

## **Plumas/Sierra Counties Emerald Star Program**

### **Objective:**

To encourage eligible 4-H members to achieve extra-ordinary levels of leadership and achievement in the 4-H program.

### **Qualifications:**

- 1) Member must have completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 2) Silver Star rank is required.
- 3) Member must have 1 year Junior or Teen Leader

### **How Emerald Stars are chosen:**

The Emerald Star applicant will be interviewed by a selection committee consisting of one Youth Advisor, one project leader, one community leader, and one past Emerald Star. He/she will present their plan to the panel at this time. The interview will be on: presented plan, value to the Plumas/Sierra County 4-H program, value to the community, practicality and feasibility, financial needs and feasibility, assistance required, plan of action, and presentation of self (conduct). If the panel decides to nominate the applicant for the Emerald Star program, he/she will be observed throughout the year and/or time period that the plan is carried out. At completion of the plan, the applicant will submit a written summary and the panel will re-interview him/her orally, to evaluate whether or not the plan met Emerald Star level qualification and whether or not it was successful. If the completed project is approved, the member will be awarded the Emerald Star rank! This award will be presented at his/her club's next Achievement Night, as well as presentation of a certificate of completion at the next Bi-County Council meeting, by the committee or a representative of the committee.

### **How to apply-**

- 1) Prepare an application form and submit it to the 4-H Office.
- 2) Review the project/plan with the interview committee. Committee members and interview date to be set up by the Emerald Star chair (or the member's club advisor). If nominated ...
- 3) Complete your project plan as approved.
- 4) Have final interview (approval review), and submit written report to the Emerald Star committee.
- 5) If approved, member will be awarded accordingly (as stated previously).

### **Focus for various Star ranks:**

Bronze, Silver, and Gold Stars: Quantity over quality All-Stars and Diamond Stars: Serve for a set period of time

Emerald Stars: Focus on helping others, with effects that remain after the member leaves, not just one or two years like All/Diamond Stars.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA \* COOPERATIVE EXTENSION \* PLUMAS/SIERRA  
4-H EMERALD STAR APPLICATION FORM  
Part One**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Current  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Plan or  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_

On attached pages, please answer the following:

1. What is the purpose of this plan or project?
2. What are your goals? What will you learn? What will others learn? What do you want to accomplish or achieve with this project?
3. What is your plan of action to achieve your goals? (Explain what you are planning to do and what kind of activity, project, or work it will be.)
4. What type of audience will benefit from the plan or project?
5. What do you expect to gain from this experience?
6. What resources (people, materials, facilities, etc.) will you use to complete this project?
7. Will the plan/project need financing? If so, how much will you need, what will the money be used for, and how will the money be acquired?
8. By what date do you expect the project to be completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Emerald Star Applicant)

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of 4-H Club Advisor)

Application approved by Emerald Star Committee members (date and sign below):

EMERALD STAR COMPLETION REPORT  
(Application Part Two)

4-H member name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This is the final report of your plan or project. You will also be giving an oral report to a panel of reviewers. Pictures are optional. When you have completed this report, contact the Emerald Star committee chair to arrange your final interview.

On attached pages please answer the following:

1. How did you complete your plan? What happened, what did you do, who was involved, how did you advertise it, and what were the results?
2. What did you learn from this project or plan?
- 3. If there were other participants, what did they learn?**
4. What were the high points in doing this plan/project, and what were the low points?
5. Suppose you could go back to the beginning of this project and start fresh, what changes would you make in the action plan you wrote and the work you did developing this activity?
6. Additional comments or information about the project.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Emerald Star applicant)**

FINAL INTERVIEW PROCESS

When you have completed your project and written report, contact the Emerald Star Committee Chair for final interview arrangements. The 4-H Office will give you the name and phone number of the person to contact

**Project approved by Emerald Star** Committee members:

4-H Youth Advisor

Community Leader

## **4-H Project Leader**

Past Emerald Star

Your Emerald Star will be awarded at your club's next achievement night, or at the next Bi-county Council meeting. The date will be: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PROPOSED EMERALD STAR INTERVIEW FORMAT**

**Emerald Star Committee needs to:**

- 1. Review original plan.**
- 2. Review final report.**
- 3. Select or determine appropriate questions for the interview.**

#### **Suggested interview questions:**

1. Did you accomplish the purpose/objectives you set out to do?
2. What did you learn as a result of your project?
3. What did others learn as a result of your project?
4. Who benefited the most from your plan/project?
5. What resources did you use?
6. Was money involved? If so, what was your budget, and how did you acquire your funds?
7. What (if any) changes in your original plan did you make in carrying it out?
8. What problems did you run into?
9. What would you do differently if you were to do this again?
10. What recommendations would you make to other 4-H members thinking of applying for an Emerald Star project?