Applications for 2015 – 2016 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 pork.org, should be followed and may be submitted online by using this form located on pork.org as well.

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2015. Recipients will be notified in April, 2015 and money will be available for the Fall 2015 academic year.

“Developing the next generation of leaders and decision-maker is critical to sustaining the pork industry,” says Chris Hostetler, Animal Science Director for the Pork Checkoff. "A survey of previous scholarship winners revealed that 80% are perusing advanced degrees in preparation to serve the industry as veterinarians, nutritionists, reproductive biologists and management consultants."

Any specific questions should be directed to Dr. Chris Hostetler at chostetler@pork.org or 515-223-2606.
2015 - 2016 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 US 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.

Family members of National Pork Board employees are not eligible. Successful applicants will be awarded one scholarship only so previous winners are not eligible.

3. The top applicant will be awarded a scholarship of $5,000 and a scholarship of $3,500 will be awarded to the first runner-up. All other scholarships awarded are

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$2,000. Award money will be paid directly to the recipient’s academic institution on their behalf.

Additionally, the top two ranked applicants will have their expenses paid for their attendance to the World Pork Expo held in Des Moines, IA in June of 2015. At this event, they will be given the opportunity to participate in educational and certification programs and interact with producers in the National Pork Board hospitality tent.

4. Applications will only be considered if the online application form and all support materials are received by February 15, 2015. Review these guidelines and the Application and Checklist page for the complete list of requirements.

An online application form is available at www.pork.org. Only individuals that complete the online application form and provide all support materials prior to the application deadline will be considered.

Support materials required for a complete application include:
- Two letters of support
- Official academic transcripts

Letters of support must come from non-family members. Counselors, employers, mentors, academic advisors, industry professionals or other supporters should submit letters of support via email directly to Dr. Chris Hostetler at chostetler@pork.org. The letter must be in PDF format and the filename must be the last name of the applicant for whom the letter is written.

Transcripts require hard-copy, U.S. Postal Service submission or electronic transmission, directly from the academic institution at which the applicant is enrolled.

Transcripts and letters of support should be sent to:
National Pork Board
Attn: Ms. Stephanie Gunn
1776 NW 114th Street
Clive, IA 50325

5. Evaluation Criteria
Applicants will be evaluated by a selection committee including members of the Pork Checkoff’s science and technology committees, National Pork Board members, academia and allied industry representatives. Selection committee members will review and score each applications independently and rank applicants based on the following criteria:
- Scholastic record, 1 to 10 points
- Youth and industry leadership activities, 1 to 10 points

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• 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, 2015.