



HERITAGE HOG SCHOLARSHIP

Guidelines and Application

The Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation Heritage Hog Scholarship is offered to a deserving college or other higher education bound student interested in raising a hog to be brought to the Santa Cruz County Fair and sold at the Junior Livestock Auction. Proceeds from the auction, along with additional donations are used for various improvements to the Fairgrounds under the guidance of the Fairgrounds Foundation.

The Fairgrounds Foundation will provide the hog and feed and \$2,000.00 to a student entering or currently attending college. This award will be allocated with verification of registration for full time classes.

ELIGIBILITY: Students and/or their legal guardian must live either in Santa Cruz County or within the Pajaro Valley Unified School District or the Aromas/San Juan Unified School District boundaries. The student must meet the eligibility requirements to exhibit in the Swine show of the Fair.

CRITERIA: Selection will be based on the student's experience raising livestock, scholastic record, special activities, personal history, leadership skills, letters of recommendation, and ability to confidently represent their accomplishments and goals during an interview.

APPLICATION: Applications are available from the Fairgrounds Foundation web site www.fairgrounds-foundation.org or at the Fairgrounds office; 2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076 (831) 786-9698.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmarked or received at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds or Fairgrounds Foundation office no later than May 15, 2017. This includes letters of recommendation.

SELECTION: Applicants must be available to be interviewed by the scholarship selection committee at the fairgrounds at a time to be scheduled after the application deadline. Selection and availability of the hog to the winner will be approximately June 1.

AWARD: The recipient of this scholarship will receive their \$1,000.00 award upon proof of enrollment in their college or other higher educational technical school. The award will be issued as a one-time payment.

7. How many market livestock animals have you raised? What species? Did you bring any animals to the Santa Cruz County Fair or any other Fair? Attach additional page if necessary.

8. In what special activities such as clubs, societies, churches, and athletics have you participated? Attach additional page if necessary.

9. How, or from whom, did you find out about this scholarship?

10. What are your plans for furthering your education following High School?

When? _____ Major area of study _____

Are you preparing for a specific career and if so what?

11. Have you received any other financial scholarships? If so, provide names and amounts.

12. Letter of Recommendation: Applicant must submit **three letters** of recommendation giving information about his/her character and ability. ***Remember, each letter of recommendation must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope.*** These may be filed with the application or sent directly to the Committee. List the names and occupations of the persons (relatives excluded) who are writing the letter of recommendation:

13. On a separate sheet of 8.5 x 11" paper - **Write a short biography including reasons why you want to raise the Heritage Hog and why you want to help support the fairgrounds. Include a recent photo attached to the biography sheet or as a separate attachment.**

Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation Heritage Hog Agreement Terms

(To be submitted with the primary application)

The recipient of this scholarship agrees to fulfill the following terms and conditions of the Heritage Hog Program:

1. Represent the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation and be responsible for the care of the Heritage Hog.
2. Take possession of the hog from the breeder at least 60 days before the start of the Fair.
3. Be eligible to exhibit in the Swine Show of the Santa Cruz County Fair.
4. Fit, feed, and prepare the animal for show to the best of their ability under the guidance of a FFA, 4-H or other youth program livestock leader.
5. Be able to transport the hog for pick up from the breeder and for weigh-in and entry into the fair.
6. Be fully responsible for the hog during the Fair and be able to show the hog during the Junior Livestock Auction at the Fair. *The hog will not compete in any classes during the Fair.*
7. Write a thank you letter to the buyer and to the donors to the Heritage Hog Program.
8. Communicate with the Fairgrounds Foundation contact person about how the hog is progressing.
 - a. Kevin Larkin - (831) 596-0323 or kevin@cgdahlias.com
9. Attend at least two Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation events to represent the Heritage Hog Program.
10. Attend and be involved in community events that encourage exhibitors to promote the Junior Livestock Auction, buyer recruitment, and Heritage Hog donor recruitment.

Acknowledgements

I understand that if I do not meet the terms and conditions outlined above or do not exhibit the Heritage Hog at the Santa Cruz County Fair, except for reasons outside my control, I will return all the money for the value of the hog and the feed provided to me.

Signed _____ Date _____
Applicant Signature

I hereby agree to permit my child to complete an application for the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation Heritage Hog Scholarship. If he or she is selected I will offer all reasonable help and encouragement to see this project through to a successful conclusion.

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian Signature

I consider this applicant a most worthy candidate to be able to complete this project and represent the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation Heritage Hog Program.

Signed _____ Date _____
FFA, 4-H or other Youth Adviser Signature