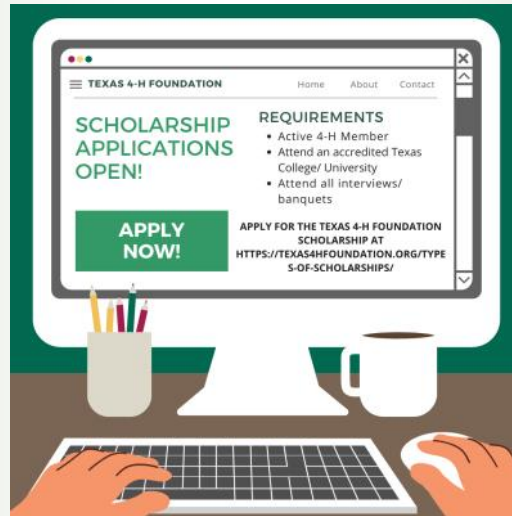


4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

February 2024



2024 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship



Whether you are a life-time 4-H member, or just became a member in high school, the earning of a 4-H Foundation Scholarship is where all of your experience, volunteer hours, competitions, and hard work literally pay off! Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award

over \$2.7 MILLION in scholarships to over 220 4-H members.

Prior to 2022, it had been a long while since anyone in Gray County 4-H had earned a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship. Since 2022, \$50,000 has been awarded to 3 Graduating High School 4-H Members, and you have the same opportunity!

Go to [Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships) to find out more information about 4-H Scholarship Opportunities.

The deadline to apply is February 15, 2024, by 11:59 p.m.

4-H Council
Chairman: Brycen Epperson
1st V-Chairman: Nicky Price
2nd V-Chairman: Gavin Greer
Secretary:
Reporter:
Delegates at Large: Collin Campbell & Andrew Schantin

CLUBS

North Fork Delegates
 President - Gavin Greer
 Council Delegate - Angelique Ritchie

Top of Texas Archery Delegates
 President - McKinley Clark
 Council Delegate - Angelique Ritchie

North Fork Club Managers
 Christy Campbell & Danielle Nachtigall

Top of Texas Archery Managers
 Karen Schantin

Clover Kids Club Manager
 Joan Gray-Soria

PARENT - LEADERS
Chairman:Zack Greer
Vice-Chairman:
Secretary:Krista Clark
Treasurer:Karen Schantin
Co-Treasurer:Brenda Green





Local Landmark
McKinley Clark



Unusual Perspective
Raylee Knox



Lines
Raylee Knox

Outstanding

4-H

CHALLENGE

PHOTOS

January

The 4-H Photography Project members are "Taking the Challenge"!

Each month Project Members submit "Challenge" photos. An anonymous judge selects 1-3 Outstanding Photos based on the State Photography Contest guidelines!



CLOTHING PROJECT



4-H FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN

1ST YEAR MEMBERS
5:00 TO 6:30 PM

ADVANCED MEMBERS
6:30 TO 8:00 PM

QUILT WORKSHOP
MARCH 2

TUESDAYS AT GRAY COUNTY ANNEX
JANUARY 30
FEBRUARY 6, 13
MARCH 5, 12, 26
APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23

FASHION SHOW
MARCH 24

SPECIAL SPEAKER
FEB - 29



Open to
3rd - 12th grade
youth!

Call Joan at 806-669-8033 for more information

February 29th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex will be a special guest speaker to talk about the fashion industry.



Gray County "1st Year" 4-H Clothing Project Jelly Roll Race Quilt Workshop

Gray County 4-H members are invited to participate!

Supply List:

Jelly Roll w/40 strips or two 20 roll strips

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| Sewing machine | Neutral thread |
| 1/4" piecing foot - optional | Scissors |
| Machine needles | Seam ripper |
| Pins | |
| Your Snacks / Beverages | |

Please verify your attendance with Joan so the room can be adequately set up!

We will break for lunch and sew in the afternoon!



Saturday, March 2
Gray County Annex
9:00 a.m. to ?



Gray County "Advanced" 4-H

Jelly Roll Twirl Workshop



SUPPLY LIST

- One Jelly Roll w/40 strips OR two 20 roll strips
- 5/8 yard background fabric
- Sewing Machine
- 1/4" piecing foot - optional
- Machine needles
- Pins
- Neutral thread
- Scissors
- Seam ripper
- SNACKS / BEVERAGES

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Featured Project



Texas 4-H Livestock Judging Project

Project Description

Livestock judging is the evaluation of an animal's physical traits. The ultimate goal is to compare and contrast the four animals in a given class against one another, and then compare them to what is considered the "ideal" animal.

