



Virginia 4-H All Stars Nomination Application Tip Sheet

This "Tip Sheet" is designed to help provide an introduction to the Three All Star Nomination Applications created for use Fall 2014.

- The forms are created in an EXCEL format and have protected cells as well as the accumulative points that will automatically add on the youth form. The unprotected cells are where the projects/activities are added. The content of the applications are basically the same; however, the format allows for more consistent documentation of levels of projects and activities (club, unit, district, etc.)
- Remember to enter a project only ONCE. However, it is also important to denote each level the project was carried out; therefore, if a photography project was developed by a youth, and then they followed it beyond the club/unit level, all levels of instruction and competition should be noted.
- The format is different; however, the content of requirements (including deadlines and process for recommendations by unit, district and state membership committees)) to become an All Star are still the same.
- A new form was created for the Extension Honorary Nomination to provide consistency in the nomination process across the state.
- An addition to the Adult Honorary Nomination and the Extension Honorary Nomination is that a letter of endorsement from an Extension Agent/Staff is required. This endorsement should be submitted on official VCE letterhead addressed to the membership committee.
- On all three forms, three All Stars are to certify the application. When available, the 4-H Agent/Program Assistant is an additional signature, meaning that there should be four signatures from the local level. Where there are not three local All Stars, the applicant should work with the local office to identify All Stars in neighboring units who can certify the authenticity of the application.
- Additions to the Youth Form: (1) 50-100 word essay from the youth explain why they want to become an All Star. The essay is not scored but is a requirement of the application, (2) Certifications the youth have earned (Section 7 of 4-H Leadership): This includes certifications earned in 4-H project development as well as other interests (examples might be but are not limited to EMT, First Aid, CPR), (3) Community Service in 4-H as well as outside of 4-H can be denoted, (4) There are several sections at the end of the application to denote leadership/membership outside of 4-H.
- The total number of possible points is 123 on the Youth Nomination form (which is more than before); however, the minimum number required for consideration is still 80.
- There is now a signature and date section for the District and State Membership Chairs to sign and certify that the application has been reviewed and approved for the next step of the process. Completed applications (completed means with the appropriate All Star and Unit signatures) are due to the District Liaison on November 1, 2014. The six All Star District agent liaisons to send the unit approved applications are as follows: Central District-Bonnie Tillotson (btillots@vt.edu); Northern-East District-Kaci Daniel (kcoppedg@vt.edu); Eastern-South District-Billie Jean Elmer (bjelmer@vt.edu); Northern-West District-Carol Nansel (cnansel@vt.edu); Eastern-North District-Kendra Young (kekyle@vt.edu); Southwest District-Daniel Collins (collindp@vt.edu).
- All Star applications are still in the nomination process until they have been approved on the ballot at the State All Stars Mid-Winter Conference (usually the first part of February). After the nominations are approved and accepted, the Big Chief notifies those who will be offered the opportunity to be tapped. In order to become an All Star, those invited must participate in the tapping ceremony in the summer (usually at State 4-H Congress).