2026/2027

Date & Time Received _____
Application Number _____

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE
OCEANA 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT
SWINE

I wish to participate in the Oceana 4-H Market Livestock Swine Project.

1. My birthday is:_____,_____,_____4-H age:_____CLUB: _____
   (Month) (Day) (Year) (as of 1/1/2027)

2. I understand that I may raise at least one (1) hog as my exhibit, show and selling animal for the 4-H Market Livestock Auction, or other method determined by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee.

3. Members may raise **one personal backup** or join a **backup pool** with others. A **$5 fee for each animal I would like considered as a backup** is due by **4:00 p.m., June 1, 2027**. Pool backups must be listed on the **"Pool Backup Form"** with **photos, breed info, 4-H tag and USDA tags**. (Pool limit: **5 backups**) Personal backups can be listed on the currently used photo and ear tag form. If my primary animal becomes unfit, a **written explanation to use a backup** must be submitted to the **MSU Extension Office by August 2nd. Using a backup hog without approval may lead to disqualification.**

4. I understand that a dollar amount and percentage of the gross sale price will be withheld by the 4-H Livestock Committee to cover expenses of the project and auction. All other expenses will be assumed by me.

5. **Enrollment is first-come, first-served**, based on available space (max. 60 hogs). **Applications available**: Oct. 12 – Jan. 4, 2027 at the MSU Extension Office pending available space. I may submit my application at the MSUE Office, through mail, email at wassonj3@msu.edu or fax (873-3710) during the appropriate time. Please note that signing up at the MSUE Office potentially may take precedence over mail delivery, email printed, or fax received. **Online enrollment** at mi.4honline.com **must be completed** before submitting any project paperwork.

6. **TIER 1 (Oct. 12-19)** For members who completed the market swine project last year and met all requirements in the 4-H Automatic Enrollment Policy. Bring your **signed buyer's receipt (2025/2026)** as proof of delivering your buyer's picture and thank you for application to be accepted. **TIER 2 (Oct. 23–Nov. 4)**: For those who *did not make weight* but: Completed 6 club meetings, received a B or better on their notebook, requested and received Livestock Committee and leader approval to stay in the same project area *(see Automatic Enrollment Policy – Additional Guidelines #4).*
   TIER 3: For new members, high school graduates, or those who didn't complete last year's market swine project. Sign up: **Nov. 7, 8:30–8:45 a.m. only**, then resumes **Nov. 9–Jan. 4, 2027** during normal business hours. **Only the 4-H-er, parent/guardian, or sibling** may submit the application on Nov. 7. A **waiting list** of at least 5 members will be accepted—see project rules for details.

7. The animal must be on feed by June 1, 2027. The animal (s) must be ear tagged (both 4-H & MDARD Tag), breed specified, and a color picture turned into the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2027. **Ear tags must be placed in the animal's ear** and must be able to be clearly read. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Failure to comply with this statement will result in disqualification from the project. I must also declare my primary hog (hog #1) and either my backup hog (hog #2) or provide a list of eligible backup hogs at this time, if I am choosing to raise more than one animal.

8. This form must be signed by your 4-H Club Leader for you to participate in the project. Forms will not be accepted without proper signatures.

9. Swine #1 Breed_____ Swine #2 Breed _____

   4-H Ear Tag Number_____ 4-H Ear Tag Number _____

   USDA/RFID Number_____ USDA/RFID Number _____

   ___ I will be participating in a Backup Pool and have attached the Backup Pool form of the animals I intend to have access to for potential backup.

10. My animal (s) will be housed_____.
    (Please fill in location of **where animal will be housed during** project.)

I have read the above, the project rules/requirements and the code of ethics pertaining to the swine project and agree to abide by them.

_____ _____
Member's Name - printed Date

Address_____Phone Number_____

_____**Email** _____
(Please provide a complete mailing address)

I, parent of the above 4-H member, have read the above, the attached project rules/requirements and hereby guarantee performance of the above agreement.

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date

I, the leader of the_____4-H Club, agree to supervise and inspect the above member's project and performance and to report any violations to Oceana Market Livestock Committee immediately.

_____ _____
4-H Club Leader Signature Date