

# 2009 All Star Application

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**San Mateo County 4-H**

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# San Mateo County All-Star Program



The highest 4-H rank attainable at the county level is All-Star. 4-Hers selected to this leadership position represent the San Mateo County 4-H Program, act as 4-H ambassadors, and are role models for younger members. Those selected should be the most outstanding 4-Hers in the county. After successful completion of the first year as an All-Star, the 4-Her will retain the rank of All-Star and continue to participate on the All-Star team.

## **Awards and Support**

Although there is no quota for selection of All-Stars, scoring procedures ensure commitment to naming only the most outstanding and dedicated of youth to the rank. Newly named All-Stars receive an All-Star hatpin and emblem at the nearest countywide meeting to their selection. The County 4-H Youth Development Advisor confirms an Adult Advisor for the group, after accepting recommendations from newly named All-Stars.

The County 4-H Council provides some budget support for All-Star activities throughout the year.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Any interested 4-Her who:

- ☆ Is 15 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year (year applying);
- ☆ Has achieved Gold Star Rank prior to application date;
- ☆ Agrees to accept responsibilities resulting from selection to serve;
- ☆ Is enrolled in 4-H for the year of All-Star honor;
- ☆ Has working knowledge of the 4-H program;
- ☆ Has demonstrated leadership abilities, citizenship concern, and maturity of judgment;
- ☆ Shows a strong interest in promoting 4-H at all levels;
- ☆ Has specific ideas regarding ways in which he/she can give guidance and leadership to some phase of the 4-H program.

## **Candidate Application Selection Procedure**

1. Submit completed written application materials by county due date:
  - A. All-Star Application Form
  - B. Signed Contract/Commitment Form
  - C. Three Letters of Recommendation (in sealed envelopes);
    1. . Someone outside 4-H (friend, teacher, employer, etc.)
    2. Two 4-H leaders (other than parent) who address leadership ability of candidate
  - D. 4-H record book, including past years and current-to-date
2. Appear for an oral interview at the scheduled time.

## **Considerations for Selection**

- ☆ 4-H leadership experiences, achievement, and ability;
- ☆ Experiences in projects and activities;
- ☆ Growth and development in personal, community, and civic responsibility;
- ☆ Ability to express oneself well, both orally (interview) and in writing (application).

## **All-Star Selection Procedure**

An odd-numbered selection committee composed of people who work with youth and in communities will appraise the required application material and conduct an oral interview with each candidate. The oral interview will give applicants an opportunity to present ideas, answer questions, and generally discuss 4-H and youth. Record books will be evaluated based on quality (not quantity). The record book, application, letters of recommendation, and oral interview will be the basis for awarding All-Star rank. Individual scorecards for judges will be used and tallied.

Within two weeks of their selection, new All-Stars may recommend a 4-H Adult Leader to serve as their All-Star Advisor. Appointment of the All-Star Advisor will be confirmed by the County 4-H Youth Advisor within one month of All-Star selection.

## **All-Star Advisor Expectations**

1. Facilitate a schedule of All-Star team meetings throughout the 4-H year. Meet with All-Stars to determine schedule.
2. Attend County 4-H Council meetings (your vote counts) and countywide events as needed to support All-Stars.
3. Act as liaison with community clubs and Council to enhance All-Star program.
4. Give All-Stars direction and support in carrying out their tasks and program plans for the year.
5. Attend the Regional CAL Conference (or obtain an alternate) in January (There is a required regional planning session for this). Assist All-Stars as needed in planning and preparing for the workshop session they have decided to conduct.
6. Guide and support All-Stars as they develop and conduct a special program or project (after-school program, officer training, junior/teen leader retreat, monthly or bi-monthly countywide teen meetings, etc.)

## **All-Star Advisor Opportunity**

The All-Star Advisor has an opportunity to attend the State Leadership Conference in August with the new All-Star team. The San Mateo County 4-H Council pays the conference fee.



## **GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **A. Experience in Leadership and Achievement:**

Summarize major experiences in your local or county programs. (Use additional sheets of paper if necessary).

### **B. Experiences in Projects and Activities:**

**C. Citizenship Experiences:** Show your development of personal, community, and civic responsibilities. (This may be reported in any form you wish).

**MY ALL-STAR PLAN:** (Attach additional sheets as needed)

This should be a program designed by the All-Star applicant involving either members of the community or other 4-H clubs other than your own club. This plan should be a program of your proposed leadership to be offered during the All-Star year. The plan may cover events – such as field days, training programs, etc. – or starting and working with a new club(s), new community service projects, etc.

## **SAN MATEO COUNTY 4-H ALL-STAR CONTRACT/COMMITMENT FORM**

The 4-H All-Star program in San Mateo County is not only the highest County honor awarded, it is also a working service award.

Please read carefully the following requirements and major activities of an All-Star and sign if you feel you can fulfill these commitments in your first All-Star year. *The rank of All-Star may be re-evaluated by a committee composed of the Youth Advisor, one current All-Star, the All-Star Advisor, and two 4-H Leaders at large if commitments are not withheld.*

### **ALL-STAR REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Attend a minimum of 80% (4) of Council meetings with permission leave by 9:00 p.m. (You are a voting member).
2. Be able, upon request, to install officers of local clubs, other than your own.
3. Be prepared to make at least one presentation to a club other than your own on a 4-H related subject.
4. Be prepared to give talks to community organizations regarding 4-H.
5. Attend at least one County event to act as emcee, distribute awards or help where needed.
6. With host 4-H club, plan the awards program part of the Countywide Awards event.
7. Schedule presenters and guests, design the program, and emcee the event.
8. Set-up, organize, and plan for a 4-H Information Booth at the San Mateo County Fair.
9. Collectively, in team, or as individuals, choose a field of interest Countywide and plan and conduct a special training day/program with input from Key Leaders/Advisors.
10. Attend CAL Conference in January as a session leader and also have an opportunity to attend State 4-H Leadership Conference in August.
11. Attend a minimum of 80% of All-Star meetings. Consult with advisor about excused absences.
12. Attend November Regional Council meeting (Preparation of CAL Conference) and others if possible.
13. Be clean, well groomed and dress appropriately for the occasion according to the All-Star Advisor.

I understand that the above will be the duties expected of San Mateo County All-Stars and I am willing to carry them out.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H member) (Date)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent) (Date)

**RECOMMENDATION FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY ALL-STAR**

(Submit report from two 4-H leaders and one other adult)

**NAME OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

1. To what degree of confidence do you recommended this application:

Highly \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL RATING OF APPLICANT (Check below or write in rating of each item listed)

EXCELLENT

GOOD

AVERAGE

POOR

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Attitude \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperation \_\_\_\_\_

Dependability \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_

Personality \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: (Use other side of this form if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date

If 4-H leader, name of 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the San Mateo County 4-H Office by August 31, 2009

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