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

GENERAL AWARDS:

Achievement            Health            Public Speaking
Community Service      Leadership       Safety