



# 2022-2023 BURNET COUNTY 4-H

# Award Descriptions & Requirements

All awards and/or recognition will be given at the annual 4-H Banquet.

### Record Books & Project Pins:

All Burnet County 4-H members (3rd - 12th grade) who have completed and turned in a Record Book to the county level will receive a certificate as recognition for completion, along with a project pin for the category in which they entered their record book.

# Participation Awards:

All Burnet County 4-H members (3rd - 12th grade) who have participated in a District and/or State level 4-H contest will be recognized.

# Big 5 Project Award:

This award will go to (1) outstanding 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) for their efforts and involvements in a particular project area for that 4-H year. 4-H members may apply and receive awards in multiple project areas. The Big 5 Project areas are: Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM).

# 4-H Grows Award (Club Level):

This award will be given to the (1) 4-H Club with the most growth in membership for the 4-H year. Agents will run reports at the end of July to determine the club with the highest percentage of growth from the previous year. Total enrollment (clover kids, 4-H members, and registered volunteers) through 4-H Online will be used for these reports.

#### **Character Counts Award:**

This award will be given to (1) 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) who exhibits qualities that align with The Six Pillars of Character - Citizenship, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Trustworthiness, and Respect. Nominations for this award will be accepted from registered and approved 4-H volunteers (coaches, club managers, adult leaders, etc.) and selected by a panel of judges.

#### **Helping Hands Award:**

This award will be given to (1) 4-H member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) who has participated and/or led an outstanding amount of Community Service events and activities through the 4-H program. These can be from any level within the 4-H program.

#### Friend of 4-H Award:

This award will be presented annually to the person(s)/organization/business that have contributed outstanding support for the 4-H program on a local or county level. Selection of this award will be determined by Extension Staff. Nominations from 4-H members/leaders will be accepted until the award deadline as set by the county office.

#### I Dare You Award:

This award serves as recognition to a 4-H member in 8th - 12th grade. Recipients will be selected by a panel of judges based on the applicants excellence in character, well balanced personal development and their qualities of constructive leadership, as explained in their application. A 4-H member may only receive this award once in their 4-H career.

An interview is required for all Star applicants (below). Date will be set and announced by the County Office.

#### **Bronze Star Award:**

This award recognizes achievements by junior 4-H members (3rd - 5th grade) who has completed at least one (1) year in 4-H. A maximum of two (2) recipients will be selected each year by a panel of judges created by the County Extension Agents. Requirements for this award include the completion of a record book, involvement in at least one (1) 4-H project during the year of application, participation in community service, and involvement in at least two (2) other 4-H activities as listed on the application. A 4-H member may only win this award once in their 4-H career.

#### Silver Star Award:

This award recognizes achievements by intermediate 4-H members (6th - 8th grade) who have completed at least two (2) years in 4-H. A maximum of two (2) recipients will be selected each year by a panel of judges created by the County Extension Agents. Requirements for this award include the completion of a record book, involvement in at least two (2) 4-H projects during the year of application, participation in community service, served in at least one (1) leadership role, and involvement in at least two (2) other 4-H activities as listed on the application. A 4-H member may only win this award once in their 4-H career.

#### **Gold Star Award:**

The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program through the county 4-H Program. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award is for senior aged members (9th - 12th grade) and can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.

Eligibility and requirements for this award are lined out by the state and can be found in page one (1) of the application. A maximum of two (2) Burnet County 4-H members will be selected each year by a panel of judges created by the County Extension Agents.

## Dear Burnet County 4-H members and families,

We would all like to congratulate you on your successes within the Burnet County 4-H Program this year! We hope that your experiences have been an accurate representation of all that this incredible program has to offer, and we hope that your love for 4-H continues to grow as it does for us. We encourage you to dive deeper into your projects, expand your involvement by trying something new, give back to Burnet County through impactful community service projects, and to serve others and this program through leadership roles. Congratulations again, and we cannot wait to see all that you accomplish in the future!

Sincerely,

Your Burnet County Extension Staff