

EMERALD STAR GUIDELINES

In 1987, the Tulare County 4-H Incentives & Recognition Committee felt that there was a need for 4-H members in the 8th grade and above to enter a new phase of LEADERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITY, AND CITIZENSHIP. The Emerald Star program was added to the 4-H program in this county to give 4-H members the opportunity to enhance the county 4-H program.

WHO MAY BE NOMINATED FOR EMERALD STAR?

Any 4-H member who has achieved Gold Star Rank but has not previously held Emerald Star, All Star or Diamond Star Ranks.

WHAT DOES AN EMERALD STAR DO?

An Emerald Star applicant must present a plan of proposed leadership to be completed during the following six-month period. They must complete this plan, submit a self evaluation on their plan (after completion), and show good leadership qualities and overall 4-H work throughout the year.

WHAT SHOULD THE PLAN BE?

The member must present a plan of proposed leadership to be offered on a multi-club basis, county or area level or in the community during the following year. Some examples are:

- , Hold a project show or field day.
- , Hold a judging contest.
- , Make or improve a slide show or information pamphlet for County use. (Should be in an area where there is a need).
- , Hold a mini fair.
- , Establish a petting zoo.

Please remember these are only examples. Your plan can be something that has been done before and needs to be done again, or it can be something that no one has ever done, but which fills some kind of need in the 4-H program or community.

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The important factors to consider in deciding what to do for an Emerald Star Plan are these:

1. Is it something useful, something that is needed?
2. Does it provide a chance for you to demonstrate leadership beyond the project level in your own club?
3. Is it of a scope you can handle - area, cost numbers, time, skills you have or can acquire, people involved?
4. Has a time schedule been prepared that is feasible?

HOW TO APPLY

1. Prepare an application form and submit it to the Cooperative Extension Office.
2. Review the project or plan with interview committee. Interview date is to be set up by the Incentive and Recognition Committee.
3. Complete your prepared project or plan.
4. Prepare a final report of your activity in writing and submit it to the county Cooperative Extension Office.
5. Applicant will be notified by letter as to the date for the final interview.
6. Applicant gives an oral report to interview committee. Member also brings original plan and final report.

HOW ARE THE EMERALD STARS CHOSEN?

The Emerald Star applicant will be interviewed by a panel. The applicant will present his/her plan to the panel at this time. The panel will interview the applicant on presented plan, application, personality, and answers to questions. If the applicant is accepted at this interview, he/she will be observed throughout the six-month period of the plan and self evaluation. At the end of this period, the selection panel will meet again to decide which members have successfully completed the above. These members will then be named **EMERALD STARS!** There is no quota of Emerald Stars to be selected.

RECOGNITION

After final interview, applicant will be notified if he/she is to receive an Emerald Star. Award will be presented at County Awards Night.

4-H EMERALD STAR APPLICATION PART ONE

Please type or print. Use BLACK ink.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB _____ BIRTH DATE _____ GRADE _____

TYPE OF PLAN OR PROJECT _____

(Additional pages may be added, if needed)

1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN OR PROJECT?

2. WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS? What will you learn? What will others learn? What do you want to accomplish or achieve with this project?

6. WHAT RESOURCES (PEOPLE, MATERIALS, FACILITIES, ETC.) WILL YOU USE?

7. WILL THE PLAN OR PROJECT NEED FINANCING? IF SO, HOW MUCH WILL YOU NEED, WHAT WILL THE MONEY BE USED FOR, AND HOW WILL THE MONEY BE ACQUIRED?

8. THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY (date)_____

DATE _____ SIGNED _____

EMERALD STAR APPLICANT

4-H EMERALD STAR APPLICATION PART ONE

I UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT MY SON/DAUGHTER IN CARRYING OUT THIS PROJECT:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE _____

I NOMINATE THIS 4-H MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE EMERALD STAR PROGRAM:

SIGNATURE OF COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER

DATE _____

APPROVED: (EMERALD STAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS)

DATE APPROVED _____

4-H EMERALD STAR APPLICATION PART TWO

Please type or print. Use BLACK ink.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CLUB _____

THIS IS THE FINAL REPORT OF YOUR PLAN OR PROJECT. YOU WILL ALSO BE GIVING AN ORAL REPORT TO A PANEL OF REVIEWERS. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS REPORT, SUBMIT IT TO THE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER AS TO THE DATE FOR THE FINAL INTERVIEW. (Additional pages may be added to the report, if needed.)

TITLE OF PLAN OR PROJECT _____

1. HOW DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR PLAN? WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT DID YOU DO, WHO WAS INVOLVED, HOW DID YOU ADVERTISE IT, WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?

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2. WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THIS PROJECT OR PLAN?

3. IF THERE WERE PARTICIPANTS, WHAT DID THEY LEARN?

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT?

DATE _____ SIGNED _____
EMERALD STAR APPLICANT

THE FINAL INTERVIEW PROCESS

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DATE COMPLETED _____

COMPLETED (signatures of EMERALD STAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS):
