

TEXAS 4-H GOLD STAR AWARD INFORMATION

The Gold Star Award is the highest county level achievement award made available through Texas 4-H. It 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 gender. The following are minimum requirements that must be met:

1. The member must be at least 15 years of age as of August 31 of the current year of the award and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
2. The member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
3. The member must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate records on the projects, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Method demonstration/4-H presentation contests
 - Projects
 - Citizenship activities
 - Project exhibits
 - Leadership labs
 - Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fund-raising, Texas 4-H Congress, special workshops)

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 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 leader.

The 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.

2007 4-H Gold Star Awards Application

Due to Harris County 4-H Office by July 1

1. Applicant: _____
 Last Name First Name Middle

2. Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

3. Parents Names: _____

4. County Name: _____ # Years in 4-H: _____

5. 4-H Club Name: _____

6. Age (as of August 31, 2006): _____ Birthdate: _____
Must be a minimum of 15

7. What project(s) do you consider to be your primary area(s) of involvement over the past 1 to 4 years?

8. What life skills have you learned through your 4-H projects (ex: record keeping, public speaking, goal setting, etc.)? What did you enjoy most about your projects?

9. What influence has your 4-H involvement had on your family?

10. What do you consider to be your most meaningful 4-H experience?
11. Has 4-H helped you in making plans and goals? If so, what are your plans and goals at this time? (Ex: school, career, family, project goals)
12. What is the most meaningful award/recognition you have received as a result of your 4-H involvement?
13. How have others gained from your leadership experiences?
14. What suggestion(s) would you make to change your county's 4-H program and what would you be willing to do to help make this change?

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Gold Star Award Check List

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- _____ At least 15 years of age as of August 31, 2006
- _____ Has completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year
- _____ Submitted a 4-H record book in the year to be considered for the Gold Star Award
- _____ Completed 3 different project areas and have participated in at least one activity in at least 3 areas as listed on the Gold Star Award Guidelines, item # 3
- _____ Exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman, as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project
- _____ Participated in one or more community service projects

“I certify that the above information is correct and that I have met the minimum requirements for the 4-H Gold Star Award.”

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Harris County 4-H Gold Star Interview Request
Due to Harris County 4-H Office by July 1

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Please indicate below your preference for the 4-H Gold Star Award Interview and sign at the bottom of the form.

_____ Yes, I do want a personal interview with the judges at the Harris County Extension Office.

_____ No, I am not available for a personal interview, but do request a videotaped interview to be conducted by an Extension agent.

I am available for the videotaped interview on any of the dates and times a listed below:

1st Choice – Date: _____ Time: _____

2nd Choice – Date: _____ Time: _____

3rd Choice – Date: _____ Time: _____

“I understand that a personal interview can be more beneficial to my interview and to my opportunity to express myself, my ideas, and my 4-H accomplishments. If I have chosen a videotaped interview as indicated above, I understand that there are limitations to this type of interview, and I accept this interview method, whatever those limitations. I also accept the decision of the judges.”

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

HARRIS COUNTY 4-H GOLD STAR AWARD
DUE BY JULY 1

Award Item Selection

This year the Harris County 4-H Gold Star Award recipients have the choice of the type of award they want to receive. Please understand that receiving this form does not indicate that you are a Gold Star Award winner. This selection form is for you to indicate which item you would like to have if selected as an award winner.

Please complete this selection form and return to 4-H Office by July 1 with the application.

4-H'ers Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Check one of the items below. If a size is needed, please indicate your size.

_____ Gold Star Belt Buckle (only one size available)

_____ Gold Star Ring

** The ring is similar to a class ring. It is made by Keystone Custom Class Rings Company and is available through Wal-Mart. Please go to your nearest Wal-Mart and get sized at their jewelry counter before indicating your ring size on this form.
** Also, you must select one activity or zodiac symbol which will be on one side. The stone will be green with the 4-H clover image inlay, 5 point stars on one side, and the ring will be in silver-toned Valadium metal.

Ring Size _____ Men's

_____ Women's

Special Interest/Activity/Zodiac Symbol: _____