ARKANSAS 4-H TEEN STAR RECOGNITION

The 4-H Teen Star award is recognition for Arkansas 4-H members who have outstanding accomplishments in their 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and service learning experiences.

ELIGIBILITY:
A 4-H member:
- Must be 15 years old as of January 1 of the current year and no more than 18 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Should have completed two years of work as a 4-H member.
- Should be an active 4-H member at the time of application.
- Must display the following qualities:
  - Leadership ability
  - Integrity of character, demonstrating high moral standards and high goals.
  - Outstanding achievement in both project and service activities, ability to work with others, positive attitude, interest in the 4-H program, and a general interest in organizations and activities for youth development.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION:
Use Extension template FY4-H-139, Arkansas 4-H Teen Star application or 4HOnline at Arkansas.4honline.com.

- Applications are reviewed by a state committee.
- Each applicant is scored on a standard score sheet and must receive a score of 80 points or more to be eligible for consideration.
- The point distribution is as follows:
  - 4-H projects and activities - 40 points
  - Leadership and service - 50 points
  - Recognition - 10 points

Much of the information needed for completing the Teen Star application can be found in the applicant's 4-H Record Book (if records have been kept). Applications are due in the state 4-H office by March 15 or the first working day thereafter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
A recognition event for new Teen Stars is conducted at the Teen Leader Conference in June. Teen Stars may apply for the Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Program the same year they apply for Teen Star.

Teen Stars who are graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for the $1,000 Zack O. and Jennie D. Jennings scholarship. Scholarship applications should be submitted on the Arkansas 4-H Scholarship Application Form through the local Extension office (FY4H-635). Scholarship applications are due in the state 4-H office by February 1 or the first working day thereafter.

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