The livestock judging project allows personal growth and development as it requires a student to think critically. It can teach youth valuable time management skills, responsibility, and how to be competitive while demonstrating honesty, integrity, and respect. This project also provides opportunities for learning about animal selection and obtaining general knowledge about the livestock industry, as well as interacting with current industry leaders, which may prove beneficial throughout one's 4-H career and into adulthood.

Basic

- Learn about the anatomy of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats
- Identify desirable physical traits of market and breeding livestock
- Learn how to compare the animals in a class and place them based off of their desirable traits

Intermediate

- Learn about expected progeny difference data and how to interpret that data
- Learn the basics of oral reasons
- Learn more about animal composition and structural make up of an animal

Advanced

- Learn to effectively communicate oral reasons to defend your placings
- Identify balance and design of phenotypical aspects of livestock
- Utilize EPD data to project breeding animal productivity

Councils, Clubs, and Projects Meetings

4-H Youth Council

Sunday, March 3, 2024 at the Annex,
beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Parent-Leader Council

All parents and volunteers are encouraged to attend the Parent/Leader Council Meetings. Your input is valued and appreciated!

Parent/Leader Council will meet at the Annex on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Annex.

Club Meetings

Club Meetings offer an ideal opportunity for youth to learn and enhance leadership skills by conducting business, to exemplify “democracy in action” with parliamentary procedure and group decision-making. Refreshments, Program and Recreation activity are also part of the fun during the Club Meetings.



Clover Kids - Monday, February 12th beginning at 5:30 at the Annex.

North Fork - Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Top of Texas Archery: Monday, February 26th at 6:00 at the Bull barn. (Practice to follow the business meeting)

Project Meetings & Info

CLOTHING

Meetings: Tuesdays at the Annex.

1st-year members: 5:00 to 6:30

Advanced members 6:30 to 8:00

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4Hclot

PHOTOGRAPHY

Meetings: Thursdays, February 8th and 22nd

@ 6:45 at the Annex.

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind APP Code: Enter 81010 and text @bgdhac

ARCHERY

Practice: Mondays February 5, 12, 19 and 26.

@ 6:00 at the Bull Barn

Project Leaders: Karen Schantin, Joan Gray-Soria, Danielle & Joshua Nachtigall, and Job Ruzvidzo

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @totarc

ROBOTICS

Fridays, February 9, 16, 23

@ the Annex beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Project Leader: Karen Schantin

Remind APP Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg

HORSE

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @9b8bf2

MEAT SCIENCE

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leader: Alan Parker

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hmeatj

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leader: Vacant

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2e7328k

SHOTGUN

Practices begin in the Spring.

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2798g2a

Project Meetings & Info

ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Declaration of Eligibility Forms will be a requirement for excused absences for all of the Major Stock Shows. Please plan accordingly.

Project meetings will resume after Majors.

BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @cattleproj

SWINE

Project Leader: Christy Campbell
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @swinepr

SHEEP AND GOAT

Project Leader: Trista Bowen
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hsheepa

FOODS & NUTRITION

See you in the Summer!

Project Leaders: Danielle Nachtigall, Eva Price & Joan Gray-Soria
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hfoodsp

CONSUMER EDUCATION

See you next Fall

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4Hmoneyed

PUBLIC SPEAKING

See you next Fall

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hpubli



County 4-H Awards



It takes a lot of commitment, involvement, effort, and volunteer time for our 4-H Program to be successful. All who are involved in the success, are deserving of recognition at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet held in August. Most of you have attended the Awards Banquet, but we have some new families that may not be familiar with all of the opportunities. If enough funds are brought in from our Fall Durham's and Spring Geraniums sales, the Parent-Leaders 4-H Council caters the meal, at no charge to you, while the 4-H Youth Council decorates and hosts the banquet. Listed below, are some highlighted awards you may be interested in. If you have any questions, please stop by the office so we can encourage and assist you to get started earlier than later.

Project Report Forms - 4-H Project Record forms are very important in the 4-H Program because they serve as a guide and provide structure for 4-Hers to set goals and record the results of their project. Technically, a project is incomplete without a Project Report Form. 4-H year pins are presented each year to those 4-H members who have completed at least one project.

