



I Dare You Leadership Award

The I Dare You Leadership Award was first offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis. He dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of leadership and service. The I Dare You Leadership Award recognizes those who, with a little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders—young adults who are ready to take the dare.

The I Dare You Award is given to two well-rounded 4-H'ers each year. The program is for 4-H participants who are 16 to 18 years old by January 1 of the current year and have demonstrated personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility. They do not need to hold leadership positions currently but should be recognized by their peers and adults who work with them as emerging leaders.

Nominations may be made by 4-H leaders, parents, 4-H'ers or friends.

List all of the candidate's major accomplishments in their projects and activities, leadership and citizenship areas. Remember that accomplishments can be other than awards. Leadership is defined as showing actual responsibility for an activity. (Ex. conducting a meeting, organizing the farm tour, planning the Rural Life Sunday, etc.). Citizenship shows involvement within an activity (Ex. helping the project leaders, assisting in setting up a fair booth, attending meetings, etc.). List the candidate's accomplishments in the areas of school, church and community.

In addition to a certificate of recognition and \$150.00, each recipient receives a copy of Danforth's inspirational book, *I Dare You!* and a scholarship opportunity to attend the American Youth Foundation's International Leadership Conferences.