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## **WPA Awards Youth Pig Project Scholarships**

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LANCASTER, WI- The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) Youth Committee recently awarded 50 young people with \$100 scholarships to help offset the costs of their upcoming 4-H and FFA swine projects. The Youth Pig Project scholarship program began in 2003 to encourage youth to become involved in the Wisconsin pork industry through projects that offer opportunities to develop life skills and showcase career options.

Wisconsin youth submitted 135 applications for consideration. The application included information on their project goals, a simple budget for the project, and future goals as they relate to the pork industry. Additionally, recipients were required to participate in a 30-minute webinar hosted by WPA that focused on We Care and biosecurity to receive their funds.

Those receiving funds were: Rachel Anderson, Rosholt; Isaiah Anderson, Rosholt; Ariana Bartz, Sheboygan Falls; Jameson Bartz, Sheboygan Falls; Lily Beal, Footville; Elizabeth Benninger, Reeseville; Gracie Bishop, Watertown; Jaxson Brady, Tigerton; Siera Childs, Arlington; Henrick Christensen, Star Prairie; Wyatt Coggins, Tony; Ali Coggins, Tony; Tristyn Dirks, Elkhart Lake; Alexis Diven, Antigo; Isabelle Felio, Edgerton; Grace Gallagher, Sharon; Hazel Gartman, Sheboygan; Audrey Gartman, Sheboygan; Sawyer Gilmour, Belin; Logan Groleau, Caledonia; Lillian Hansen, Fort Atkinson; Ella Hansen, Fort Atkinson; Dylan Kohn, Green Bay; Blake LeMahieu, Cedar Grove; Alison LeMahieu, Cedar Grove; Liv Lucas, Willard; Madison Mertz, Hilbert; Lexi Morby, Burlington; Brock Nelson, Osseo; Kellen Nelson, Osseo; Tenley Nevil, Juda; Dakotah Patrie, Phillips; Peyton Pickart, St. Cloud; Isabella Race, Shawano; Andrew Reich, Mishicot; Allison Reichwaldt, Newton; Ariana Reinsbach, Fennimore; Chloe Roehl, Darien; Ella Roehl, Darien; Lucy Rosemeyer, Blue Mounds; Wesley Rudnick, Thorp; Mason Rudnick, Thorp; Eleanor Schneiderwent, Manawa; Oakley Sedelbauer, Taylor; Martin Smith, Pulaski; Lexus Solberg, Whitehall; Madison Stieglitz, Greenwood; Tatym Travis, Greenwood; Nola Wells, Rio; and Avery Westphal, Hartford.

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