

**GOLD MEDAL AWARD GUIDELINES
GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H
Due October 1**

1. The Gold Medal Awards are used to recognize members who have shown outstanding effort, personal increase of knowledge and skill, and outstanding achievement in a General Awards category or project area. A 4-H member may only receive the Gold Medal award once per category or project area during their 4-H career.
2. 4-H members must be at least 14 years of age (4-H age) to be eligible.
3. Members must have carried the project area for which they are being nominated during the current year to be eligible. This does not apply to the General Awards.
4. For each project area (see attached list) there will be only one Gold Medal Award recipient. In the event of a tie, the committee may choose to award more than one Gold Medal.
5. General Awards may have more than one Gold Medal recipient per category.
6. Any advisor may initiate the nomination. Advisors may nominate one 4-H member per project area/general award. The 4-H member does not have to be a member of the advisor's own club. It is not necessary for more than one advisor to nominate a member. When more than one advisor thinks a member should be nominated, advisors may collaborate in completing the nomination form.
7. The recognition committee will select the recipients based on the criteria as follows:

*Citizenship/Leadership	20%
* Club Participation	20%
* Growth in Subject/Project Area	40%
* Members Growth	20%
8. Gold Medal nomination forms will be included in club packets at the annual update meetings in February. Additional copies are available at the Extension office. Nomination forms must be completed and submitted to the Extension office by October 1.
9. Awards will be presented at the Member Recognition ceremony.

PROJECT AREAS:

Aerospace Science All Terrain Vehicles Aquariums Archery Athletics Beef Beekeeping Bicycle Cage Birds Cats Child Care Citizenship/International Clothing Communication Resources Creative Arts Dairy Dog Care Electricity	Goats	Field Crops Fishing Food Science Foods and Nutrition Forestry Gardening Genealogy Gun Safety Health Home Decorating/Designing Horses Insects Laundry Lawn care Leisure Activities Money Management Natural Resources	Pet Care Photography Plant Science Poultry Rabbits Radio Controlled Vehicles Rope Self-Determined Sheep Shooting Sports Small Engines Swine Theater Arts Tractor/Machinery Operation Vet Science Water Science Weather Welding Woodworking Writing
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GENERAL AWARDS:

Achievement Community Service	Health Leadership	Public Speaking Safety
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