

HUMBOLDT COUNTY 4-H EMERALD STAR

The Emerald Star rank was revised by the Humboldt County 4-H Council to give older 4-H members additional opportunities to serve their clubs, communities, and/or county, and to keep these members involved in a meaningful way. 4-H members are not required to hold any star rank in order to apply for this award.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EMERALD STAR

To apply, a member must:

1. Be in sixth grade or above.
2. Present a written plan to the county Emerald Star Selection Committee outlining proposed goals, methods, resource needs, schedule, and evaluation plans.
3. Secure approval from a parent and club leader.
4. Be prepared to handle any financial costs or printing needs, or secure donations to cover costs.
5. Have Leader's recommendation sent to the 4-H office under separate cover stating they feel applicant is capable of completing this project by set date. This is the *applicant's responsibility* to follow up on the request.

Your plan can cover virtually anything as long as it makes a real contribution to the Humboldt County 4-H Program, to your community, or to the county as a whole. It may be a new program, event, or project you want to start, or a revision of an existing program. It could be a one-day event or program. Here are some examples:

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| *Hold a project show or field day | *Project for special needs/community needs |
| *Involvement with a housing project | *Leader Recognition |
| *Summer project—Sequoia Park | *New parent/member orientation |
| *Improving a county slide show | *Project training days |
| *After School Programs | *Help develop aspect of a High 4-H Program |
| *Develop a pamphlet for county | *Enhance County 4-H project resource |

Your plan will be evaluated on the basis of:

1. Value to the Humboldt County 4-H Program.
2. Value to your community or the county.
3. Fulfillment of a real need.
4. Creativity and originality.
5. Practicality and feasibility

Be sure to consider your plan in terms of time, energy, and money involved. Consider, especially, your school activities and work schedules.

For resource needs, consider such things as people, reference material, facilities, and equipment.

Your methods should be practical in terms of time and resources available. Be realistic in the amount of time needed to complete the plan. Make a schedule to guide your efforts.

Your evaluation plans should consider how the program was of benefit to you as well as to the intended audience.

Please complete and return the Planning Form to the 4-H Office by the due date indicated in the 4-H GRAM. The committee will evaluate your plans and schedule an interview with you.

If your plan is approved, you must carry it out and complete it as originally proposed in order to receive the Emerald Star insignia.

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