



San Diego County 4-H All Star

All Star is the highest attainable county 4-H rank. Each year San Diego County, as well as other California counties, selects several deserving 4-H members who have applied to become All Stars.

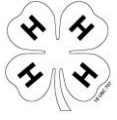
The minimum requirements of an All Star candidate are:

- 14 years of age by December 31 of the current 4-H Year.
- Earned an Emerald or Gold Star.
- Has strong interest in continuing in the 4-H Youth Development Program and has specific ideas about way to give guidance and leadership to some phase of the 4-H program.
- Has demonstrated leadership abilities, citizenship concern, and maturity of judgment.
- Recognizes the opportunities and responsibilities of being selected as a 4-H All Star and is receptive to new ideas and challenges.
- Has made a significant contribution to the maintenance or expansion of the 4-H program in the county.
- Recognizes that there is a significant time commitment that comes along with being an All Star, which includes attending county events, Teen Council meetings, and representing 4-H in other ways throughout the two year program.

Responsibilities

After being selected, All Stars candidates are expected to:

- Complete an All Star project.
- Learn Public Speaking.
- Learn Officer Skills.
- Learn Program Planning.
- Provide leadership for Teen Council.
- Represent San Diego County as an All Star at various county and area events.



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All Star Application

For parts A and C please follow these guidelines:

- Attach a separate piece of paper for each response.
- Put your name and page number at the top of each page.
- Number and write the question above your response.
- Provide up to half a page for each question (not to exceed 500 words).
- Use 12pt font, single spaced.

Part A

Judges are trying to determine how 4-H is better because you've been a member.

1. Explain the 4-H program as if you are describing it to someone who has never heard of 4-H.
2. Why are you in 4-H?
3. Please describe a teamwork experience. What challenges did you face? How did you overcome them? How did you work with your advisor/adult in charge?

Part B (Indicate years in each)

List your most important experiences in the following areas:

1. Committees you've participated on and if you were you the chairman what were your responsibilities?
2. Talk and demonstration (where given, number in audience).
3. Junior and Teen Leadership (indicate projects and years served, including present).
4. Citizenship and community service activities (What was your part?).
5. Outside activities- class officer, sports, etc.
6. Other 4-H leadership activities that are not mentioned above that would fit your participation in 4-H.

Part C

Prepare a hypothetical plan for an activity that you could put together for your project, club or community as if you were an All Star.

This activity can be a bake sale, roller skating party, beach party, dinner, or anything that you would be interested in doing. You will be judged on how thorough you are in your planning and not on how big the project is, so be careful to choose something you would be capable of doing. You are not expected to carry out this hypothetical plan. We just want to know how good you are at thinking things through. Include how you would publicize the activity, committees you would have and equipment needed, etc.



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Materials to Submit:

To be considered for the All Star award, you must submit to the 4-H County office the following:

1. Cover Page (Including name and club).
2. Your completed All Star Application; Parts A, B and C.
3. Your up-to-date Record Book.
4. Three confidential recommendations:
 - a. One from a 4-H Leader.
 - b. One from a 4-H member or Alumni (involved in the program within the last 3 years).
 - c. One from a person outside of 4-H (teacher, coach, youth group leader, etc.).

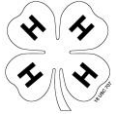
Recommendations are to be mailed directly to the 4-H Office by the person filling out the form. Provide an addressed and stamped envelope for your confidential recommendation to the person you have asked to complete this for you. The mailing address is:

4-H Council All Star Committee
UCCE San Diego
9335 Hazard Way, Ste 201
San Diego, CA 92123-1222

Interview:

Finally, you will need to schedule an interview; the All Star Committee will contact you to schedule this. Remember to ensure an accurate phone number is on file in the enrollment database and on your application so that you can be reached.

NOTE: ALL MATERIALS, INCLUDING YOUR RECOMMENDATION, MUST ARRIVE AT THE COUNTY 4-H OFFICE BEFORE 5PM ON THE DEADLINE.



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Recommendation Cover Letter

The San Diego County All Star Selection Committee would like to thank you for your time and effort to write a letter of reference on behalf of the candidate. We believe that a valuable part of the application process is to receive input from individuals associated with the candidate. Please complete the “Letter of Reference Form” and send with your letter of recommendation.

Please be honest and straightforward in your comments. Specific examples are appreciated. You are under no obligation to provide a copy of your letter of recommendation to the applicant.

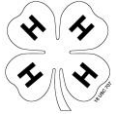
County All Star is the highest leadership position to be held for youth members in San Diego so it is a great honor to be selected. When selected All Stars will be expected to:

- Complete an All Star project.
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When writing your letter, also consider the applicant’s skills, work habits, leadership, 4-H involvement, extracurricular involvement, communication style, and ability to work in groups.

Thank you,

All Star Selection Committee



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This Letter of Reference must be sent to:

**4-H Council All Star Committee
UCCE San Diego
9335 Hazard Way, Ste 201
San Diego, CA 92123-1222**

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of reference: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Relationship to Application: 4-H Leader 4-H Member/Alumni Outside of 4-H
(circle)

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Rate the applicant in the following areas using this scale:

5= Outstanding 4= above average 3= Average 2= Below Average 1=No Observation

Circle the applicant's single strongest quality

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| ___ Leadership | ___ Motivation | ___ Professionalism |
| ___ Group Work | ___ Communication | ___ Organization |
| ___ Maturity | ___ Respect for Others | ___ Punctuality |
| ___ Public Speaking Skills | ___ Other _____ | |

Please provide narrative comments about the Applicant's teamwork, leadership and communication skills using an additional page.