

Richard Cook Memorial Award

Richard was born and raised in Puyallup, Washington. He graduated from both Washington State University and the University of Washington with Civil and Mechanical Engineering degrees. He served in the US Army and worked for Sandia National Laboratories for 34 years.

Richard was an active 4-H leader at both the club and county levels. He began his 4-H leadership in 1969 with the creation of a new club called Crane Ridge. He later became the Swine Species Leader and ran the Alameda County Fair 4-H Livestock Office. After 4-H, he teamed with Gordon Griffith to lead the Livermore FFA Swine Group. He was actively involved in the Livestock Auction Boosters for many years and enjoyed the annual fair BBQ. One of his proudest awards was the Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award for his contributions to the Alameda County Fair.

Sponsored by the Alameda County Swine Breeding Project

The goal of this award is to introduce 4-H members to a swine project.

**WINNER WILL BE AWARDED A 2027 PROJECT PIG FROM
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SWINE BREEDING PROJECT**

Name: _____ Club: _____

School: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

LIST YOUR 4-H ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT?

LIST ACTIVITIES AND NON-4-H LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, ACADEMIC OR EXTRACURRICULAR HONORS OR AWARDS (HIGH SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, SERVICE, VOLUNTEER, ETC.) RECEIVED:

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LIST ALL THE 4-H PROJECTS YOU HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN:

EXPLAIN WHY YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN A SWINE PROJECT AND INCLUDE GOALS:

Applicant's Signature: _____

Advisor/Project Leader Signature: _____

TO APPLY FOR THIS AWARD:

1. Be a current Alameda County 4-H member.
2. NOT have been involved in a swine project previously.
3. Enroll in an Alameda County swine project for the 2025/2026 project year.
4. Complete the Richard Cook Memorial Scholarship application.
5. Include two letters of recommendation from leaders or someone (not a relative) who knows you well.
6. Submit a photo album/scrapbook of your project.
7. Be interviewed (date/time to be determined).

Interview date/time will be posted on the wall by the Livestock Office.

Applications are due:

July 9 at 3 pm

**(TO: Dina Goff/Denise Mueller in FFA/4-H Office)
(LATE applications/materials WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)**