

# Tanana District 4-H Special District Awards

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Each year the Tanana District recognizes youth, leaders, 4-H families and community members with the following special district awards. Any leader, parent or youth can nominate someone to receive these awards. Final decisions on the recipients are decided by the Merit Award Committee. When nominating someone for these awards it is important to give a complete description of why they should receive the award. Remember all committee members do not necessarily know everyone that is nominated and the actual nomination with the description of why the award should be awarded is a large factor in deciding who will get these awards.

**4-H Rookie Leader of the Year** is a first, second or third year leader who has excelled in service to the 4-H program and community.

**4-H Family of the Year** is a family who has excelled in service to the 4-H program and community. This should involve the entire family, adults as well as youth and how they have made an impact on the 4-H program in the Tanana District.

**Friend of 4-H** is an individual and / or Business that contributes to or supports the 4-H Program. It is usually someone or a business that has done this for a number of years.

**4-H Alumni** is past 4-H'er who is contributing back to or supporting the 4-H program. Please verify Alumni status with the 4-H Office or the individual, do not just assume.

**4-H Leader of the Year** is a leader who has excelled in service to the 4-H program and in the community. Usually this leader has been a leader for more than one year.

**Most Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year** is a 4-H youth that represents the 4-H program in the community, helps mentor younger members, is a good role model for younger 4-H members, excels with their projects, volunteers in the community or a combination of any of the above areas.

**Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council Lifetime 4-H Volunteer Leader of Excellence** is a leader that has been a 4-H Leader for at least 25 years plus have done at least 3 of the following:

- 1) Has been main, organizational, or project leader for a club
- 2) Has been a resource leader
- 3) Has participated as a chaperone for YIG or other district, state, or national event
- 4) Has been an officer of the Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council, Tanana District 4-H Horse Council or Tanana District Livestock Committee
- 5) Has been an officer of the state organization
- 6) Has chaired or been a co-chair of a district or statewide 4-H event
- 7) Has participated in camps
- 8) Has had a position of responsibility with TVSF such as Superintendent or Board Member
- 9) Has contributed financially to the state or local program
- 10) Has served on more than one committee
- 11) Has received at least one of the special district awards
- 12) Has a community service project that has run over several years and is extended throughout the year. (Examples of this would be a therapeutic riding community service project or a club that has adopted a roadway for litter pickup)

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In addition this is an award that can only be received once and in one given year there can only be one awardee. If there is more than one nominee for this award then the leader with the most years will be awarded the honor for that year.

**I Dare You Award and Scholarship** is given to youth 15-18 years of age. This award is to promote and develop leadership qualities. The 4-H youths nominated for this award should be those that show potential for developing leadership qualities but may need a nudge to reach this potential. Two awards are given out annually and include a \$350 scholarship each to attend a conference or training where they will have opportunities to develop leadership skills.

**District Recordbook Awards and Scholarships:** This award and scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- 1) Senior Division: There will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place recipients for this age group. The 1<sup>st</sup> place recipient will receive a \$200 scholarship and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place recipient will receive a \$100 scholarship. These scholarships can be used for the 4-H event of the awardees choice, a leadership class or conference or as a higher education scholarship.
- 2) Intermediate Division: There will be one scholarship awarded for this age group. It will be a scholarship to attend Junior Jamboree camp.
- 3) Junior Division: There will be one scholarship awarded for this age group. It will be a scholarship to attend Junior Jamboree camp.

In order to be considered for the Recordbook Merit Awards and scholarships the following is required:

- 1) The 4-H member's recordbook must score 90% or better for their age bracket by the leader. This is the general recordbook and **one** of the project recordbooks.
- 2) The leader must write a recommendation nominating the 4-H member.
- 3) Three of the Merit Committee members will look at each recordbook and individually score them. The recordbooks with the highest average score will be awarded the District Awards and associated scholarships.

The 4-H member will have up to 3 years to use their scholarship. A 4-H member can earn this scholarship more than once.