



2018-2019 STAR AWARD APPLICATION

Deadline to submit this application is July 1st, 2019
Interviews will be conducted on July 15th, 2019

Award Program Entered _____ Rising _____ Bronze _____ Silver _____ Gold

Name _____ Gender _____ Male _____ Female
 First Middle Last

Address _____

City /State/Zip _____

County _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of September 1, 2018 _____

Years in 4-H _____

Name of your 4-H Club or Group _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

Complete the following information.

PLEASE NOTE: Your response is limited to the space provided.

4-H Projects and Experiences

Briefly describe each of your 4-H projects. Include name of project, years in project and some experiences.

Leadership Experiences

List and describe your 4-H leadership experiences. Include the year of each leadership experience.

Community Service

List all community service projects that you have been involved in. Include the year of your participation.

Non 4-H Activities

List participation, leadership, community service, etc. for non-4-H activities. (Ex. School, church, etc.)

Short Essay

Explain in 200 words or less what this award means to you?

Star Award Description and Requirements

Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Austin County on the basis of personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contribution to the overall 4-H program. 4-Hers, 8 years of age and in the third grade, 9 and 10 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year may apply for this award. The maximum number of Rising Star recipients will be two percent of the total 4-H enrollment for that age group. Recipients of the award will be selected by a panel of judges. The judges' decision will be final.

Evaluation of member's total 4-H career includes:

- Participation in 4-H projects and activities
- Variety of projects and/or diversity in project areas
- Representation of county in projects and activities
- Citizenship
- Contribution to school, church, and community
- Character, attitude, and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others

Criteria:

- Applicant must be actively enrolled in 4-H during the current 4-H year.
- Applicant must have completed at least one year of 4-H work.
- Applicant must have completed at least one project
- The 4-H member must submit a Recordbook for county competition in the year that he/she is to be considered for the Rising Star Award.
- All applications must be submitted to the County Extension Agent on the same day that the recordbook is due or as advised by the CEA.
- An interview must be completed on the date assigned. In the case of a schedule conflict, video interviews will be conducted at the discretion of the CEA.
- The recordbook and star award application should be accurate and complete. The response to each section of the application is limited to the space provided.

Please note the following:

Once an applicant receives a Star Award, he/she is not eligible to apply for the same one twice.

Bronze Star Award

The Bronze Star Award is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Austin County on the basis of personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contribution to the overall 4-H program. 4-Hers 11 and 12 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year may apply for this award. The maximum number of Bronze Star recipients will be one percent of the total 4-H enrollment for that age group. Recipients of the award will be selected by a panel of judges. The judges' decision will be final.

Evaluation of the member's total 4-H career includes:

- Participation in 4-H projects and activities
- Variety of projects and/or diversity in project areas
- Representation of county in projects and activities
- Leadership
- Assist and help other 4-H members
- Citizenship
- Contribution to school, church, and community
- Character, attitude, and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others

Criteria:

- Applicant must have been an active 4-H member for two (2) years.
- Applicant must have participated in at least one activity from the following list:
 - Method Demonstration/4-H presentations
 - Contests
 - Project Exhibits
 - Camps
 - Citizenship Activities
 - Public Relations (ex. Demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, tv, newspapers, special projects, etc)
- The 4-H member must submit a Recordbook for county competition in the year that he/she is to be considered for the Bronze Star Award.
- All applications must be submitted to the County Extension Agent on the same day that the recordbook is due or as advised by the CEA.
- An interview must be completed on the date assigned. In the case of a schedule conflict, video interviews will be conducted at the discretion of the CEA.
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Silver Star Award

The Silver Star Award is awarded each year to outstanding 4-Hers in Austin County on the basis of personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contribution to the overall 4-H program. 4-Hers 13 and 14 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year may apply for this award. The maximum number of Silver Star recipients will be one percent of the total 4-H enrollment for that age group. Recipients of the award will be selected by a panel of judges. The judges' decision will be final.

Evaluation of the member's total 4-H career includes:

- Participation in 4-H projects and activities
- Variety of projects and/or diversity in project areas
- Representation of county in projects and activities
- Leadership
- Assist and help other 4-H members
- Citizenship
- Contribution to school, church, and community
- Character, attitude, and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others

Criteria:

- Applicant must have been an active 4-H member for two (2) years.
- Applicant must have completed at least two (2) projects.
- Applicant must have participated in at least two activities from the following list:
 - Method Demonstration/4-H presentations
 - Contests
 - Project Exhibits
 - Camps
 - Citizenship Activities
 - Leadership Labs
 - Public Relations (ex. Demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, tv, newspapers, special projects, etc)
- The 4-H member must submit a Recordbook for county competition in the year that he/she is to be considered for the Bronze Star Award.
- All applications must be submitted to the County Extension Agent on the same day that the recordbook is due or as advised by the CEA.
- An interview must be completed on the date assigned. In the case of a schedule conflict, video interviews will be conducted at the discretion of the CEA.
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Gold Star Award

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 will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following are minimum requirements that must be met.

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age as of September 1st of the current year of the award and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
3. 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:
 - Competitive Events (judging, educational presentation, public speaking, food show, quiz bowls, etc)
 - Citizenship Activities
 - Projects
 - Project Exhibits
 - Camps (county, district, or state level)
 - Leadership Labs
 - 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Any County, District, or State Leadership Group
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, Texas 4-H and National Congress, etc)

Note: It is not expected that the requirements for projects and activities all be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-H youth has been in the program.

4. During his or her years in 4-H, 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.
5. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities.
 - a. Examples include providing leadership to a One Day 4-H project, working with or counseling junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

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