



EMERALD STAR GUIDELINES

The All Stars felt there was a need for 4H members to enter a new phase of LEADERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITY, and CITIZENSHIP. The Emerald Star program was added to the 4H program to give 4H members the opportunity to serve their club, county and community. An Emerald Star project is a new project that benefits the Yolo County 4-H program (either a specific area or the whole county).

What Does An Emerald Star Do?

An Emerald Star applicant must present a plan of a proposed new project to the Emerald Star Committee. They must complete their plan, submit a self evaluation/completion report on their plan and show good leadership qualities. It is the goal to demonstrate leadership and excel in responsibility.

How To Apply

1. Prepare an application form. (If a group is working on the project or plan, prepare an application form for each involved member.)
2. Review the project or plan with Emerald Star Review Committee.
3. Complete your prepared project or plan.
4. Prepare a final report of your activity in writing.
5. Contact Emerald Star Advisor to arrange for final interview.
6. Give an oral report to Emerald Star Review Committee. (Pictures are optional.)

Factors To Consider When Deciding What To Do For An Emerald Star Project Or Plan

1. Is it something new, 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 a scope you can handle? Consider cost, area, time, skills needed, and people involved.
4. Will the activity need financing, and if so, how will you obtain the needed money? Is it the responsibility of the applicant to meet their financial needs for the activity.

Examples Of Emerald Star Projects Or Plans

- ❖ Hold a project show or field day.-(something that hasn't been done in our county before_
- ❖ Hold a judging contest.
- ❖ Make or improve a slide show or information pamphlet for county use.
- ❖ Hold a mini-fair.
- ❖ Be a junior or teen leader for a project that involves several clubs, not just your own.
- ❖ Hold a project training day.

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE LIMITLESS! BE CREATIVE! BE ORIGINAL!

Interviews will be held from September to May. Please contact the 4H office so arrangements may be made for your interview.

**YOLO COUNTY
4-H EMERALD STAR APPLICATION**

Name:

Phone #:

Address:

City

Zip Code:

Years in 4-H(including current year

Club Name:

D.O.B.

Grade in School

Current Star Rank

Emerald Star Plan Title:

Goals and Objectives:

What do I want to do and accomplish?

What will I learn?

Who will benefit from this plan or project?

Resources, people, materials, facilities I plan to use:

Will the plan need financing?

Approximately how much money will be involved, if any?

How will the money be acquired?

What method will I use to complete my plan? (Field day, Video Tape, Slides, etc)

How will I evaluate my plan?

EMERALD STAR REVIEW COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Committee Membership

The president of the Yolo County Council shall appoint three (3) to five (5) members to serve on the Emerald Star Review Committee.

Members of the Emerald Star Review committee should be familiar with the Emerald Star program and be genuinely interested in the growth of all applicants through the process.

Emerald Star Review committee members to be selected from:

Awards Committee of the Council
Council Executive Board or members
Past Emerald Star recipients.

- One County 4H Staff person to serve on Committee.
- There shall be no less than three (3) members serving for a quorum.
- Parents of applicant will not be working members of Emerald Star Committee during selection or discussion periods with own child.

Committee procedure

- After application is received in the 4H Office, copies will be made and sent to:
President of Council
Emerald Star Advisor
All members of the emerald Star Review Committee
- Emerald Star Advisor is to set interview time and date after contacting committee members.
- Emerald Star Advisor is to contact applicant, preferably in both written form and verbal form regarding date, time and location of interview.
- Application and committee members discuss:
Content
Benefits
Financing
Educational content of project
Over-all and mid-point timelines
Etc.
- A copy of the plan agreed upon is returned to applicant after the first interview along with added suggestions, recommendations, signatures and dates.
- Committee may recommend a “mentor” to advise applicant during work phase.
- Emerald Star Advisor must schedule a mid point progress report with Emerald Star Review committee and applicant.
- Written progress report from Committee and applicant and 4H Office.
- Applicant brings original plan and final report to final interview with Emerald Star Committee.
- Committee and applicant shall agree on completion and acceptance.
- Award presentations will be made at Yolo County Council Meeting.