



2026 Internship Program Guidelines

OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this 10-week summer internship program is to provide an opportunity for a young person to serve as the official youth representative of the Wisconsin Pork Association. The internship program will be administered by the WPA Youth Committee under the supervision of the Executive Vice President.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a Wisconsin resident between the ages of 18 and 23 (Must be age 18 by Jan. 1, 2026).
- Must exhibit strong communication and leadership skills.
- Must have a background in animal husbandry.
- Must exhibit a genuine interest in the Wisconsin pork industry and be able to speak on behalf of it.
- Must be a member (or become a member) of the Wisconsin Pork Association.
- Must have reliable transportation and be willing to travel to out-of-state training and functions.
- May only hold this position for one year.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Candidates must submit the following items to the WPA office no later than **December 1st, 2025**.

(All materials must be received in the office, not postmarked, by this date. Electronic or hard copy documents will be accepted).

- Completed application form that includes 2 writing prompts
- Current resume
- Cover letter

Additionally, candidates may be asked to participate in an interview with the selection committee. The interviews will be held by Zoom at a date to be determined.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The WPA Intern will work in the following areas:

Pork Production – The intern will spend time at a commercial swine farm. Through this experience they will get hands-on experience and insight into swine production; from breeding to farrowing, weaning to finishing, and everything in between.

Producer Outreach – The intern will assist in education and outreach to producers regarding current issues and programs and opportunities that are available to them.

Promotion/Consumer Information – The intern will assist in the coordination of the Pork Schoppe including attendance at committee meetings, assisting in managing the event and other state fair-related projects as assigned. Additional projects as requested in foodservice, retail, healthcare, youth education, food safety, etc. These may include presentations, promotions, sampling events, and more.

Communication - The intern will communicate with producers and consumers via personal contacts

and group meetings. This individual will also write articles about their programs and projects for WPA publications, such as Pork Express, Headlines, and social media outlets. Good communication skills are desired and will be strengthened during the internship. Must be familiar with social media platforms.

Wisconsin State Fair - The Intern will coordinate the Hall of Fame program at the Wisconsin State Fair, create an educational exhibit in the swine barn, participate in the Camp of Champions and will assist in coordinating the Pork Schoppe. The Wisconsin State Fair is August 6th-16th, 2026, and the intern will be asked to be on site from August 4th – 17th, 2026.

WORK SCHEDULE:

- During the summer, the Intern is expected to work a five-day, 40-hour work week, under the direction of the WPA staff, in the Lancaster office. The anticipated start date is June 1st and conclusion date of August 19th, which will include a follow-up meeting and closing interview.
- There will be frequent travel during the internship.

SUPERVISION:

- The Intern will work with all WPA staff and leaders. The Program Director will coordinate the Intern's schedule and projects under supervision of the Executive Vice President.

COMPENSATION/TRAVEL ALLOWANCE:

- The Wisconsin Pork Intern will receive a **\$5,000 stipend that will be paid over the 10-week period.**
- Intern will be reimbursed for expenses (mileage, hotel, meals, etc.) related to approved WPA travel. Intern must use their own vehicle.
- Housing in Lancaster *is not provided*, except during specific activities when needed.
- The Intern is encouraged to seek credit hours for the internship program through his or her school.



2026 Wisconsin Pork Association Internship Application

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M ☐ F ☐ (Check one)

Home Address: _____ College Attending: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ College Address: _____

Phone: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____ Major: _____

Parents' Names: _____ Current Year in College: _____

Personal E-mail: _____ School E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Attended WI State Fair? _____ Year(s): _____

Please Note: Further information concerning this position will be conversed via the personal email or cell phone number listed above.

Which social media platforms are you familiar with? (Check all that apply)

Facebook ☐ Instagram ☐ Twitter ☐ Pinterest ☐ TikTok ☐ Other: _____

Please complete the following writing prompts and attach them with your application. 250-word max per prompt. Responses may be attached on a separate sheet of paper. TYPED ONLY.

1. Explain your current involvement (or interest) in the pork industry.
2. What is the importance of advocating for the pork industry in today's times?

Candidates must submit the following items:

- Completed application form (including 2 writing prompts)
- Current resume
- Cover letter

Candidates may also be asked to:

- Participate in an interview with the selection committee. Date TBD upon deadline.
- Interview candidates will be determined after the application deadline and initial selection process.

For questions contact Morgan Worek 608-723-7551 or mworek@wppa.org.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN OFFICE OR VIA EMAIL BY END OF DAY – DECEMBER 1st, 2025.

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