

# Arkansas 4-H Teen Star

The 4-H Teen Star award is recognition for Senior Arkansas 4-H members who have outstanding accomplishments in their 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and service-learning experiences. The Teen Star award is one of the highest youth leadership awards available to Arkansas 4-H members. Receiving this award will open doors for scholarships, youth leadership positions, and higher recognition.

## ELIGIBILITY:

To be recognized as a Teen Star, a 4-H Member:

- Must be **14 years old (4-H age) as of January 1 the year they are applying.**
- Should have completed one year as a 4-H member.
- Should be an active 4-H member in the 4-H Enrollment & Events System at the time of application.
- Must display and be able to explain in detail the following:
  - **Personal Growth & Meaning** – The impact of 4-H on personal development, leadership, and values.
  - **Leadership & Mentorship** – Leadership roles and mentoring experiences, including challenges and growth.
  - **Project Development & Learning** – Engagement in significant 4-H projects and the skills gained.
  - **Competition & Recognition** – Competitive events, record books, and awards, focusing on reflection and achievement.
  - **Community Impact & Service** – Contributions to service projects and how they shaped perspectives on giving back.

## APPLICATION & SELECTION:

The Teen Star Leadership Award application is located on z-suites. You can also find the application in the calendar of events within z-suites and must apply using your individual participant account – not the household account.

Once applications have been received, they will be evaluated using the following:

- Applications and short essay questions are reviewed by a review committee.
- Each question is scored against the provided criteria-based rubric.
- Evaluators will provide feedback intended to help improve applications.
- 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)

## DUE DATE:

**Applications will be accepted until March 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Should March 15<sup>th</sup> fall on a weekend, the applications will be due the following Monday.**

## RECOGNITION:

Teen Star will be recognized each year during the Teen Star and Hall of Fame Ceremony at **Teen Leader Conference in June.**