



## TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GOLD STAR GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program through the county 4-H Program. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.

As the highest awarded given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, County Offices and Agents are asked to maintain a high level of integrity and honor through their selection process of county Gold Star recipients. At the MINIMUM, the following guidelines should be used in the eligible and selection process for each county:

- The member must have at least completed, or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
- The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in at least three different project areas, submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
  - Projects and/or Project Exhibits
  - Participation in Leadership Experiences such as Leadership Labs, Texas 4-H Congress, or National Leadership Events such as National 4-H Congress/Conference.
  - Competitive Events (judging, educational presentation, public speaking, food show, quiz bowls, etc ).
  - Citizenship activities
  - Camps at the county, district, or state level.
  - 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
  - Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising)

*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 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); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
- The 4-H member MUST SUBMIT AN TEXAS 4-H RECORDBOOK in the year they are to be considered for the award.

County 4-H Program may have additional requirements for applying for the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award. This may include additional participation requirements, application(s), interview, and/or home/project visit. Check with your county Extension Office for other requirements and timelines for awards.

# TEXAS 4-H GOLD STAR APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Category I submitted a 4-H record book in this year: \_\_\_\_\_

List your three (3) main 4-H projects and number of years you have participate in these projects:

Project	Number of Years
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1. Summarize your experiences, such as project meetings, clinics, tours, and successes you have had in the 4-H projects listed above.

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2. List your leadership experiences as well as your participation in experiences such as leadership labs, Texas and National 4-H leadership events, and/or county, district, and/or state level leadership opportunities.

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3. Describe your participating in any competitive 4-H event such as a judging contest , public speaking, presentations, food shows, or quiz bowls?

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4. Provide a summary of your major citizenship activities you have been involved in through 4-H?

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5. Describe your participation in any 4-H related camp you have attended, or provided leadership at on the county, district, or state level.

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6. List future plans for 4-H, a profession, or college.

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Part of being considered for the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award is to receive a statement or quote from a 4-H volunteer (not agent) who has worked closely with you through your 4-H career. This quote allows the judges to evaluate how others appreciate your leadership and involvement in 4-H.

7. A statement or quote from a leader about the 4-H member.

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Signature of 4-H Leader

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Date