

# Heritage Hog Scholarship Guidelines



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, hog 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 Santa Cruz County Fair.

**CRITERIA:** Selection is 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 a virtual interview.

**APPLICATION:** Applications are available on the Fairgrounds Foundation web site [www.fairgrounds-foundation.org](http://www.fairgrounds-foundation.org) and at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Postmarked or received at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds or Fairgrounds Foundation Office (P.O. Box 1806 Freedom CA 95019) no later than May 17, 2021. This includes letters of recommendation.

**SELECTION:** Applicants must be available to be interviewed by the scholarship selection committee the week of May 24, 2021. The hog must be picked up by the Scholarship Recipient June 12, 2021 at Country Hills Feed.

**AWARD:** The recipient of this scholarship will receive their \$2,000.00 award upon proof of enrollment in their college or other higher educational technical school. The award will be issued as a one-time payment.



**INSTRUCTIONS:** This application must be completed and postmarked on or before Monday May 17, 2021 to be considered by the Committee.

Three letters of recommendation can be forwarded with the application or mailed directly to the Committee. Each letter of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope. Letters of recommendation must be postmarked on or before **Friday May 17, 2021**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

2. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street or Box No. City State Zip

3. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

5. High school, junior colleges and colleges attended with date of attendance and graduation including your present school. (Do not include single course or class studies)

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6. What scholastic honors have you received in school?

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7. How many animals have you raised? What species?

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

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

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10. What college or university do you plan to enter or are you attending?

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When? \_\_\_\_\_ Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_

For what occupation are you preparing?

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11. 3 Letters of Recommendation: Applicant must submit three *letters of* recommendation giving information about his/her character and ability. ***Each letter of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope.*** These may be filed with the application or sent directly to the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation (P.O. Box 1806 Freedom CA 95019).

12. List the names and occupations of the persons (relatives excluded) who are writing the letter of recommendation:

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13. On a separate sheet of 8.5 x 11" paper - **Write a short essay including reasons why you want to raise the Heritage Hog and why you want to support the fairgrounds.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





## Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation Heritage Hog Agreement Terms

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 on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021
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 an 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.
9. Attend at least two Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation events to represent the Heritage Hog Program.
10. Attend at least five 4-H or FFA meetings (including your own) encouraging 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*