



HISTORY OF THE TEXAS 4-H GOLD STAR AWARD

The following information was prepared by Mr. Floyd Lynch, State 4-H Leader in a memorandum to Director Gibson on December 9, 1952.

“The presentation of the Gold Star Pin was begun in 1933, the first year Mr. E.C. Martin was Boys 4-H Club Specialist. Mr. Martin tells us the pin was prompted by an effort to recognize the people who did the work rather than the agents.

Previous to this time, the agents submitting the largest number of 4-H records received the recognition.

Records in the Fiscal office the first Gold Star Pins were purchased in 1933.

For the first several years the Gold Star Pins were presented at a dinner during Short Course at College Station.

In the beginning each county made a nomination of their outstanding 4-H member and 100 members were selected to receive the award. After several years, the awards were presented to the outstanding 4-H boy and 4-H girl in each county.” (Cox, et. al)

Starting in 1985, the Gold Star was awarded to the top 4-H members in a county, regardless of gender. The number of Gold Stars are awarded in a county are based on the membership of the total county 4-H enrollment.