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“I DARE YOU” Leadership Award DESCRIPTION

Nominations are to be submitted by adults who believe the 4-H youth applicant should be recognized for their personal integrity, balanced living, and motivation for leadership.

RECOGNIZING YOUNG LEADERS

There are many young people who have demonstrated unusual integrity, balanced personal development, and a willingness to assume responsibility. They may hold elected positions or they may be young people whose leadership qualities have not yet been fully appreciated by their peers. The nationally known **I Dare You Leadership Award** provides a vehicle for schools and organizations like 4-H to recognize the achievements and the promise of these aspiring leaders.

THE I DARE YOU LEADERSHIP 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 service. The founder of the Ralston Purina Company and a successful entrepreneur and civic leader, Mr. Danforth believed that a balanced four-fold life of mental, physical, social, and spiritual development sustained individuals for the demands of leadership!

SELECTION

The I Dare You Leadership Award is not a contest or competition. The Day County 4-H staff has the opportunity to select up to four nominees based on the letter of nomination submitted by a club leader or volunteer by **October 13**. Nominees to be considered are juniors or seniors without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin. The Award is offered as recognition for personal integrity, balanced living, and motivation for leadership.

THE AWARD

The Award consists of a personalized Certificate of Recognition and a copy of *I Dare You*, Mr. Danforth's classic book on personal motivation. In addition, award winners are eligible to attend the National Leadership Conference hosted by the American Youth Foundation. For more information about AYF, go to: <https://ayf.com/>

I DARE YOU! SCHOLARSHIP

National Leadership Award recipients must complete the application process to be considered for the *I Dare You!* Scholarship to attend the National Leadership Conference. The scholarship is intended for incoming First Year participants. Scholarship winners will be contacted by the American Youth Foundation. The online application can be found at: <http://www.tfaforms.com/384402v>