



TEXAS 4-H GOLD STAR AWARDS

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 in grade 10th to Post High School as reported on their counties 2009-2010 ES-237.

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 quotas are determined:

The 2011 Gold Star quotas have been determined using the counties enrollment as report through 4-H CONNECT and their ES-237 report for grades 10th through Post High School for the 2009-2010 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.

Quotas have been determined based on the following guidelines:

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 2010-2011 Texas 4-H Clover (Opportunities Handbook). <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>