

Applications for 2017 – 2018 Pork Industry Scholarships Now Open!

All juniors and seniors in college who plan to pursue a career in swine production management or a related field, or will be seeking to attend veterinary or graduate school and major in a discipline with an emphasis on swine, are invited to submit an application for consideration to receive one of the scholarships sponsored by the Pork Checkoff.



[Application guidelines](#), located on www.pork.org, must be followed and may be submitted online by using the [application form](#) located on www.pork.org as well.

The deadline for applications is February 17 2017. Recipients will be notified in April, 2017 and money will be available for the Fall 2017 semester.

"The pork industry is committed to continual improvement in producing safe, wholesome protein. Identifying and developing the next generation of leaders and decision-makers is critical to this continual improvement," says Chris Hostetler, Animal Science Director for the Pork Checkoff. "A survey of previous scholarship winners revealed that 80% are pursuing advanced degrees in preparation to serve the industry as veterinarians, nutritionists, reproductive biologists and management consultants."

Specific questions about the Pork Industry Scholarship program should be directed to Dr. Chris Hostetler at chostetler@pork.org or 515-223-2606.



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2017-2018 National Pork Board Scholarship Guidelines

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a U.S. institution of higher education with current standing as a junior or senior and majoring in animal science or a related field and planning to:

- a) Pursue a career in swine production management or a closely related field, or
- b) Attend veterinary school with **an emphasis on swine**, or
- c) Attend graduate school and major in one of the following disciplines, with **an emphasis on swine**:

- Agriculture
- Agricultural Business
- Agriculture Engineering
- Agronomy
- Animal Breeding/Genetics/Genomics
- Animal Physiology
- Bioinformatics
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Physiology/Behavior
- Meat Science
- Nutrition
- Pork Safety / Food Technology
- Reproductive Physiology
- Veterinary Medicine (only if interest is swine production medicine)
- Related Fields

2. Scholarship applicants must be interested in pursuing a career in the U.S. pork industry. Preference will be given to applicants affiliated with the pork industry as:

- Members of a family currently in or associated with pork production,
- Members of a family associated with allied industry or the marketing segments of the pork industry.
- Active or past members of industry youth leadership development programs with emphasis on swine.
- Having had previous swine-specific internships.
- Having a commitment for employment or acceptance into veterinary or graduate school.

VISION: The National Pork Board will elevate U.S. pork as the global protein of choice by continuously and collaboratively working to do what's right for people, pigs and the planet. **MISSION:** The National Pork Board is the catalyst that unites pork producers with key stakeholders focused on building a bright future for the pork industry through research, promotion and education.

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Family members of National Pork Board employees are not eligible. Successful applicants will be awarded one scholarship only. **Winners from previous years are not eligible.**

Scoring System:

- Scholastic record, 1 to 10 points
- Youth and industry leadership activities, 1 to 10 points
- Interest/involvement in the swine industry, 1 to 15 points
- Graduate degree selected and/or prospective career path, 1 to 15 points

Applicant scores will be compiled by the National Pork Board and recipients will be announced in April, 2017.