

# Star Rankings (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum)

## What are the 4-H star ranks?

The star award ranking system is a voluntary advancement program utilizing the Personal Development Report form (part of the 4-H record book) as a goal setting tool, aimed at encouraging broad-based participation and achievement in 4-H. 4-H members record their participation in eight categories for the current 4-H program year on the Personal Development Report. Activities are totaled for all years in 4-H and star awards are given to those 4-H members meeting the requirements.

Junior, intermediate and senior members may all strive for star ranks. Each star level takes an average of two years to complete. Star rank achievers receive a tangible star, which is often attached to the 4-H hat.



**Bronze Star:** Complete at least 5 of the 8 PDR categories.



**Gold Star:** Complete at least 7 of the 8 PDR categories.



**Silver Star:** Complete at least 6 of the 8 PDR categories.



**Platinum Star:** Complete at least 7 of the 8 PDR categories.



Many counties in California have an **Emerald Star** program, which is sponsored by the county 4-H office and/or the county 4-H leaders' council. The Emerald Star program is designed for intermediate and senior 4-H members.

**The Platinum Star is the highest achievement a 4-H member can earn in their 4-H Club!** These 4-H members must have completed twelve 4-H projects, served as a Junior or Teen Leader four times, and given fifteen presentations, among other requirements. The platinum star was introduced in 2006.

## How can I earn these star ranks?

To qualify for any of the achievement rank awards, 4-H members must attend 80 percent of both the local club and the project meetings held during the year. To obtain any of the ranks, 4-H members must complete the asterisked (\*) categories as a part of his/her total effort. This excerpt from the Personal Development Report (PDR), part of the 4-H member record book, shows the numbers and categories necessary to earn each star ranking:

Categories of Participation	Number of Different Categories Required			
	Bronze 5 Required	Silver 6 Required	Gold 7 Required	Platinum 7 Required
<b>1. 4-H Projects Completed</b> <i>This category records projects a 4-H member has completed.</i>	2*	4*	8*	12*
<b>2. 4-H Project Skill Activities</b> <i>This category records activities where 4-H members either exhibited their 4-H work or demonstrated their knowledge to an audience and/or judge.</i>	4	8	15	20
<b>3. 4-H Events Attended</b> <i>This category records 4-H events, other than 4-H club and project meetings, that the 4-H member attended during the year.</i>	12	25	40	60
<b>4. Leadership Development</b> <i>This category records leadership activities undertaken by the 4-H member.</i>	10	20	30*	40*
Junior or Teen Leader	(0)	(0)	(2*)	(4*)
<b>5. Citizenship &amp; Community Service</b> <i>This category records citizenship and community service activities undertaken by the 4-H member.</i>	10	20*	30*	40*
<b>6. Communication Skills</b> <i>This category records communication activities undertaken by the 4-H member.</i>	12*	24*	36*	48*
4-H Presentations	(4*)	(7*)	(10*)	(15*)
<b>7. Honors and Recognition</b> <i>This category records the significant honors and recognition earned by the 4-H member.</i>	5	10	15	20
<b>8. Lifestyle Activities</b> <i>This category records lifestyle activities both in and outside of 4-H that the member participated in.</i>	10	20	30	40

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