Uvalde County 4-H Gold Star Applications are due June 1, 2022 by 5pm

Gold Star Information and Requirements

Introduction and History of the Gold Star:
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 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 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.

***Interviews will be conducted virtually.
***Judges will review your recordbook
***Winners will be announced at the Uvalde County 4-H Award Banquet August 5, 2022.

2022 Uvalde County 4-H Gold Star Award Application

Name of Member: _____ 4-H Year: _____

Number of Years in 4-H (including this year): _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Grade: _____

Eligibility for the Award:

1. 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.
2. The 4-H member must submit 1 recordbook in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in 3 different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and have participated in 2 or more activities in the appropriate areas.

Please answer these questions on a separate paper. Please type all answers.

- What project(s) do you consider to be your primary area(s) of involvement over the past one to four years?
- What life skills (i.e.: record keeping, public speaking, etc.) have you learned through this/these project(s)? What did you enjoy most about the project(s)?
- What influence has your 4-H involvement had on your family?
- What do you consider to be your most meaningful 4-H experience?
- Has 4-H helped you in making future plans and goals? If so, what are your plans and goals currently? (Example: school, career, family, project goals)
- What is the most meaningful award/recognition you have received as a result of your 4-H involvement?
- How have others gained from your leadership experiences?
- 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?
  - Also please include a paragraph that can be used for your introduction at the award ceremony. (250-word max)

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Signature of Applicant Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian or 4-H Leader Date

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