

Guidelines for Shining Star Applicants:

The Collie Club of America announces The Shining Star Program to recognize collies that do good work in the community. Shining Star is open to ANY PUREBRED COLLIE who works as a Service Dog, Therapy Dog, Education/Library Assistance Dog or has done any good deed(s) for his family or the community. The owner does not need to be a CCA member, nor does the dog need to be bred by a CCA member. There are many collies who would qualify under these broad criteria. The Collie Club of America is extremely proud of all these dogs and we would love to hear their stories. Each year a collie-handler team that represents the spirit of the Shining Star Program will be chosen represent all the dogs at an awards ceremony at the Collie Club of America's National Specialty and for the year following on the CCA website — www.collieclubofamerica.org/shining-star-award.html. The location and date of the national changes each year and is listed elsewhere on the CCA website.

The Shining Star Committee would like you to tell us the story of the dog and why you think this collie should be chosen as a Shining Star. You may do this in any way that is comfortable for you in approximately 2 type-written pages or less. A photo of the dog is required and will be returned after the National to applicants who include a stamped return envelope. We are providing you with a list of questions as a guide. The answers are optional, but if your presentation answers the questions pertinent to the collie being nominated, we should have all the information we need to understand the dog. Each application will be judged solely on the accomplishments of the collie.

What is the collie's name, variety, gender, color and age?

What is the name, e-mail, phone # and mailing address of the dog's human partner?

What does the collie do that serves the family and/or the community?

Where specifically does the collie perform his community/family service work?

How long has the dog been doing this community/family service?

What positive impact has this collie had on the person (people) he serves?

What makes this collie special?

What training did the collie receive to prepare for community/family service and where?

What specific titles and/or certifications did the collie complete to prepare for the service?

What titles, honorifics or testimonials has the dog earned because of his service?

Will the dog handler team or their representative be available to accept the award in person?

What is the name, phone # and e-mail address of the person submitting the application if different from the owner ?

Submit your application on or before February 1 to: Deborah Gates at debgates@earthlink.net or Corinne Boon at encorecollies@msn.com