

GOLD STAR REQUIREMENTS

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following are minimum requirements that must be met.

The member must be at least 15 at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.

The 4-H member must submit an awards program recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

- Educational Presentations
- Citizenship activities
- Projects
- Project exhibits
- Camps
- Leadership labs
- Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
- Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.)

Note: The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program.

The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working with or counseling junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.