



TEXAS 4-H GOLD STAR AWARD

The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program through the county 4-H Program. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.

As the highest award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, County Offices and Agents are asked to maintain a high level of integrity and honor through their selection process of county Gold Star recipients. At the MINIMUM, the following guidelines should be used in the eligibility and selection process for each county:

- The member must have at least completed, or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
- The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in at least three different project areas, submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Projects and/or Project Exhibits
 - Participation in Leadership Experiences such as Leadership Labs, Texas 4-H Congress, or National Leadership Events such as National 4-H Congress/Conference.
 - Competitive Events (judging, educational presentation, public speaking, food show, quiz bowls, etc.)
 - Citizenship activities
 - Camps at the county, district, or state level.
 - 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising)
 - *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 include providing leadership to a One Day 4-H project, 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.
- The 4-H member **MUST SUBMIT A TEXAS 4-H RECORDBOOK** in the 4-H year they are to be considered for the award.

A County 4-H Program may have additional requirements for applying for the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award. This may include additional participation requirements, application(s), interview, and/or home/project visit. Check with your county Extension Office for other requirements and timelines for awards.

How quotas are determined:

The Gold Star quotas have been determined using the county's enrollment as reported through 4-H CONNECT and their ES-237 report for 4-H club members in grades 9 through 12 for the 2014-2015 4-H Year.

A list of the counties with their ES-237 enrollment and Gold Star Quota is provided. If additional Gold Stars are needed, they can be requested via e-mail to the State Office.

Quota number are as follows:

1-100 youth	2 Gold Star Winners
101-200 youth	3 Gold Star Winners
201-over youth	4 Gold Star Winners

2016 TEXAS 4-H GOLD STAR NUMBERS

Quotas are calculated using Club Member enrollment for grades 9th to 12th

District	County	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total	GS#
5	Anderson	15	10	10	7	42	2
5	Angelina	21	30	24	15	90	2
5	Cherokee	7	9	11	9	36	2
5	Gregg	8	6	7	6	27	2
5	Harrison	5	6	5	2	18	2
5	Henderson	26	22	20	18	86	2
5	Houston	4	10	8	5	27	2
5	Jasper	16	7	7	5	35	2
5	Marion	2	0	2	2	6	2
5	Nacogdoches	5	7	10	4	26	2
5	Newton	6	6	5	3	20	2
5	Panola	17	14	6	9	46	2
5	Polk	18	16	11	8	53	2
5	Rusk	5	4	8	6	23	2
5	Sabine	0	0	1	0	1	2
5	San Augustine	7	5	3	2	17	2
5	Shelby	11	6	8	5	30	2
5	Smith	12	12	9	11	44	2
5	Trinity	17	12	12	8	49	2
5	Tyler	4	3	1	3	11	2
5	Upshur	2	8	7	5	22	2
5	Wood	10	3	7	8	28	2
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