

2010
GOLD STAR AWARDS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICTS

DEADLINE FOR MATERIALS REQUEST
February 5, 2010

Introduction:

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 sex. The following are minimum requirements that must be met.

1. The member must be at least 15 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 recordbook in the year he or she is 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:
 - Educational Presentations
 - Citizenship activities
 - Projects
 - Project exhibits
 - Camps
 - Leadership labs
 - Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, 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.

How a quota is determined:

The 2010 Gold Star quotas will be set by the District office. Quotas should be set by using the numbers from the county 2009 ES237 reports and the guidelines below:

Youth between the Ages of 15-19 (grades 10th-12th)
1-100 youth 2 Gold Star Winners
101-250 youth 3 Gold Star Winners
251-450 youth 4 Gold Star Winners
451-700 youth 5 Gold Star Winners
701-over youth 6 Gold Star Winners

Please make sure that any Gold Star Award recipient is meeting at least the minimum guidelines as published in the 2009-2010 Texas 4-H Clover (Opportunities Handbook).
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

District Instructions:

Each district needs to complete a District Quota/Supply Form using the instructions below:

1. Provide a list of county quotas for the State 4-H office historical records.
2. The pins and certificates will look the same for 2010. Factor in your surplus pins when calculating your total material needs for 2010. Only one set of certificates and pins per district will be available. We do not keep surplus supplies in stock so we will order what is requested only.

Gold Star Awards Calendar:

February 5, 2010	Deadline for Materials
February 5, 2010	Deadline for County Quota list
By June 1, 2010	Gold Star Supplies Shipped