

**"I DARE YOU" LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION
GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H
Due October 1**

Form must be completed in its entirety in order for nominee to be considered for award.

NAME OF CLUB OR PROGRAM _____

NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING NOMINATION FORM _____

phone number _____

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

Grade Level of Nominee (completed in June) _____

Name, as it to appear on the certificate _____

Birth date _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

1. What qualities does this individual possess that demonstrate leadership ability and further potential:

2. How has this individual contributed to making a positive difference in his/her school or community:

Signature of club advisor

Date

Note: Attach check to cover shipping and handling. Call for currant amount.

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"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 gold opportunity." William Danforth

Each year the "I Dare You" Leadership Award recognizes thousands of youth 15-18 years old for striving to be their best, leading balanced lives, and making a positive difference in their schools and communities. Through the promise of their character and leadership, they are helping to make the world a better place for all.

History of the Award

The "I Dare You" Leadership Award was first offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth, the founder of the Ralston Purina Company. A successful businessman and civic leader, Mr. Danforth dared young people to achieve their personal best and to influence others through lives of leadership and service. He was one of the founders of the American Youth Foundation.

About the American Youth Foundation

Begun in 1925, the American Youth Foundation (AYF) is a national, not-for-profit youth development organization with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri and regional centers in Michigan and New Hampshire.

The American Youth Foundation inspires people to discover and develop their personal best to seek balance in mental, physical, social and spiritual living, and to make a positive difference in their communities and in the wider world.

The Award

The I Dare You Leadership Award consists of:

- A personalized 8 ½" x 11" embossed color certificate
- A hardbound copy of William H. Danforth's book, I Dare You!
- Eligibility for recipients to apply for a scholarship to attend the AYF Leadership Conference.

Eligibility

The program is for youth ages 15-18. Young people should demonstrate a commitment to discovering and developing their personal best, living a balanced life, and making a positive difference in their communities. The award is extended without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin.

Award Selections

Mr. Danforth believed that each individual could make a difference. The "I Dare You" Leadership Award recognizes young people who have the character traits and capacities for leadership. Some recipients may not yet have recognized or acted upon their potential. With encouragement and recognition they are ready to take the dare to develop their full promise as leaders.

Submission

1. One individual from each club/program is eligible to receive this award. He or she must have completed his/her sophomore, junior or senior year in high school.
2. The individual(s) are nominated by his/her advisor or volunteer in 4-H.
3. The entire form must be completed and returned to the Extension office by Oct. 1.
4. Awards will be presented at the annual 4-H Member Recognition Award Ceremony.
5. Each club is responsible for the shipping/handling cost of the award. Please include a check with the nomination form, made payable to Geauga County 4-H.