

## **Navarro County 4-H Gold Star Award Guidelines**

The Gold Star Award is the highest County 4-H achievement award. The following criteria are based upon the state guidelines as stated in the current Texas 4-H Clover. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age as of August 31.
2. The 4-H member must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
3. The Gold Star Award will be presented to the most deserving young person without regard to gender.
4. The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Record Book in the year he or she is to be considered for the Gold Star Award.
5. Projects and Activities: During his or her years in 4-H, member must have:
  - A. Completed projects in three different project areas including submission of appropriate record forms.
  - B. Participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
    - Method Demonstration/4-H Presentations
    - Contests
    - Project Exhibits
    - Camps above county level
    - Leadership Lab
    - Citizenship Activities
    - Public Relations (for example, demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects)
    - Other (may include exchange programs, fund raising, State and National 4-H Congress, etc.)

Note: It is not expected that the above requirements for projects and activities all be complete in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the Member has been in the 4-H program.

6. Leadership Skills: During his or her years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills and must have served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of 4-H organization (club, county, district, state).

7. Community Service: The 4-Her must have participated in one or more community service activity, either individual, group, or club-type projects.

### **JUDGING PROCEDURES**

Judging for Gold Star Award consists of:

- a check of award eligibility and required application materials.
- judging of the awards application
- an interview with a panel of judges
- review of 4-H record book and achievements