



2022 - 2023
BURNET COUNTY 4-H

Gold Star Guidelines & 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.

Requirements for the Texas 4-H Gold Star

As the highest award 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 eligibility 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, and any county, district, or state leadership group.
 - 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, fund raising)
 - 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 chair (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 A TEXAS 4-H RECORDBOOK** in the year they are to be considered for the award.

For Senior 4-H Youth (in 9th - 12th grade), who have completed three (3) years in 4-H.

**This application is due to the Extension Office by Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Noon.
Interview date and information to come.**

Name: _____ Primary 4-H Club: _____

of years in 4-H (including this year): _____ Most Recent Completed Grade: _____

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

Name of Project: _____ Number of Years: _____

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

List your leadership experiences as well as your participation in experiences such as leadership labs, State and National 4-H leadership events, and/or county, district or state leadership opportunities:

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

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

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

Describe your future plans for 4-H, a profession, or college.

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 your County 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.

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

4-H Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____