

GOLD STAR AWARD GUIDELINES

(For Senior members)

Minimum Criteria

The Gold Star is the highest 4-H award at the county level therefore recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Gold Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Gold Star recipients in Bosque County will not exceed two (2). The Gold Star can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

A. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age but not over 19 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.

B. The 4-H member must submit a recordbook for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Gold Star Award. An application for the award must be completed and returned to the Bosque County Extension Office on a particular due date.

C. Project Activities during the 4-Hers' years in 4-H, the member must have:

1. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the recordbook.
2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas in the current year.

a. Educational Presentation

b. Contests

c. Project Exhibits

d. Camps

e. Leadership Lab

f. Citizenship Activities

g. Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects

h. Other (may include fund raising, State and National Congress, etc.)

i. Project activities

D. Leadership – During the applicant's years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:

1. Served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of the 4-H organization club, county, district, state and/or
2. Served as teen leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

E. Community Service, Citizenship, Character – The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as:

1. Working or counseling with 4-H members

2. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.
3. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
4. Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

Selection Procedures

Bosque County will review and screen the applications for Gold Star Award before they are judged.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of two (2) judges. The panel will be selected from former Gold Star Winners, 4-H Leaders and/or County Extension Agents. Bosque County 4-H Extension Agents, Leaders, Parents, or other Relatives will not be eligible to judge. The interviews will be conducted in the Extension Office or in a specified location.

No makeup interviews will be given unless prior approval has been received by Bosque County 4-H.

The Gold Star Award recipient(s) will receive a personalized plaque.