

I Dare You Award

"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

Background

The I Dare You Leadership award was first offered by William H. Danforth in 1941. Mr. Danforth, founder of Ralston Purina, lived his life by a four-fold philosophy - representing one's physical, mental, social and spiritual sides in balance. The I Dare You Award recognizes high school juniors, seniors and 4-H participants who demonstrate personal integrity, lead balanced lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility. The award is extended without regard to race, sex, religion or national origin and each school or county may nominate 2 candidates. Recipients are given a personalized certificate, a copy of I Dare You!, and the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to attend the American Youth Foundation's International Leadership Conference. Principals, counselors and 4-H agents may call Janet Tillmon, I Dare You Coordinator, to obtain more information, at 314-646-6000 or via e-mail at: janet.tillmon@ayf.com.

The I Dare You Book

First published in 1931, I Dare You! is an inspirational/motivational book written by William H. Danforth. In its 34th printing, I Dare You! continues its timeless message based on Mr. Danforth's four-fold philosophy. It also emphasizes the motto of the American Youth Foundation and encourages readers to "be my own self, at my very best, all the time." Thousands have taken this message to heart and are leading their lives based on these principles. Other publications by Mr. Danforth include Action (a collection of Mr. Danforth's Monday Morning Messages.)

County Selection

Counties may nominate two youth age 14 to 18 as of January 1 of the current program year. Nominations are due 6 weeks prior to the county's recognition event.

I DARE YOU
APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPANTS
(AGES 14 AND OVER)
Suggested Form to be used for County Application

COMMENTS AND GIVE INSIGHTS ABOUT YOURSELF IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

* CHARACTER

* CREATIVITY

* LEADERSHIP

* CITIZENSHIP

* COMMUNITY SERVICE/SERVICE LEARNING

Your Name _____ 4-H Age _____

DUE: Read EYC for Deadline Date