

2014 GOLD STAR & I DARE YOU*

Information Sheet

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to gender.

** The requirements for the I DARE YOU Award are the same as the Gold Star Award.*

The following are the minimum requirements that must be met:

1. The member must be at least 15 years old 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 an awards program record-book in the year they are to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Method demonstrations/4-H presentation contests
 - Citizenship activities
 - Projects
 - Project exhibits
 - Camps
 - Leadership labs
 - Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fund-raising, State and National Congress, etc.)

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 of time the person has been in the program.

The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (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 are: 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.

Gold Star applications must contain the following attachments - a script narrative and a program narrative. (See examples below)

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Program Narrative

Please complete the program narrative on your biographical information form with a paragraph with the following information to be used in the District Gold Star Banquet program. **Please limit to 100 words.**

Name, county, town, age, name of school you attend and grade (Fall 2012), number of years in 4-H, projects completed, honors, awards & recognition, school, church & community activities, career plans if known and what you have learned from 4-H.

EXAMPLE: (Your Name), 17, is a Junior at _____ High School and an eight year member of the (club name) 4-H Club. Her projects include: Beef, Clothing and Textiles, Shooting Sports, Photography, Public Speaking and Consumer Education. Some of her awards include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Senior All Star, Grand Champion at Star of Texas, Marksman in Riflery, and Junior Angler Certification. She is a member of the Basketball and Track teams. (First Name) is a member of the National Honor Society, St. Luke's Catholic Church and volunteers at SALE for School Tours. She plans to attend Texas A&M to study Veterinary Medicine.

Script Narrative

Please complete the script narrative on your Biographical Information form with a few sentences about each of these topics:

- ◆ Most memorable or meaningful experience you have had in 4-H.
- ◆ Most meaningful community service activity
- ◆ Most meaningful leadership experience

Please be selective about what you write here - this will be read about you at the Gold Star banquet. Please limit to 100 words.

Example: The most memorable moment Tiffany had in 4-H was her involvement in the Habitat for Humanity project. She volunteered to go and help build a house for a family in her community. After the house was complete, a celebration ceremony was held for the family and Tiffany attended. It was so exciting to see the joy and gratitude from that family and to feel like she had made a difference!

*****Each applicant must also participate in an interview – Date TBD*****