



# Reach For The Stars - Apply For Trinity County 4-H All Star

**Application Due May 1, 2008 to the 4-H Office**

*We would like to remind you this program is an enhancement of your life skills and what you gain from it will depend on how much you put into it.*

## **WHAT IS AN ALL STAR?**

The rank of All Star is the highest recognition that a 4-H member may attain at the County level. Each year Trinity County may select up to 6 All Stars from members who have applied. Those who show growth, leadership, and who have reached a level of achievement in their 4-H career are awarded the All Star lapel pin and the All Star emblem to wear on their 4-H hat. An All Star jacket and shirt are also provided through county Council funds or by separate fundraisers. The selected All Star team then works with their All Star Advisor to accomplish the following.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TRINITY COUNTY ALL STAR**

- § Provide working leadership for 4-H County events.
- § Attend State Leadership Conference at UC Davis and represent our county at the All Star luncheon.
- § Set goals to accomplish your All Star plan - a program or event to be placed on the 4-H year calendar.
- § Be available to speak to local clubs about the All Star program.
- § Represent Trinity County 4-H when requested by the 4-H Council or 4-H Staff.
- § Attend at least 50% of the County 4-H Council meetings (this would be 3 meetings).

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF ALL STARS**

- § You must meet requirements established by Trinity County 4-H Council (see attached application).
- § You should have demonstrated your interest in 4-H by your overall record of participation and accomplishments.
- § You should have demonstrated good citizenship and leadership, show initiative, have the ability to fulfill responsibilities, and set a good example for other 4-H members.
- § Your application can be typed or handwritten. If handwritten, it should be written in black ink and reflect your best penmanship.

- § Remember...The 4-H All Star recognition is an opportunity for **you as a teen to grow and improve**. You do not have to **already** be an accomplished public speaker to become a great All Star.
- § You should have a good record of 4-H membership, **an attitude and desire to learn, serve and be responsible in the All Star position**. You will be working with the All Star Advisor, other All Stars, and the 4-H Program Representative.
- § A maximum of six youth may be selected. Individual interviews will be scheduled after the application is turned in to the 4-H Office.

Upon receiving an application, it will be the applicant's responsibility to contact the persons he or she has chosen to write the three required letters of recommendation. The letters must be from someone other than a relative if at all possible. A committee of 4-H leaders will interview All Star applicants using this application, the applicants Record Book, and the letters of recommendation.

**Please bring your Record Book to the interview.**

**THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE REQUIRED  
FROM THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

- 1) Local Club or Project Leader (other than parent).
- 2) Another 4-H Youth.
- 4) Teacher or principal of your school.

**Please have the persons listed above send the letters in a sealed envelope to the 4-H Office prior to your interview:**

**4-H Office  
P.O. Box 490  
Hayfork, CA 96041**

ALL STAR APPLICATION  
DUE IN 4-H OFFICE ON  
**May 1, 2008**  
Applications **MUST** be typed or written in black ink.

Being an All Star is an opportunity for youth who want to do something that they do not consider a task, but an act of friendship to their 4-H members. **People look up to an All Star.**

**As an All Star, you will be expected to exhibit the following types of behavior:**

- § Show initiative...be willing to try new things.
- § Show interest in self-growth and service to the Trinity County 4-H Program. This includes such things as helping plan county events, serving as an announcer at major 4-H events, assisting with awards at county events, and presentations to groups.
- § Show concern and interest in others.
- § Have a willingness to work for the improvement of the 4-H Program.
- § Be willing to share your ideas and experiences with others, such as at 4-H club meetings, county 4-H Council meetings, etc.
- § Be willing to encourage younger members to achieve their goals.

