

HOW TO APPLY FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY



4-H ALL STAR COUNTY AMBASSADOR

Tech Wizzards, Afterschool, Spin Club and Non-4-H Community Club Mode

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Applicant must be between 14 – 18 years old at the time of application and meet the 4-H membership requirements for the length of the term of service.
- 2) Applicant must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H prior to the year of application. Membership does not have to be the most recent consecutive year.
- 3) Applicant must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills. To ensure that the position of All Star County Ambassador is open to 4-H members in all program delivery modes (community club, afterschool club, SPIN club, summer camp, etc.), a member must document the following:
 - a) Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction, documented by a statement of skills
 - b) 40 hours of significant leadership roles, either inside or outside of 4-H
 - c) 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, either inside or outside of 4-H
 - d) 10 public speaking engagements, at least 2 of which must have been given at a 4-H event
 - e) Demonstrate involvement in 4-H as evidenced by a list of activities that are a combination of 15 of the following: project skill activities, 4-H events attended, and honors/recognition. Definitions for these three categories are found in the Record Book Manual under the section describing the Personal Development Report (PDR). Completing a PDR is not an application requirement for County Ambassador.

Alternatively, a member may submit documentation of having achieved a Gold Star Rank to satisfy the above 5 requirements. Documentation can be the signed and dated Star Rank chart or other written documentation that the Gold Star Rank was achieved.

DUTIES OF AN ALL STAR COUNTY AMBASSADOR

- **Attend State Leadership Conference.** Attend/help with orientation meeting. There are usually shirts and trinkets to be purchased ahead of time also.
- **Fair Awards:** You'll be given what you need to present. You just need to set up the area to be used and present to the winners. It helps attendance if you choose a definite start time beforehand and publicize it to all the 4-Hers.
- **Achievement Night:** You will choose a theme and then decorate, plan refreshments and the program, put together the awards for all the members ahead of time, and also decide on and order the gifts for incoming club officers.
- **Holiday Event:** Determine menu, etc. Plan to get basic info to the club leaders by the beginning of October so they can announce the event and details at their meetings. You'll also need to choose, plan, and execute the community service portion of this event – oftentimes a food and toy drive. You'll need to collect and present the donated items to your chosen charities, e.g. Community Pantry, Second Harvest Food Bank, KSBW Share Your Holiday, Toys for Tots, etc.
- **Bay/Coast Youth Summit:** You will need to plan and conduct a workshop session at the conference, normally held at the end of January. Information and possible topics for your session are usually available in late October. Attend/help with orientation meeting.

- **County Presentation Day:** You will need to help with registration and emcee the day, usually mid-March. You may also choose to be part of the Presentation Day Committee, but it's not required.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Decorate the front table (they usually have things there, but check with the committee) and collect tickets, etc. in the front. Be the greeters, the face of San Benito County, to the public coming to breakfast. Help smooth things over when there's a hold up in the serving line. You may also choose to be part of the Pancake Breakfast Committee, but it's not required.
- Attend at least three **4-H Council meetings** during the 4-H year. Your team can take turns on who attends when, so that not everyone has to be there every month. Be prepared to report on the All Star County Ambassador team at the beginning of the meeting when all the clubs, etc. are giving their reports.

The above list shows what each All Star County Ambassador is expected to do during their year. The one below shows additional opportunities where team members may wish to serve, but they are not required.

- **Area Presentation Day:** Whatever they need help with that day, usually emceeing, and possibly evaluating or being a room monitor.
- **Holiday Tree:** Decorate a tree for a needy family in the community. Requires prior registration.
- **Fashion Revue:** Whatever they need for that day. You may also choose to be part of the Fashion Revue Committee, but it's not required.
- **Present at two clubs** other than your own about being an All Star County Ambassador to promote the opportunity and encourage participation.

Bank on Us has an additional award for All Star County Ambassadors who complete at least 80% of the required list. If for some reason, someone is not able to make one of the events in the first list above, you may choose an activity from the secondary list to "make it up" and therefore keep your commitment and your 80% requirement.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for San Benito County All Star County Ambassador, members who are qualified may submit an application between July 1st and the first Thursday of November (by 5 pm) of the year prior to assuming All Star County Ambassador duties. An interview by the Incentives & Recognition (I & R) Committee, which may be done individually or as a group, at the committee's discretion, will be scheduled soon after applications are due. The All Star County Ambassador application includes:

1. **Application Cover Sheet**
2. **Essay Responses** to questions on the Application.
3. **Resume** highlighting leadership and citizenship skills, as well as personal and professional development.
4. **Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills**
5. **Letters of Recommendation (3):**
 - a. One letter from a 4-H youth member.
 - b. Two letters from adults who have knowledge of the applicant's leadership experience, skills and character. At least one of the letters must be from a 4-H adult who has knowledge of the applicant's skills and character demonstrated in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
 - c. Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family member residing in the same household as the applicant.
 - d. Letters of Recommendations may be sealed in an envelope with a signature across the seal and submitted with the whole packet from the applicant at the interview.

Once you have completed all parts of the All Star County Ambassador application, please notify the I & R Committee to set up an interview, which may be done individually or as a group and may include a prepared

speech, at the committee's discretion. Please bring all documentation previously listed so it can be reviewed with you at that time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the I & R Committee.