlife, District/State 4-H Shows). Livestock Shows, jackpot show, breed shows, school sponsored shows/activities are not eligible activities. Members may receive one (1) activity certificate per year.

4-H AWARD PROGRAM PINS *(Record Book required)*

This MEMBERSHIP 4-H AWARD is to recognize 4-H members that turned in completed "4-H record book" that competes at county/district/state. Members will receive the award program pin in the program that the record book was entered in at the last level of competition. Members that receive the 4-H AWARD PROGRAM PIN are also eligible for certain Special 4-H Awards, as listed below.

SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS

All 4-H members that turn in a completed "4-H Record Book" at the appropriate time and place that meets the requirements of the following award guidelines, are eligible to receive a Special 4-H Award. It is not expected that the 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

CLOVER KID 4-H AWARD *(Record Book Required)* Six (6) or Seven (7) years old and in 1st or 2nd Grade, and not older than 8 years old...The 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 event, attend 50% of 4-H club meetings and participate in 1 or more community service projects.

4-H BRONZE STAR AWARD *(Record Book Required)* Eight (8) or Nine (9) years old and in 3rd Grade, and not older than 11 years old...The 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, 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.

GREEN CLOVER 4-H AWARD *(Record Book Required)* Eight (8) or Nine (9) years old and in the 3rd grade and not older than 11 years old... This 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, 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 and completed 2 or more 4-H projects, participated in at least one county/district event, 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.

“TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER” LEADERSHIP 4-H 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, GREEN CLOVER 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 TEEN LEADER 4-H AWARD...*(Record Book Required)* 16 years old or older... This award is to recognize senior 4-H members on the county level for outstanding leadership and commitment to the McCulloch County 4-H program as a teen leader. A 4-H member may receive this award more than once. To be eligible, a 4-H member must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Have received the following 4-H Awards...4-H Gold Star, I Dare You, Farm Bureau Leadership Award.
2. Completed and participated in the following events during the current year..

Record Book Award Program, (exception-past state award program), Participated in at least 3 of the following leadership activities...District Leadership Lab, Texas 4-H Council, District or State Congress, Council, Roundup events, State Project Camps/Tours, National 4-H Event, Conducted, led, or managed a 4-H project group as a teen leader, project leader, project manager, camp counselor, master of ceremonies or speaker, and participated as a teen leader in at least 1 community service activity.

FARM BUREAU LEADERSHIP 4-H AWARD *(Record Book Required)* 12 years old or older... This Award is sponsored by the McCulloch County Farm Bureau to 4-Hers who have shown growth in leadership. Up to four (4) awards “can be” given each year. 4-H members must have completed 2 years in 4-H and presently serving as a junior or teen leader, completed projects in 3 different project areas, participated in at least 2 of the following areas, District/Roundup events, Leadership Lab, Community Service Citizenship project, and Public Relations. A 4-H member may receive the award once.

DANFORTH “I DARE YOU” LEADERSHIP 4-H AWARD *(Record Book Required)* 14 years old or older...This 4-H Award is to award 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. Winners will receive an “I Dare You” book and a plaque. A 4-H member may receive the award only once.

GOLD CLOVER AWARD (*Record Book Required*) 14 years old or older...This 4-H Award qualifications include being a well rounded 4-H member at least 5 years, entering a record book each of those years, and have participated in at least three 4-H project areas each of those years with extensive community service projects.

4-H GOLD STAR AWARD (*Record Book & Interview Required*) 15 years old or older...This SPECIAL AWARD is to recognize 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. Qualifications include:

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age (as of August 31) 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/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 a 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 and pin at the District Gold Star Banquet. The county will award a plaque. A 4-H member may receive the award once.

Other 4-H Achievement Awards

These awards are to recognize 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 awards require nomination and approval by the Volunteer Leader Association and/or County Extension Agents prior to the annual 4-H Award Banquet

Adult Leaders of the Year - The county Volunteer Leader Association will nominate and select 2 adult 4-H Leaders that have not been honored in the past few years

Friend of 4-H - The Volunteer Leader Association 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.