



## SANTA MARIA FAIRPARK FOUNDATION

### **2026 SCHOLARSHIP ANIMAL PROJECT APPLICATION FOR BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP AND GOATS Due Date: May 15, 2026**

Dear Students & Advisors,

The Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation invites all active 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent participants to apply for this year's Foundation Scholarship Animal Project (large livestock species only). **If you're a high school junior or senior or student one year out from high school raising Beef, Swine, Sheep or Goats for the 2026 Fair, please apply!** The funds raised by the 2026 Scholarship Animal Project will help support the mission of the Foundation to support local youth in Ag and make capital improvements to the Santa Maria Fairpark livestock area.

The successful applicant is guaranteed to receive the following benefits package:

- \$5,000 Scholarship
- (4) Tickets to the 2026 Fair for Saturday, July 11, 2026
- (1) Foundation Heritage Club jacket
- Recognition in press materials and on the Foundation's website

The successful applicant will also have an opportunity to receive additional scholarship money and/or cash prize:

- Additional Cash Bonus Opportunity: \$5,000 for Supreme Champion Winner, \$2,000 for Champion, or \$1,000 for Reserve Supreme Champion Winner.
- Additional Scholarship Opportunity: Should the total proceeds of the sale of the Foundation Scholarship Animal exceed the Foundation's goal for 2026, 10% of the proceeds in excess of the goal will be received in the form of a scholarship – 2026 goal TBD.

#### **APPLICATION / SELECTION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**

- Must be a high school junior or senior or student one year out of high school eligible to exhibit at the 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair.
- Fill out and submit the application via email by 5pm on Friday, May 15, 2026.**
- Sign and submit the Winner Rules & Requirements Acknowledgement Form.
- Attend an in-person interview with the Foundation's Scholarship Committee and/or Board of Directors in May 2026 – Interview date TBD.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE – MAY 15, 2026**

**The application and all supporting documentation must be emailed no later than 5pm on May 15, 2026.** Interviews are tentatively scheduled to take place mid-May 2026.

#### **DIRECT QUESTION AND EMAIL APPLICATION TO:**

Katy Dockstader, President  
SANTA MARIA FAIRPARK FOUNDATION, INC.  
[info@smffoundation.org](mailto:info@smffoundation.org)



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## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP ANIMAL PROJECT APPLICATION FOR BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP AND GOATS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4H/FFA/Grange/Independent Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in High School: \_\_\_\_\_

List all offices you currently hold as well as offices you have held in the past (begin with current offices).


List your school and community involvement activities, both past and current (begin with current activities).



List all agriculture-focused projects you have participated in starting with the most current. This includes 4- H, FFA, and Independent projects as well as projects that fund raise, create awareness and promote agriculture – both crop and livestock.


What are some of your educational and career goals for the next four years?

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What makes you uniquely qualified to earn this scholarship?

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**MISSION STATEMENT  
SANTA MARIA FAIRPARK FOUNDATION, INC.**

*The mission of the Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation 501(c)(3), is working to preserve and enrich the heritage of the 37<sup>th</sup> District Agriculture Association – the Santa Maria Fairpark – and showcasing agricultural industries to the community. The Foundation offers support to 4-H, FFA, Grange and like-minded youth programs, promotes agricultural education opportunities, and maintains a standard of excellence and expansion in the facilities at the Fairpark by supporting capital improvement programs.*

As the 2026 Foundation Scholarship Winner, you will be representing the Foundation and our mission. Why is it important to preserve and enrich the heritage and traditions of the Santa Maria Fairpark and promote agricultural education programs and opportunities? Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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Please list three references - one personal and two academic. No family members.


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## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP ANIMAL PROJECT WINNER RULES & REQUIREMENTS –

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

**Please sign and return this form along with your application.**

The 2026 Foundation Scholarship Winner is expected to perform the following tasks.

- 1) Meet all requirements for eligibility and successfully register to show and sell at the Junior Livestock Auction at the 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair. **Please note: your animal must meet the weight requirements and you must show in order to receive the scholarship and other benefits.**
- 2) Raise an animal for show and sale at the 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair with all proceeds benefitting the Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation, Inc.
- 3) Participate in the Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, July 11, 2026.
- 4) Act as an Ambassador for the Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation and work in concert with the Foundation to promote the 2026 Scholarship Animal Project. This includes authorization to use your name and photo in promotional material and on the Foundation's website.
- 5) Attend at least one Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation Board Meeting to give a short (3-5 minute) presentation to update the Foundation on your progress and experience raising the Foundation Scholarship Animal.
- 6) Work with the Foundation to send out letters and promotional material to potential buyers. This includes drafting a letter and supplying the Foundation with pictures of you and your animal.
- 7) Work with the Foundation to send out hand-written thank you letters to Foundation Scholarship Animal Buyers. The Foundation will supply the cards, envelopes, address labels and postage.
- 8) To receive the academic scholarship, you must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited trade school, junior college, college, or university. The scholarship will be paid directly to the academic institution once enrollment has been verified.
- 9) The cash prize will be awarded by August 31, 2026.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_