



2027 PORTERVILLE FAIR HERITAGE

ANIMAL AND SCHOLARSHIP

Interested high school seniors may apply for the 2027 Porterville Fair Heritage Association Scholarship and Market Animal to be exhibited and sold at the 2027 Porterville Fair and Jr. Livestock Auction.

This program seeks to motivate well-rounded high achievers in pursuit of their future career goals. Preference will be given to individuals with broad personal, civic, academic and leadership experience.

The selected applicant will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as well as the opportunity to raise, exhibit and sell a market animal (hog, lamb, or goat) at the conclusion of the Jr. Livestock Auction on Saturday, May 15, 2027. **Proceeds from the sale of that animal will go to the Porterville Fair Heritage Association. Net proceeds will be dedicated to the Livestock Department.**

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION/INFORMATION

1. Applications for the Porterville Fair Heritage Animal and Scholarship are due no later than **4 PM on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026**. Interviews will be held Thursday, January 14, 2027, with an alternate date available.
2. Applicants must be a senior in high school and be eligible to exhibit at the Porterville Fair.
3. Applicants must be a FFA member in good standing, with accurate and up to date Farm Record Books from Porterville area schools **or** must be a Tulare County 4-H member in good standing with accurate and up to date 4-H Record Books.
4. Applicants must have an **overall 2.5 GPA** with good citizenship from their high school, to be **verified by their high school counselor**.
5. Applicants must be willing and able to raise, exhibit and market an animal with all proceeds to benefit the Porterville Fair Heritage Association.
6. Applicants must submit an application with **two (2) sealed** confidential recommendations. One of the recommendations must be submitted by their **current FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader and the second letter may NOT be written by a relative, or a Porterville Fair committee member or current employee**.
7. Qualified applicants will be required to attend an **interview** with the Heritage Scholarship Committee. Completed current **Record Books (copies are acceptable)** for the past **2 years (2025 and 2026)** will be reviewed at this time, **in addition to a copy of the applicant's High School transcripts. Applicants will be required to attend the interview in full uniform.**
8. The exhibitor of the Heritage Association Animal **must** also exhibit an additional project (all species and indoor projects included) at the current fair and may sell their own market animal project (broiler or rabbit meat pens included) during the 2027 Porterville Fair and Jr. Livestock Auction.
9. The Association will purchase the Heritage Association Animal, feed, veterinary medicine/care if needed, bedding, and entry fees. **No feed additives or supplements are to be fed.**
10. The Association Animal must be shown in a market class and may **also** be shown in showmanship during the Fair. If an exhibitor is personally exhibiting a market animal of the same species, the exhibitor may only show **one** of the animals in a showmanship class.
11. The Heritage Association Animal will be sold during the Jr. Livestock Auction at noon at the sale. Auction proceeds from the sale of the animal will go to the Porterville Fair Heritage Association. The animal shall be resold or custom processed with the other market animals **ONLY**.
12. The exhibitor of the Heritage Association Animal may choose a market hog, market goat or market lamb and must adhere to all of the rules and regulations found in the Porterville Fair's premium book in the raising of that animal.
13. The exhibitor must have **signed parent, FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader approval** submitted with their application.
14. A **safe, healthy environment** for the Heritage Association Animal must be provided at all times. The animal is to be visited, weighed and checked by the participating FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader a minimum of **two times per month**.
15. The Heritage Association Animal is to be tagged with Porterville Fair numbered ear tags.
16. The Heritage Association Animal may be photographed and weighed at the time it is tagged.
17. Scholarship recipients may be required to submit via email a picture and weight of the Heritage Animal every two weeks after receiving the animal. (Due dates to be given to recipient upon receipt of animal)
18. The Heritage Association Animal is to be physically checked by Michael DePaoli each month that the animal is in the possession of the Scholarship recipient. A report will be given on the animal at the monthly Heritage meeting.
19. Should any unforeseen circumstances occur that prevent the Heritage Animal from being market ready, a replacement animal may be provided by the Heritage Association.
20. The Heritage Association Animal will be exhibited **ONLY** at the 2027 Porterville Fair.