

**University of Illinois Extension
DeWitt • Macon • Piatt Unit
Nomination Form – I Dare You Award**



Purpose of Award:

The *I Dare You Award* was first offered in 1941 by businessman and philanthropist, William H. Danforth, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of leadership and service. Mr. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company, helped establish the American Youth Foundation and they offer this award opportunity to county 4-H programs.

The *I Dare You Award* recognizes those who, with a little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders - young adults who are ready to take the dare. A certificate and book will be awarded.

Eligibility:

4-H members must be at least 14 years old and be nominated by their club leader. Members who demonstrate personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility should be considered for this award. Club leaders should nominate youth for this award who are “emerging” leaders – those youth who have the qualities and the abilities to lead, but who may not yet recognize or act on their leadership potential. This award can only be received once during their 4-H career. One award winner is selected annually from each county.

Name of Nominee: _____

Please describe this member’s personal qualities that would make them an effective leader:

Please describe why you feel this member has the potential to become a leader but has not sought out or fulfilled leadership positions:

Any additional comments:

Signature of Leader

