

EMERALD STAR APPLICATION

- ◆ Emerald Star is a County Rank; it is not part of the State Star Rank system.
- ◆ To qualify for an Emerald Star, a member must have completed the 7th grade or be at least 13 years of age as of January 1 of the 4-H year the application is submitted. (The Stanislaus County 4-H Year is July 1 – June 30)
- ◆ There is no limit on the number of applicants who can apply for or earn the rank at any given time.
- ◆ Emerald Star is designed to expand the 4-H horizons of the applicant and to benefit the Stanislaus County 4-H program. It engages the member in teaching or sharing knowledge and skills.
- ◆ In an Emerald Star project, the member creates something, or plans and presents something. It can be a brand new introduction to the county 4-H program, or the redoing of an important county 4-H experience. Examples include instructional literature, record forms, instructional or promotional videos, events, or other activities.
- ◆ A project must be realistic, taking into account the member's interests, available time, available resources, and the best way to get the message across.
- ◆ In order to become an Emerald Star candidate, the application form must be submitted to the 4-H office by one of four deadline dates: November 1, February 1, May 1, August 1. Committee Meetings for review/approval of applications will be scheduled shortly after the application deadline.
- ◆ All Emerald Star candidates are expected to attend at least 2 meetings with the Emerald Star Committee. The first meeting shall take place shortly after the submission of the application. At this meeting the application will be reviewed to assure that the proposed project is appropriate and attainable. If the length of the project extends over the next due date for applications, the candidate is expected to attend the next meeting to present a "mid-point" report regarding the status of their project. Once the project is complete the candidate is expected to attend the next schedule meeting to present their written Final Report. If the Final Report is not submitted in writing, the Emerald Star will not be awarded.
- ◆ The project should be completed within one year. An extension may be granted if circumstances require. Missing of the project completion date, without an approved extension, requires a new application be submitted.
- ◆ If the proposed project involves any aspect of the Stanislaus County Farmyard Experience, the following requirements **MUST** be met:
 1. The applicant must attend at least one Farmyard Experience Committee meeting.
 2. The applicant must have their application signed/approved by the Farmyard Experience Committee Chair.

3. The applicant must work at the Farmyard Experience on Set Up and Clean up days.

4. If the project involves an educational display it must involve creation of an entirely new display, NOT the recreation of an old display.



Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Member's Signature _____

I understand and will support my son/daughter in carrying out this project:

Signed _____ (Parent or Guardian)

I nominate this 4-H member to be considered for the Emerald Star Program:

Signed _____ (Club Leader)

Fill in response below and use back of page as necessary

Date _____

Name _____

Club _____

EMERALD STAR APPLICATION FORM

1) Goals and Objectives:

A. Explain what you plan to do.

B. Who do you plan to do it for?

C. What will your audience learn from your project?

D. What will you gain from the experience?

E. Explain how your project relates to or supports 4-H in our county.

2) What resources will you use?

3) What method will you use to complete the plan (e.g. Field Day, Club Visit, Slide Show, etc)?

4) Indicate a timetable for your project. (When will you start, how often will you present your program or perform your activity, when will you finish.)

5) How much will this project cost you? (Try to keep your costs down)

- 6) How will you evaluate your plan? (How will you find out whether you achieved your goals?)