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**Please email your completed
awards application to:**

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On or before August 14th

**2019-2020 APPLICATION FOR 4-H RECOGNITION
ANDERSON COUNTY 4-H**

Due emailed to Preston by August 14th, 2020

Award Interviews will be held virtually on August 16th, 2020. You will be able to choose a time when you submit your application.

*This form must be completed by a 4-H member to apply for a county award. Please be sure to read the award guidelines and list only the awards for which you **QUALIFY**. If you do not qualify, the application will not be considered.*

Important - you can only win each award one time, so please list any award you have already received and the year it was awarded in the appropriate space. ****Please note**** The age requirements have been revised.

Name: _____ Recordbook Category: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y): _____ Age as of January 1, 2020: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone Number _____ Male: Female:
(Please check one)

Name of parent(s) or guardian: _____

Number of years in 4-H: _____ Name of club or group: _____

Grade in school: _____ Name of school: _____

Check box if you will be a Graduating Senior for the upcoming school year.

List **ALL** Awards you are Qualified to Receive (please note the age revisions):

List **ALL** Awards you have previously received and the year you received them: _____

List your most important 4-H projects:

List your community service activities:

List your leadership activities (offices held, leadership or citizenship activities, etc.):

Summarize the more interesting experiences in 4-H projects and activities:

List several of the most important 4-H honors received:

Summary of involvement in church, school, community and other youth or civic organizations:

List future plans for 4-H, a profession, or college:

ANDERSON COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

The Interview

Each 4-H'er is encouraged to apply for an award **in which they qualify**. Criteria for each award is listed in this packet. Each member applying for an award will be required to complete the awards application and an interview with a panel of judges from outside the county. The interview portion is used to help determine the extent to which you actually participated in a project, what knowledge and skills were gained, and how you handle yourself when asked questions concerning your project or 4-H activities.

The interview will be 10-15 minutes long. During that time, judges will ask questions regarding your project experience, as well as your community service and leadership activities.

NOTE: This year, we will utilize Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams is VERY user-friendly, and you can utilize your cellphone or laptop if you choose. You will still want to dress up nicely, as you would in-person. Preston will help you get Microsoft Teams set up on your device if you need help!

TIPS FOR A WINNING INTERVIEW:

1. Prepare Yourself
 - The more prepared you are, the less anxious you will be at the interview.
 - Rehearse the interview.
2. Make Yourself Memorable
 - You can do it. Just remember first impressions count.
 - Look the interviewer in the eye.
3. Answering Questions
 - The interviewer(s) will ask you about yourself, so relax - no one knows you better than you do.
 - Sort out your background beforehand so that you are ready to bring up your most outstanding accomplishments.
4. Ending the interview
 - The interviewer(s) will usually indicate when the interview session is over.
 - Smile, thank the interviewer(s) for their time and leave the room in a dignified manner.

More Tips.....

- ✓ Arrive on time
- ✓ Shake hands firmly
- ✓ Do not chew gum
- ✓ Clothes and hair should be neat and tasteful
- ✓ No fad clothing - choose neat, clean, "business" type dress
- (Remember - appearance is part of the score)**
- ✓ Think about the question before immediately answering
- ✓ Be enthusiastic about 4-H
- ✓ Explain achievements or good characteristics in story form
- ✓ Give specific answers
- ✓ Be honest
- ✓ Practice, practice, practice - set up mock interviews
- ✓ Be yourself
- ✓ Enjoy the interview!

The best advice for an interview is to relax and enjoy the experience. Remember, you know more about your project or 4-H career than anyone else. Judges are looking for how comfortable you are with your project and knowledge of the subject matter. Never underestimate the power of a smile - judges are looking for the confidence that says you are enjoying the experience of presenting your project and yourself. Put your best appearance forward at all times.

ANDERSON COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

To be considered for any of the awards, the application must be completely and correctly filled out and returned to the Extension Office by the set deadline. Please read the criteria for each award before deciding to apply. Do not apply for awards in which you do not qualify, or any award you have previously received, or the application will not be considered. Awards will be determined based on the enclosed score sheet. The application will be scored and you will complete an interview with a panel of qualified persons from outside the county.

The following are the awards and requirements for each:

Gold Star Award - The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age as of January 1 of the current year and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Method Demonstration/4-H Presentation
 - Contests
 - Projects
 - Leadership Lab
 - Citizenship Activities
 - Camps
 - Public Relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, etc)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fund-raising, Congress)
3. ****Gold Star applicants must complete a 4-H Recordbook the year the application is turned in.****

**** 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.

3. 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.
4. 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 participated in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Silver Star Award – The requirements for the Silver Star are the same as the Gold Star Award, WITH THE EXECEPTION that the 4-H member must be classified as an Intermediate, and must have completed at least 1 year in 4-H. This is the highest award an Intermediate 4-H'er can win. Additionally, a **4-H Recordbook is not required for the Silver Star Award.**

Bronze Star Award - The requirements for the Silver Star are the same as the Gold Star Award, WITH THE EXECEPTION that the 4-H member must be classified as a Junior, and must have completed at least 1 year in 4-H. This is the highest award a Junior 4-H'er can win. Additionally, a **4-H Recordbook is not required for the Bronze Star Award.**

Danforth “I Dare You” Award - The “I Dare You” Award is given in recognition of excellence of character and a well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership. The Danforth Award is open to Intermediate and Senior 4-H’ers only.

Rookie of the Year - (1 Junior, 1 Intermediate, and 1 Senior award given) - First year 4-H member - Member must have completed at least two projects and whose attitude and actions promote 4-H in the County.

Graduating Senior Award - Given to all 4-H’ers who are entering their high school Senior year (twelfth grade) and who meet the Gold Star requirements. Additionally, **a 4-H Recordbook is not required for the Graduating Senior Award.**

4-H All-Star Award – Do you have 4-H spirit, pride, dedication, and a love for all things **4-H GREEN**? **Prove it!** Tell us about your year, the things you learned, and how you plan to improve yourself and the world around you by being a GREAT 4-H member! **Open to ALL 4-H members, NO 4-H Recordbook Required.**