

# Keokuk County Special Awards Criteria

## SENIOR LEVEL AWARDS

Grades 10-12

### Application requirements:

- \_\_\_ Award application form – please check all awards applying for in “Senior Awards” section
- \_\_\_ Supporting Material (up to 5 pages typed) which supports all senior awards you apply for.
- \_\_\_ Written recommendation letter if applying for Citizenship & Leadership Awards

### Outstanding Senior 4-H Member:

Recognizes senior 4-H member that has excelled in the following areas:

- 4-H project achievement
- 4-H club participation – attended at least 6 hours of club meetings or club events
- 4-H communications – gave at least 2 presentations at the club or county level (any project)
- 4-H county & state participation
- Expo participation
- School, Community, and Church involvement

### Danforth “I Dare You” Award:

Recognizes a senior 4-H member who has completed 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade who exhibits promise in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and overall club work. This youth must exhibit personal integrity, balanced living and a potential for leadership.

William F. Danforth, founder of Ralston Purina, wrote the book "I Dare You" from his personal experience. He challenged young people to their highest potential, to aspire to attain influential lives of service and good citizenship. Mr. Danforth was one of the founders of the American Youth Foundation and he and his wife established the Danforth Foundation as a major educational and community service philanthropic institution. He was particularly interested in 4-H youth.

### AK-SAR-BEN Award: (4-H member must have livestock, but does not have to show at AK-SAR-BEN livestock show)

Recognizes a senior 4-H member who:

- Has been enrolled in 4-H at least 5 years
- Must be currently enrolled in beef, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, horses, goats, poultry, or rabbits
- Are making significant progress towards maturity and leadership through their service for advancement of the 4-H program in our county
- Gives evidence of leadership on club and county level
- Gives evidence of participation in county activities

### Senior Citizenship Award:

Recognizes a senior 4-H member who has excelled in citizenship, including service to their 4-H club/county, community, church, or school. Applicants must have a written recommendation from a non 4-H community member that attests to their involvement.

### Senior Leadership Award:

Recognizes a senior 4-H member who has exhibited strong leadership abilities. Applicants must have a written recommendation from a 4-H Club leader that attests to their leadership skills and give examples of leadership at 4-H club meetings or events.

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## Senior Member Awards (grades 10-12) Place an X by the award being applied for

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| ___ Outstanding Graduated senior 4-H'er | ___ Senior Citizenship | ___ AK-SAR-BEN |
| ___ Danforth “I Dare You”               | ___ Senior Leadership  |                |