



# Swine Project Starter Grants

The Arizona Pork Council is pleased to announce the Swine Project Starter Grant. This Grant was developed to allow FFA and 4-H Youth an opportunity to participate within the swine industry. \$500 will be awarded to 40 youth participating in their 1st Swine Project to be used towards the purchase of a pig. There will be 2 Grant Cycles to accommodate both Spring and Fall Fairs. Please only apply for the Grant Cycle that applies to your Fair dates.

Applicants MUST complete the google form application AND submit an essay OR video explaining 1) *the need for this grant* and 2) *how your future will be impacted by participating in a Swine Project*. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**8- to 10-year-old applicants** will submit a 150-word essay **OR** 1-minute video

**11- to 13-year-old applicants** will submit a 300-word essay **OR** 2-minute video

**14- to 19-year-old applicants** will submit a 500-word essay **OR** a 3-minute video

**Grant Cycle 1** will accept applications from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. This grant cycle is intended for youth who will be participating in Spring 2026 Fairs. Grant recipients will be announced January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Grant Cycle 2** will accept applications from March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. The cycle is intended for youth who will be participating in Fall 2026 Fairs. Grant recipients will be announced June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Arizona Pork Council will mail Grant Checks once recipients have purchased their pig. Recipients will need to complete a short questionnaire and provide a picture of the youth with their purchased pig prior to checks being mailed.

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