

GOLD STAR AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Each year two (2) Floyd County 4-H Senior Members will be selected for Gold Star Awards.
2. Applicants must be at least 15 years old as of September 1 (or the current state age requirement) of the current year. Must have been in 4-H for at least 3 years and have carried at least 2 projects.
3. Must have completed a 4-H Record Book in current year applying for Gold Star Award.
4. District information forms will be required with brief descriptions of the 4-H'ers activities, projects, etc. These applications will be submitted to the County Extension Office at designated deadline time.
5. Record books will be required of all applicants and will represent 60% of the score. Books will be scored separately and by three judges different from the interview judges.
6. Interviews will represent 40% of the score. The interviews will include an opening three-minute presentation by the Gold Star applicant followed by an six-minute question and answer time, which will be directed by the three judges.
7. Interview judges will be given specific questions drawn from a more complete list of questions, including questions specifically on project work, leadership, community service, and promotion, to ask each applicant during the interview. Adult-Leader volunteers will review and group questions based on these areas prior to the drawing of the interview questions.
8. Judges will be allowed 5-6 minutes to score after each interview, and timekeepers will be used from the county to track interview and scoring times.
9. A 4-H'er may only receive the Gold Star Award one time in his or her 4-H career.

Gold Star Winners will be awarded:

- C Recipients who receive the Gold Star Award are to be eligible for the scholarship. The recipient can use the scholarship to attend a college or trade school.
- C The amount of the scholarship will be \$500.00, payable at the end of the first semester attended provided all qualifications have been met. Those qualifications are: The recipient must have a 2.0 GPA (grade point average) or the equivalent of a 2.0 GPA.
- C If this is not met by the end of the first semester, the recipient will be given until the end of the second semester to meet the qualifications. If the qualifications have not been met at the end of the second semester, the money will be left for future recipients. If the qualifications are met at the end of the second semester, and if the recipients is going to summer school or is continuing in their trade school, the

scholarship will be awarded at that time, otherwise it will be awarded at the beginning of the second year.

- C A separate fund will be set up for this purpose, used strictly as a Scholarship Fund. Anyone may contribute to this fund through memorials, donations, etc. \$1,000 is transferred annually from General Purpose funds to fund these scholarships.