

SILVER STAR AWARD GUIDELINES

(For Intermediate members)

Minimum Criteria

The Silver Star was created by Bosque County 4-H in order to honor our Intermediate 4-H members for their outstanding achievements in 4-H. The applicants 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 Bronze Star if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Silver Star recipients in Bosque County will not exceed four (4). The Bronze Star can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

A. The 4-H member must be at least 11 years of age but not over 14 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least two (2) years in 4-H including the current year.

B. The 4-H member must submit an Awards Program Recordbook for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Bronze 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 two (2) different project areas that are detailed in the recordbook.
2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least two (2) 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, 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 participated on a committee at some level of the 4-H organization club or county.
2. Provided leadership 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 4-H will review and screen the applications for Silver Star 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 Silver Star Award recipient(s) will receive a personalized plaque.