

4-H Procedure Handbook

Title of Committee/Event

ORANGE COUNTY EMERALD STAR PROGRAM

General Description

This rank is added to the Star Rank Program to give all 4-H members the opportunity to serve their clubs, county and/or community on an individual basis, without applying for County Ambassador/All Star. This program offers an opportunity for 4-H members to increase their skills in program planning and leadership as part of the State Awards Program. Emerald Star is a Star Rank awarded for a plan of leadership in the 4-H program in the community. The youth participating submits a plan for approval, carries out the program, and is evaluated at the conclusion of his or her effort.

Purpose:

Offers 4-H members who wish to work individually the opportunity to develop leadership skills beyond the local club level.

Staff Required/Candidates:

The Incentives and Recognition Committee participates in this program.

Responsibilities of Youth:

1. Prior to the project, submit a plan for approval using the procedure discussed below under "Application Process". This plan of proposed leadership will involve other 4-H members of the community.
2. Carry out the project, submitting and implementing revisions, as needed.
3. Evaluate the plan and results as the program progresses and at the conclusion.
4. Be prepared to handle any financial cost required to carry out the plan to completion.

Responsibilities of Adult:

Advise youth as requested.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be 14 years of age or older, as of December 31 of the program year.
2. Hold the Rank of Gold Star, but not All Star.

Selection Process:

Events selected may include:

1. An event or activity involving an audience (original or calendared event).
2. Community activity involving an audience or serving a need or an individual.
3. Slide set for presentation to the 4-H office for future use.
4. Any other as deemed necessary by the youth participating.

Application Process:

The youth must submit the Emerald Star Planning Form, complete with signatures, to the Incentives and Recognition Committee at the 4-H office.

Timeline:

Plans should be submitted by August 31 for approval in September. Evaluation takes place the following September after completion of the plan.

When Event is Held:

As desired.

**4-H Emerald Star Planning & Evaluation Form
(To Awards & Incentives Committee)**

Estimated Completion Date

4-H Emerald Star Applicant

1. What do I want to accomplish? (What will I learn and do and what will others learn and do?) Please include why you want to work on this particular program.

Objectives and Goals _____

2. How will I do this? (Methods and Resource) _____

3. When will I do this (Time Schedule) _____

4. How will your plan of leadership involve 4-H members from other Orange County 4-H clubs and members of the community? _____

5. How will you publicize your project/event so that others will participate? _____

I understand that I must meet the requirements to be eligible for the Emerald Star.

Member's Signature

Date

I understand the requirements and support my son/daughter in carrying out this program.

Parent's Signature

Date

APPROVED

Emerald Star Advisor

Community Club Leader