



EMERALD STAR GUIDELINES

In 1987, the Tulare County 4-H Leader's Council Incentives and Recognition Committee developed the Emerald Star program. The Emerald Star program is designed for intermediate and senior 4-H members with the purpose to:

1. Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to develop projects in their community or in 4-H beyond the club level.
2. Improve, create, and/or expand the 4-H program.
3. Help individual 4-H members grow and improve in the areas of organization, leadership, and project planning.

The program is designed to help youth learn about project planning, organization, and presentation. Typically, youth develop an action plan for some type of multi-club, county-wide, or multi-county event. They then organize and facilitate this event. After completion and presentation of their project, they are awarded the Emerald Star ranking.

Think about doing a [Service Learning Project](#) as your Emerald Star project!

WHO MAY SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR AN EMERALD STAR PROJECT?

Any intermediate (ages 11-13) and senior (ages 14-18) 4-H member(s) may submit a proposal for an Emerald Star Project. Emerald Star projects can be conducted by individual members or by a small group, depending upon the scope of the project.

Factors to consider when selecting a project:

- Is it something that is useful/needed?
- Does it provide an opportunity for the applicant to demonstrate leadership beyond the project level in their own club?
- Is the scope of the project something the applicant(s) can handle (cost, numbers, area, time, skills, etc.)?
- Is the time schedule proposed feasible?

HOW ARE EMERALD STAR PROJECTS CHOSEN?

The Emerald Star Project applicant will present his/her proposal to the Incentives and Recognition Committee panel. During the presentation, the panel will interview the applicant(s) on the presented application and plan, including questions. If the Emerald Star Project is approved, the applicant will be assigned an adult partner to help oversee progress of the project. Upon completion of the project, the applicant will give a final presentation of the Emerald Star Project to the Incentives and Recognition Committee panel. The panel will determine if the candidate has successfully completed the



Emerald Star Project requirements and approve the Emerald Star rank. The Emerald Star will be presented at the annual County Awards Night.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN EMERALD STAR PROJECT?

1. Complete the application and submit it to the Tulare County 4-H Office.
2. Participate in an interview with the Incentives and Recognition Committee Emerald Star panel. Interview date to be determined by the panel.
3. Complete your Emerald Star Project according to your plan with input from your adult partner.
4. Prepare the written final report of your Emerald Star Project and submit it to the Tulare County 4-H Office.
5. Deliver a final report during an interview with the Incentives and Recognition Committee Emerald Star panel. Date to be determined by the panel after submission of final report to the 4-H Office.



EMERALD STAR APPLICATION – PART 1

Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Address:

4-H Club:

Date of Birth:

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (Attach additional pages, if needed)

1. Emerald Star Project Title
2. What is the purpose of your Emerald Star Project?
3. What goals do you expect to gain through your Emerald Star Project? (what will you learn, what do you want to accomplish or achieve?)
4. What/who is your target audience?
5. What goals do you expect others to gain by participating in your Emerald Star Project? (what will others learn, how will the audience benefit, what will they gain?)



EMERALD STAR APPLICATION – PART 2

This is the final report of your Emerald Star Project. You will also be giving an oral report to an interview panel once you have completed this report and submitted it to the Tulare County 4-H Office. You will be notified regarding the interview date.

Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Address:

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (Attach additional pages, if needed)

1. Emerald Star Project Title
2. How did you complete your plan? Explain what happened, what you did, who was involved, how you advertised/promoted your project, and the results of your project.
3. What did you learn from this project?
4. What did your participants/audience learn from this project?



5. What were the highlights of doing this project? Where there any low points? Explain.

6. If you could go back to the beginning of this project and start fresh, what changes would you make in the plan that you wrote and the work that you did in developing/delivering this project?

7. Share any additional comments or information about your Emerald Star Project.

Signature of Applicant

Date Signed

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date Signed

FINAL INTERVIEW

Once you have completed and submitted this report to the Tulare County 4-H Office, you will be notified regarding your final interview.

Names of Incentive and Recognition Committee Emerald Star Project Panel Members:

Emerald Star Project Approval Date