

Sonoma County 4-H Rising Star Application

Name _____ Club _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Year in 4-H _____

Telephone Number (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail Address _____

Age as of January 1, 2016 (must be 13 as of 1/1/16) _____

List your Junior/Teen Leader Experience

Project	Years Served	Number of Members Led

Please answer the following questions on a separate paper. Maximum of 500 words per question.

1. Describe your major 4-H projects, accomplishments and community service in your 4-H career.
2. Name two accomplishments of yours that you think are most significant in helping other youth?
3. What do you expect to Learn, Contribute and Accomplish being a Sonoma County 4-H All Star?
4. Please tell us why you want to be a Sonoma County 4-H Rising Star.

Required Signature

I have read the qualifications and duties involved with the Sonoma County Rising Star. I realize that there are significant time requirements and responsibilities involved. If selected, I agree to fulfill these responsibilities.

4-H Member's Signature

Date

I have read the qualifications and duties involved with the Sonoma County All Star. I realize that there are significant time requirements and responsibilities involved. If my son / daughter is selected, I agree to support my son / daughter in fulfilling these responsibilities.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date

Duties, Responsibilities and Opportunities for Rising Stars!

The Rising Star program was developed to provide an opportunity for teen members to participate and work with the All Star Team in a leadership role. Rising Stars are given opportunities for leadership development, community service opportunities and reaching out to clubs throughout Sonoma County. It will allow you the opportunity to see what All Stars do and to participate in the work, help organize events, develop your leadership skills. Rising Stars are like All Stars in training – gives you the opportunity to experience new skills and adventures.

Application requirements: Completed application form including leadership projects, years served and members led, response to four essay questions – answers should be 500 words or less and one letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader – either Project Leader or Community Club Leader. Your letter should be reflective of your involvement in your Project/Club, showcase your leadership and commitment to responsibility and your community service involvement. Please staple the packet in the upper left hand corner and return the completed application to the Sonoma County 4-H Office, 133 Aviation Blvd. Suite 190, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 by June 10, 2015. **Must be received not postmarked by February 29, 2016.**

Rising Star Applicants must be 13 as of January 1, 2016 and have been in 4-H for at least one full year. You do not need to hold a star rank (Bronze, Silver, Gold) but we encourage you to achieve your stars through record book participation. If you need assistance bringing your stars rankings current, please contact the 4-H office and they will refer you to one of the CCC leaders available to help you.

You will be responsible to work with the All Star Team and Advisor to coordinate activities and events for Sonoma County 4-H. These will include, but not limited to, Achievement Night, Chickenque, club installations and other leadership opportunities. Serve as a positive role model, share your passion and be receptive to new ideas and challenges. Develop your leadership skills with guidance from your All Star team and Advisors. Promote 4-H and focus on setting a good example for younger members to follow. Rising Star rank is not an award, but a new opportunity to demonstrate leadership, responsibility and develop learning experiences.

Selection Process: Complete the application form and submit in full with signatures to the 4-H office by **February 29, 2016. Selection to the Rising Star Team will be made from the application only so be sure to include all the information to provide us with your qualifications.**