

Star Rankings (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum)

What are the 4-H star ranks?

County 4-H staff and 4-H clubs are responsible for coordinating star ranking awards. The star award ranking system is a voluntary advancement program utilizing the Personal Development Report form (part of the [4-H record book](#)) as a goal setting tool, aimed at encouraging broad-based participation and achievement in 4-H. 4-H members record their participation in eight categories for the current 4-H program year on the Personal Development Report. Activities are totaled for all years in 4-H and star awards are given to those 4-H members meeting the requirements.

Junior, intermediate and senior members may all strive for star ranks. Each star level takes an average of two years to complete. Star rank achievers receive a tangible star, which is often attached to the [4-H hat](#).



Bronze Star: Complete at least 5 of the 8 PDR categories. Gold Star: Complete at least 7 of the 8 PDR categories.



Silver Star: Complete at least 6 of the 8 PDR categories. Platinum Star: Complete at least 7 of the 8 PDR categories.

How can I earn these star ranks?

To qualify for any of the achievement rank awards, 4-H members must attend 80 percent of both the local club and the project meetings held during the year. To obtain any of the ranks, 4-H members must complete the asterisked (*) categories as a part of his/her total effort. This excerpt from the [Personal Development Report](#) (PDR), part of the 4-H member record book, shows the numbers and categories necessary to earn each star ranking:

Categories of Participation	Number of Different Categories Required			
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
	5 Required	6 Required	7 Required	7 Required
1. 4-H Projects Completed <i>This category records projects a 4-H member has completed.</i>	2*	4*	8*	12*
2. 4-H Project Skill Activities <i>This category records activities where 4-H members either exhibited their 4-H</i>	4	8	15	20

<i>work or demonstrated their knowledge to an audience and/or judge.</i>				
3. 4-H Events Attended <i>This category records 4-H events, other than 4-H club and project meetings, that the 4-H member attended during the year.</i>	12	25	40	60
4. Leadership Development <i>This category records leadership activities undertaken by the 4-H member.</i>	10	20	30*	40*
Junior or Teen Leader	(0)	(0)	(2*)	(4*)
5. Citizenship & Community Service <i>This category records citizenship and community service activities undertaken by the 4-H member.</i>	10	20*	30*	40*
6. Communication Skills <i>This category records communication activities undertaken by the 4-H member.</i>	12*	24*	36*	48*
4-H Presentations	(4*)	(7*)	(10*)	(15*)
7. Honors and Recognition <i>This category records the significant honors and recognition earned by the 4-H member.</i>	5	10	15	20
8. Lifestyle Activities <i>This category records lifestyle activities both in and outside of 4-H that the member participated in.</i>	10	20	30	40



The Platinum Star is the highest achievement a 4-H member can earn in their 4-H Club! These 4-H members must have completed twelve 4-H projects, served as a Junior or Teen Leader four times, and given fifteen presentations, among other requirements. The platinum star was introduced in 2006.