



**Hidalgo County 4-H Award Rules**

**Deadline: March 20, 2024
by 5:00 pm at the Extension Office.**

**Youth Awards**

**Award Requirements**

* To be eligible for these awards, a member must have completed and submitted a hard copy application to the County Extension Office by the posted deadlines.
* Within the last calendar year, the applicant must have participated in one or more 4-Hactivities in at least 3 of the following areas: county contests/projects, leadership positions, educational presentation, public speaking, Leadership Lab, citizenship activities, public relations (demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspaper, etc...)
* Within the last calendar year, applicant must have participated in one or more community service activities.
* Awards are based on 4-H involvement, show personal growth, leadership characteristics and abilities, and community service.
* **Each award may only be received once in a 4-H member’s career.**
* Each applicant must also complete an interview**. Interviews will only be conducted face to face and there will be no exceptions.**
* Listed are the Interview dates per age division to be held at the Hidalgo County AgriLife Extension Service Office:
	+ Seniors - TBD
	+ Clovers and Juniors – TBD
	+ Intermediates – TBD

**Senior Awards & Requirements**

**Gold Star**

* Must be enrolled as a Junior or Senior in High School of the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* Must have three (3) or more years in the 4-H program, including the current year.
* Must have completed projects in three different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms.
* During the past three (3) years, in 4-H, applicant must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair (club, county, district or state), and/or as a teen leaders in an activity or project.

**I Dare You**

* Must be enrolled as a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in High School of the 2023-2024

4-H Program Year.

* Award based on ability to demonstrate a commitment to developing your personal best and making a positive difference in the community.

**Outstanding Senior**

* Must be enrolled as a Sophomore, Junior or Senior in High School of the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* Must have three (3) or more years in the 4-H program, including the current year.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
* Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.
* Must have shown the ability to organize 4-H activities.

**Senior Rookie of the year**

* Must be enrolled as a Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior or Senior in High School of the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* In order to be eligible for this award it must be a member’s first year in the Senior Age Division.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
* Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.

**Intermediate Awards & Requirements**

**Silver Star**

* Must be enrolled as a Seventh or Eighth grade student in the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year
* Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
* Must have completed projects in three different project areas.
* During the past 2 years in 4-H, applicant must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair (club, county, district or state), and/or as a teen leaders in an activity or project.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.

**Outstanding Intermediate**

* Must be enrolled as a Seventh or Eighth grade student in the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
* Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.
* Must have shown the ability to organize 4-H activities.

**Intermediate Rookie of the year**

* Must be enrolled as a Sixth, Seventh, or Eighth grade student in the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* In order to be eligible for this award it must be a member’s first year in the Intermediate Age Division.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
* Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.

**Junior Awards & Requirements**

**Bronze Star**

* Must be enrolled as a Fourth or Fifth grade student in the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
* Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.
* Must complete one 4-H project.

**Outstanding Junior**

* Must be enrolled as a Fourth or Fifth grade student in the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* Must have two (2) or more years in the 4-H program.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
* Must have completed one 4-H project.

**Junior Rookie of the year**

* Must be enrolled as a Third, Fourth or Fifth grade student in the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year.
* In order to be eligible for this award it must be a member’s first year in the Junior Age Division.
* Regular attendance at 4-H meetings and activities.
* Must have participated at county/district/state 4-H events.

**Clover Awards & Requirements**

**Outstanding Clover**

* Must be a clover 4-H member.
* Must have at least 1 or more years in the 4-H program.
* Must have participated in at least one (1) county contest.
* Must have demonstrated active project work.

**Adult Awards**

**“*Adult Leader of the Year*:”** Any adult leader that has not previously been awarded the recognition on the county level is eligible. Each 4-H club may nominate one male and one female. Nomination applications are due at the County Extension Office by **March 20, 2024,** in order for those awards to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

**“*Friend of 4-H*:”** Any business or individual(s) that has contributed their time, money, and/or efforts to promote 4-H programs in the county and has not previously received the recognition on the county level, is eligible. Each 4-H club is responsible for selecting one “Friend of 4-H” and submitting the application to the County Extension Office by **March 20, 2024** in order to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.