

4-H EMERALD STAR

Who May Be Nominated For Emerald Star?

Any 4-H member who has achieved Gold Star Rank but has not previously held Emerald Star, All Star or Diamond Star Ranks.

What Does An Emerald Star Do?

An Emerald Star applicant must present a plan of proposed activity/ leadership to be completed during the 4-H year. Applicant must develop this plan, discuss it with, and have it approved by the Countywide Emerald Star Advisor, then conduct the project, and complete and submit a self-evaluation of their work. To achieve Emerald Star rank, the member must show good leadership qualities and overall 4-H work through the year.

What Should the Plan Be?

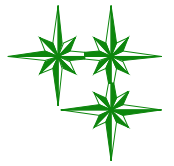
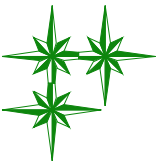
The member must develop and present a plan of proposed activity/leadership to be offered on a multi-club, county or area level or in the community during the 4-H year. Some ideas are:

- ★ Be a Junior/Teen Leader for a project that involves several clubs, not just your own.
- ★ Hold a needed project event or field day, judging contest, or coordinate a training meeting.
- ★ Help the 4-H Office develop/manage/update a resource library for volunteer teens.
- ★ Make a video or slide show or information pamphlet for County use. (Should be in an area where there is a need).
- ★ Conduct some media effort to promote the 4-H program, Be a public speaking ambassador . . .
- ★ Conduct a county-wide Community Service activity.
- ★ Seek funds for purchase of new curriculum references for use county-wide.
- ★ Initiate and coordinate a grant proposal for a special 4-H project.

Please remember these are only ideas. Your plan can be something that has been done before and needs to be done again or it can be something that no one has ever done but which fills some kind of need in the 4-H program or community.

The important factors to consider in deciding what to do for an Emerald Star Plan are these:

1. Is it something useful, something that is needed?
2. Does it provide a chance for you to demonstrate leadership beyond the project level in your own club?
3. Is it a scope *you* can handle – areas, cost numbers, time, skills you have or can acquire, people involved?
4. Has a time schedule been prepared that is feasible?



Emerald Star – What is it?

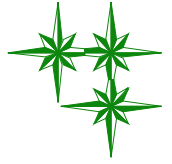
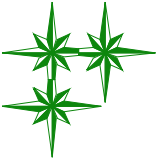
Emerald Star Rank gives 4-H members the opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity beyond the local club level. Though this rank is not a pre-requisite to the All-Star Rank, applicants must have received the Gold Star Rank. This rank can provide 4-Hers the opportunity to enter a new phase of leadership to serve their club, county and community.

An Emerald Star applicant must present a plan of proposed leadership to be completed during the 4-H year. They must complete this plan, submit a self-evaluation (after completion) and show good leadership qualities and overall 4-H work throughout the year.

A plan of proposed leadership to be offered on a multi-club basis, county or area level or in the community during the time period stated. Some examples are: To hold a judging contest, make or improve a slide show/video or information pamphlet of County use (should be in an area where there is a need), or be a Junior/Teen leader for a project that involves several clubs, not just your own.

The plan should be something useful or needed, should provide a chance to demonstrate leadership beyond the project level in your own club, be of a scope (time, cost, area, etc.) *you* can handle, and has a time schedule prepared that is feasible.

Applications are available at the County 4-H Office or check the county website <http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu> click on 4-H link and then Forms. If you have questions, contact Valerie Pimentel at 726-5853.



How Are the Emerald Stars Chosen?

The Emerald Star applicant must get initial project approval and signature from the County-wide Emerald Star Advisor. Once the project is approved by the Advisor the candidate should conduct the project, checking in occasionally with the Advisor to share progress and request support as needed. When completed, the applicant should complete a self-evaluation and obtain final sign-off from the Advisor.

Recognition

The Emerald Star Advisor will inform the 4-H Office when a project has been completed. Recognition and awarding of the Emerald Star Rank (star, hat patch) will be done at the County-wide Annual Awards Ceremony (usually in August or September).

Emerald Star Nomination Form

Name _____ Address _____

Club _____ Phone _____

1. **Goals and Objectives** – What do I want to do and accomplish? (What will I learn and what will others do and learn?) Why do you want to work on this particular program?

2. **What resources will I use?** _____

3. **What method will I use to complete my plan?** _____

4. **My time schedule:** _____

5. **How will I evaluate my plan?** _____

Signed _____

Emerald Star Applicant

I understand and support my son/daughter in carrying out this program:

Signed _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Plan Approved: _____

Emerald Star Advisor

Date _____

Project Completed: _____

Date _____

Self Evaluation of 4-H Emerald Star Project

Name _____

Club _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age _____

1. What was the purpose of your project? _____

2. What were your goals and objectives? _____

3. How was your project publicized? _____

4. Where was it done? _____

5. How many participated in your program? _____

6. Give a description of your project from beginning to end. (Submit an attachment)

7. Did you achieve our goals and objectives? _____

8. If you were to do it again how would you alter or change your project? _____

9. What did you learn? _____

10. How did your project impact the 4-H program/participants or community? (Submit an attachment)