**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H ALL STAR AMBASSADOR INFORMATION SHEET**

**ALL STAR** is the highest attainable rank on the county level. It is an honor to be selected as a

4-H All STAR with an opportunity to further develop leadership by assuming certain responsibilities within the Contra Costa County 4-H Youth Development Program the following year.

**Eligibility:** An ALL STAR applicant must:

Be at least 15 years of age by January of the year selected

Have earned a gold star

All Star Applicants can have earned a gold star ranking or can obtain a gold star during the application process. (ie: An applicant can obtain a gold star and apply for All Star at the same time).**Responsibilities** *It is strongly recommended that traditional dressy whites be worn at any time you represent the ALL STARS unless the ALL STAR Advisor(s) specifically tells you otherwise.*

Serve as a Contra Costa ALL STAR for 15 months or until December 31st after turning

age 19 *(should that occur before the one year term is over)*

Attend the 4-H ALL STAR Program at the California **S**tate **L**eadership **C**onference\* the summer following being selected. July 20-23, 2017 at UC Davis.

Provide assistance and encouragement to local 4-H Clubs in activities such as;

Club Officer Installations, Record Book workshops, Leadership Development (especially for Junior and Teen Leaders)

Participate in the promotion of countywide events as requested by the ALL STAR Advisor(s)

Provide assistance to committee in all countywide 4-H events including the presentation of awards at all events.

Promote the 4-H Youth Development Program throughout the county (i.e.; school programs, adult service organizations, civic events, etc.)

Work with the guidance of ALL STAR Advisor (s) with support of the Contra Costa County 4-H Council, and 4-H Youth Development Staff.

Plan and execute the annual countywide 4-H Achievement Night, Undertake any project the ALL STAR team feels appropriate to the county program after first obtaining approval from ALL STAR Advisor(s) and/or Executive County Council.

***\*The State Leadership Conference Registration fees will be covered by the County Council. All other fees and expenses are the responsibility of the individual.***

**Application Requirements**

1. 4-H Record Book with all records COMPLETED to date and signed by appropriate leaders. Must include PDR, APR(s) and 4-H Story and follow the 2016-2017 Record Book Manual for formatting guidelines.
2. ALL STAR application completed and signed. Complete application only.

**Please DO NOT ADD extra pages.**

3)An essay entitled,

“Why I Want to Be a Contra Costa County All Star” – *not to exceed 200 words in length. Typewritten, double spaced.*

4) Prepare an ALL STAR plan stating your goals and objectives as an ALL STAR. (Limit your plan to 200 words.) Your ALL STAR plan should clearly show how to improve some aspect of the 4H program in Contra Costa County. Be resourceful and specific as to how to implement your plan. The ALL STARS selected will choose one or more of the plans and will work with the office, the ALL STAR advisors and the Contra Costa County 4-H Council to complete the plan(s).

5) Three letters of recommendation from: A leader in your own 4-H Club, A leader outside your own 4-H Club, An adult outside the 4-H Youth Development Program

***Please follow the instructions for the letters of recommendation or your application will be disqualified.***

Letter of recommendations **MUST** be postmarked by May 25, 2017 and sent by the writer directly to the 4-H office at the following address: UCCE – Contra Costa 4-H

75 Santa Barbara Rd. 2nd floor

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-4215

*It is highly recommended a follow-up phone call be placed to the 4-H office to check on the status of your three letters. 925-646-6543. No faxes or emailed letters will be accepted.*

**Application Procedure:** Submit **completed** **4-H ALL STAR application & Complete Record Book** to the 4-H office ***on or before* Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 10am**.

A letter will be sent to each ALL STAR applicant acknowledging receipt of their application, with an invitation to meet with the 4-H ALL STAR interview team on **Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm.**

*We strongly recommend the applicant wear whites consisting of:* ***Girls;*** *white skirt and blouse or dress with 4-H collar, hat and dress shoes.* ***Boys;*** *white pants with belt, white shirt with 4-H tie, hat and dress shoes.*

***The 4-H Record Book is a requirement for the ALL STAR application process****, however, the interview is the basis for the final selection.* ***Suggestion:*** *Practice in a mock interview before the ALL STAR interview. On the day of the interview the applicant will be expected to write a speech introducing him/herself (no longer than 2 minutes) which will be read when the ALL STARS are announced at Achievement Night.*

Announcement of 4-H ALL STARS will be made at the countywide 4-H Achievement Night. All applicants MUST attend Achievement Night. It is recommended they wear the traditional dressy whites. *(see page 2)*

**Judges evaluation criteria:**

The 4-H ALL STAR interview team will take into consideration the applicants’:

Knowledge of the 4-H Youth Development Program and project Leadership demonstrated in the 4-H Youth Development Program

Community involvement *(not limited to the 4-H Youth Development Program)*

County 4-H involvement

Neat appearance and appropriate attire. *(See above recommendation)*

Travel distance, school or extracurricular activities will not prohibit the applicant’s chances of being selected as a County ALL STAR

**We have read and fully understood the above ALL STAR application information.** *Our signatures indicate our agreement to the ALL STAR application process and responsibilities.\*\**

**\*\* Applicant’s Signature Date**

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**\*\* Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date**