



# FSA Youth Loan Helps Fund 4H Project

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## IAC Western Region

The costs associated with participating in a 4H project can be significant with purchasing an animal, the cost of feed, vaccinations, vet costs and purchasing the necessary equipment and supplies to show the animal. With the assistance of the Intertribal Agriculture Council and her parent's consent, Nina Montana applied for a Farm Service Agency (FSA) youth loan to help with the expenses in raising her first show animal. Nina purchased a three month old, Yorkshire Gilt which she named "Adimi".

In addition to raising an animal, Nina will be responsible for fulfilling her loan obligations and at the same time establishing an excellent credit history. She will also be learning about the business side of agriculture with book keeping, record keeping and the basic principles of animal science, gaining knowledge of breeding, feeding and management practices. The loan is helping Nina start and operate an income producing project.



Nina & "Adimi"

When asked what she most looks forward to in raising her pig, Nina said, "I look forward to seeing how she'll do at the carcass contest." Nina realizes the time and commitment it takes in reaching her goals as her older sister Melina has also raised swine as a 4H project. The culmination of her project will be this September when she'll participate at the local county fair. Nina Montana, 16, is an enrolled member of the Hualapai Tribe, located in northwest Arizona. She and her four sisters are members of the Buck & Doe 4H Club on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.