**Other Requirements:**

- § **Must be in the 9th grade for the next 4-H year (2008-2009) and a minimum of 14 years old by January 1st, 2009.**
- § **Must be enrolled in the Trinity County 4-H Program during the current club year and have completed at least three years of 4-H club work. (The current year in which you are applying is included in the 3 year minimum).**
- § **Must have completed at least one year of the Junior/Teen Leadership Project.**
- § **Must have earned the Gold Star Rank. For the 2008-2009 All Stars, a Silver Star Rank will be allowed due to the increase in activities needed to earn Star Ranking in the new Record Book forms.**
- § Must attend and have a leadership role at the County 4-H Summer Camp when held.
- § Must be willing to set a high standard of conduct at all times during the 4-H club year.
- § Must attend most 4-H county events.

## COVER PAGE - TRINITY COUNTY ALL STAR APPLICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the above requirements and agree to abide by its rules as an All Star. Return this form, the application information forms, and your three essays (including your All Star plan) to the 4-H Office before May 1, 2008. Please make copies of all forms for your records. **It is your responsibility to follow up on your letters of recommendation requests, and to see that they are submitted to the 4-H Office before your scheduled interview.** Final selection will be made by an interview committee. You will be notified of the scheduled interview time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
All Star Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

SIGNATURE OF LOCAL LEADER AND PARENT VERIFYING ACCURACY OF ALL PARTS OF THIS APPLICATION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Leader Signature

**ALL STAR APPLICATION INFORMATION FORM**  
*Due in 4-H Office by May 1, 2008*

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS IN 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF 4-H CLUB TO WHICH YOU BELONG \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO LIST ALL OF YOUR PROJECTS COMPLETED BY YEAR. LIST YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THESE PROJECTS. BE SURE TO LIST THE LIST YEARS AND THE PROJECTS WHERE YOU SERVED AS A JUNIOR OR TEEN LEADER. ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED. FEEL FREE TO CREATE YOUR OWN CHART, SPREADSHEET, OR TO BE CREATIVE IN ANY WAY YOU LIKE!!

- 1) 4-H Club offices held: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Summer Camp counselor? (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Emerald Star Award? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) State Leadership Conf/WHY Conf/Jr. Leader Retreat Attended ?(What Year):  
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- 5) List your leadership experience outside of 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 6) List your most meaningful or outstanding achievements to date (in or out of 4-H): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THE FOLLOWING ARE ESSAY-TYPE QUESTIONS. YOU WILL NEED TO USE SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER FOR THESE QUESTIONS. BE SURE TO ATTACH THESE TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

- 1) MY MOST MEMORABLE 4-H EXPERIENCE : (50 TO 150 WORDS)
- 2) WHY I WANT TO BE A TRINITY COUNTY ALL STAR: (50 TO 200 WORDS)
- 3) MY ALL STAR PLAN IS: (100 TO 200 WORDS)

**Include the following information in your All Star plan:**

- What you want to do, and why you want to do it?
- Who you want to do it for? When you want to do it?
- Who else will you involve in planning and carrying it out?

**Is there anything else which you would like the selection committee to know about you? (may be related to 4-H, or not). Attach additional pages if necessary.**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**TRINITY COUNTY ALL STARS**

*If selected, you will be asked to sign this Code of Conduct.*

**You are representing ALL OF TRINITY COUNTY'S 4-H club members, leaders, and the University of California. As an All Star you are being promoted as one of the Best in Trinity County. Whatever you do at 4-H functions, school, or at any place or time during the year, will reflect on your character and the 4-H organization.**

**Most importantly, we want this year and this opportunity to enhance your self-esteem and offer an opportunity for you to serve the county 4-H program.**

**In addition to abiding by the Youth California 4-H Youth Development  
Code of Conduct, I agree to:**

- § **Refrain from any unsafe or unethical behavior**
- § **Demonstrate respectful behavior to others at all times  
in my capacity as a Trinity County All Star**

**Consequences for any infractions to the above or the 4-H Youth "Code of Conduct" may result in the termination of your All Star rank.**

**ALWAYS REMEMBER.....BE A LEADER IN ASSISTING OTHER YOUTH TO  
IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS AND SELF ESTEEM!!**

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**All Star member signature**

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**Date**