

“I Dare You!” Leadership Award

About the “I Dare You!” Leadership Award

The “**I Dare You!**” Leadership Award was first offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth. Mr. Danforth was a successful businessman who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of leadership and service. Mr. Danforth lived his life by a four-fold philosophy – representing one’s physical, mental, social, and spiritual sides in balance. 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.

“You have a four-fold life to live: a body, a brain, a heart, and a soul – these are your living tools. To use and develop them is not a task. It is a golden opportunity.” --William H. Danforth

One 4-H member will be awarded the “**I Dare You!**” Leadership Award on behalf of the American Youth Foundation (co-founded by Mr. Danforth). Leavenworth County 4-H Council will provide the award recipient with a hardbound copy of William H. Danforth’s classic motivational book, *I Dare You!* and a personal award certificate. Winners are also eligible to apply for the “I Dare You!” Scholarship to attend the National Leadership Conference, sponsored by the American Youth Foundation (AYF).

The award recognizes youth who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs, and communities. *The program is intended to focus on emerging leaders – those young adults who have the qualities and abilities to lead, but who may not recognize or act on their leadership potential.*

Nominations may be made by 4-H leaders using the The “**I Dare You!**” Leadership Nomination Form. 4-H members who demonstrate personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives, and possess a willingness to assume responsibility should be considered for this award. Recipients will be announced at the Leavenworth County 4-H Achievement Celebration. The award can only be received once during a member’s 4-H career. Leaders may choose to nominate more than one candidate each year.

Note: the nomination form is available at

http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_scholarships.html