



Tehama County 4-H Emerald Star Award

PHILOSOPHY OF THE AWARD:

The Emerald Star is a county rank to recognize individual goal setting and accomplishment beyond the club level. It is not part of the state star rank system (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and All Star).

The Emerald Star award is a way to keep older members involved in a meaningful way in planning, implementing and evaluating a special activity based upon local needs.

There is no limit on the number of members who can earn this rank or number of times an individual may apply.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any Tehama County 4-H Member who:

- Completed a minimum of 1 year in a Junior/Teen Leadership project
- AND is in 8th grade or older

GOAL OF THE AWARD:

The Emerald Star project should be something that fills a need in the 4-H program or the community. Your plan can be something that no one has done or build an *expansion* on what someone has already done.

County events already being done or exact repeats of past projects are *not* eligible for the Emerald Star rank. Contact the 4-H office for more information on past projects!

Some important factors to consider when deciding what to do for an Emerald Star Rank:

1. Is it something useful and needed?
2. Does it provide a chance for you to demonstrate leadership beyond your own club?
3. Is it a scope you can handle – cost, area, time, skills you have or can acquire, people involved?

4. Has a time schedule been prepared that is realistic?
5. Teams of two (2) or more are acceptable, BUT each team member must submit their own plan. What do you plan to do as an individual member of the team?

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

1. Fill out the application form.

This includes statements on the goals, methods, resources, time schedule and evaluation of the proposed project.

2. Select an appointed 4-H adult leader to be your coach.

This person's role is to assist you with your project.

3. Submit your completed application to the 4-H office for approval.

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4. Upon approval from the 4-H Office, attend the next County 4-H Council meeting to make a presentation about your proposed Emerald Star project.
5. The applicant will be asked questions about their presented plan and approval will be given in the following days.
6. During the next six months, the applicant will do his/her project as planned. Any revisions or changes shall be discussed with the 4-H Office and then reported to the 4-H Council.
7. After completion, the applicant submits an Evaluation Report to the 4-H Office and makes a presentation at a monthly Council meeting.
8. Upon final approval from both the 4-H Office and the 4-H Council, the Emerald Star is awarded.

TEHAMA COUNTY EMERALD STAR APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ City/ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Grade in School: _____ as of January 1st

Years in 4-H: _____ Years of Leadership Project Completed: _____

Name of Project: _____

1. GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

- A. What do you plan to do?
- B. Why is this project important?
- C. What will your audience learn from this project?
- D. What will you gain from this experience?
- E. How does your project support 4-H in the county?

2. METHODOLOGY:

What type of activity will you do to complete the plan? What steps will you do in planning, and doing the project? Be specific.

3. TIME SCHEDULE:

When do you plan to begin and finish your project? Be specific.

4. RESOURCES:

List the resources you will need to complete your project.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST?</u>	<u>HOW WILL YOU SECURE IT?</u>

*If you intend to raise funds, also submit Form 8.7 Fundraising Approval.

5. EVALUATION

How will you evaluate the success of you plan?

(you may add additional pages, if necessary)

Signature of Applicant _____
date

As the emerald star Adult Coach, I will support the 4-H member in completing the processed project:

Signature of the Emerald Star Adult Coach _____
date

Approval By:

Tehama County 4-H Office _____
date

Council President _____
date

TEHAMA COUNTY EMERALD STAR EVALUATION REPORT

Evaluation must be filled out in this order. Applicants may use extra paper and as much space as they need for their answers.

1. GOALS

- A. Briefly restate the goal(s) you set for your Emerald Star Project.

- B. Did you accomplish what you set out to do?
 1. If your goal(s) changed, what caused the change(s)?

 2. If your goal(s) stayed the same, do they still seem realistic; were they too ambitious, or not ambitious enough?

 3. Why do you think so?

2. PROCESS

- A. What did you do to accomplish your goals?

- B. What special resources (including people) did you use?

- C. Was your timetable or agenda realistic (i.e., did you have time to do everything you wanted to do)?

If not, what would have been a more realistic timetable or agenda?

3. EVALUATION

- A. List the personal aspects of your project.
 1. Your greatest satisfaction:

2. Your greatest frustration:

3. Some important things you learned along the way:

B. Some ways your project contributed to our county 4-H program.

1. About how many people heard of your project through your person efforts?

2. How many people participated directly in your project? How?

4. What audience did you reach?

5. What benefits do you believe participants gained from your project?

6. Do you think your project should be continued?

i. If yes, how do you recommend it be done?

ii. Do you personally plan to continue with this project?

7. Has this project led you to think about other projects, which would be suitable for Emerald Star? If yes, what?

8. Other benefits and/or general comments.

Member has earned: _____ Member has not earned: _____

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