Record Books - Record Books serve as a growing document from year-to-year. Once a Record Book has been submitted for judging at the county level, it then advances to the District Record Book contest. 9th - 12th grade 4-H Members may qualify at District to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition, where there are opportunities to receive a partial expense paid trip to Washington D.C. When the time comes to apply for 4-H Scholarships, the Record Book becomes a great resource to turn to, as it displays all of your 4-H experiences, involvements, activities and more.

Participation Points - 4-H Council chooses new prizes each year for those who accumulated enough points by participating and attending 4-H Club & Project meetings, Community Services, Fund Raisers, and contests throughout the year. Points accrued are rolled over to the next year if the minimum was not accomplished.

County 4-H Awards



Durham's Fundraiser Incentive Prizes - To encourage participation in the Durham's Pecans and Nuts fundraiser, 4-H Members who sell \$750 worth of product receive a 4-H Hoodie at the banquet, and those who sold \$1000 worth of product earn a 4-H Jacket.

Scholarship Awards - Through an application process, a graduating High School Senior is awarded \$500 from the Gray County Extension Education

Rookie of the Year Award - When a first-year 4-H Member submits a record book and earns points for participation, they are automatically nominated for Rookie of the Year. Only 1 award is presented and the recipient can receive the award just 1 time in their 4-H Membership.

"I Dare You" - William Danforth lived his life by a four-fold philosophy that presented personal motivation in the balance of physical, mental, social and spiritual wellness. To be considered for the "William Danforth I Dare You Award", the 4-H member must have completed their Junior or Senior Highschool Year, and submit a 4-H Record Book the year they are being considered. Key components of the recipient are demonstration of personal integrity, accountability, and leadership in a well-rounded lifestyle.

Gold Star - The Gold Star Award is the highest award presented at the County 4-H Level and can be awarded only once in a 4-H Member's career. The presentation of the Gold Star Pin began in 1933, and in addition to the tradition of the Gold Star Pin, the choice between a trophy belt buckle or bracelet, and recognition at the District Gold Star Banquet held in Canyon in October, is also given. The minimum requirements for this award is to at least be in 9th grade, completion of at least 3 4-H years in 3 different projects, exhibit leadership skills, participation in community service activities, complete and submit a record book the year of the award's issuance, and be interviewed for consideration.

New This Year:

****Excused absences from school****

Gray County 4-H will be following a **new policy** this year. In addition to informing the 4-H Office of days that your child will be missing school for 4-H activities, a “Declaration of Eligibility Form” will be a requirement for excused absences. It is imperative that this form be filled out by the school *in advance of your child being absent* to attend any extracurricular 4-H activities. After the school has completed the form, it must be handed to Joan or Marcus prior to the event.

Remind App Codes

Please join the Gray County Blast, and corresponding Club and Projects Groups so you do not miss important information that may not be presented in the newsletters.

- ♦ **IMPORTANT:** All Gray County 4-H families need to join the “Gray County Blast” Remind group for announcements and information regarding 4-H promotional events, fund raisers, volunteer and community service opportunities, and important deadlines. Please **Text @42bb8e to 81010.**
- ♦ We will continue to communicate County 4-H information, club meetings and project meetings through the “Remind App”. To join the groups enter the corresponding text message code and send it to **81010.**

Clubs

Clover Kids (K -2) @jgraysori

North Fork @jgraysoria

Top of Texas Archery @totarc

Projects

Archery: @totarc

Beef: @cattleproj

Consumer: @4Hmoneyed

Clothing: @4Hclot

Cooking: @4hfoodsp

Horse: @9b8bf2

Livestock Judging: @2e7328k

Meat Science: @4hmeatj

Photography: @bfdhac

Public Speaking: @4hpubli

Robotics: @h7bghg

Sheep/Goats: @4hlambgoat

Swine: @swinepr

Shotgun: @2798g2a

- ♦ Another great way to be informed is to like and follow our Facebook page. If you don't already, we want to invite you take a look at all of the activities we have to offer and that are going on.

<https://www.facebook.com/graycounty4h>

- ♦ Additional information can also be found at: <https://gray.agrilife.org/4-h/>

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Upcoming Events and News to watch for

- ◆ Majors Stock Show Results
- ◆ Spring Projects meetings and activities
 - ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Clubs meetings dates and activities
 - ◆ Geraniums Sales in May
- ◆ Spring Tractor Supply Clover Campaign

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