



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 22nd, 2025

Contact: Morgan Worek
608-723-7551 or mworek@wppa.org

WPA's 2026 Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) is pleased to offer several scholarships to high school seniors and college students. WPA is pleased to promote additional scholarships through local pork producer groups and the National Pork Producers Council. A description of each scholarship is listed below.

Fredrich Memorial Scholarship: Due Dec. 1st, 2025. Supported by the family of Clarence Fredrich through funding from the Southeast Wisconsin Pork Producers. Three scholarships are available, recognizing high school seniors and college freshmen that are pursuing a career in agriculture. (2) \$1,000 and (1) \$750 scholarship.

Whitmore Memorial Scholarship: Due Dec. 1st, 2025. This scholarship was established in honor of the late Rex Whitmore who was a master statesman and communicator throughout the swine industry. Applications are available to registered juniors or seniors at UW-Madison, UW-River Falls, or UW-Platteville. (1) \$1,500 scholarship.

Gunderson Memorial Scholarship: Due Dec. 1st, 2025. WPA and the family of Buell Gunderson established this award to recognize the many contributions that Buell and his wife, Bernice, made to the Wisconsin pork industry. The selection committee will award at least one scholarship up to \$1,000.

Southwest Wisconsin Pork Producers Scholarship: Due Dec. 1st, 2025. Awarded to a high school or college student from either Iowa, Grant, or Lafayette County Wisconsin who has a vested interest in agriculture-preferably the swine industry. (1) \$1,000 scholarship.

Lois Britt Memorial Scholarships: Due Dec. 12th, 2025. Sponsored by the CME Group and National Pork Industry Foundation, these are awarded to students who intend to pursue a career in the pork industry with hopes that they may emerge as future pork industry leaders themselves. (10) \$2,500 scholarships.

Neil Dierks Scholarship: Due Dec. 31st, 2025. The Neil Dierks Scholarship is sponsored by the National Pork Industry Foundation and is managed and administered by the National Pork Producers Council. This scholarship is annually awarded to a student who intends to pursue a career in the pork industry with hopes that they may emerge as a future pork industry leader. (1) \$5,000 scholarship.

As part of our mission, WPA strives to develop young people for future leadership roles, pork industry involvement, and career success, and offering these scholarships is a great way to provide opportunities and demonstrate our commitment to the future of the pork industry. For more information, visit www.wppa.org/youth/scholarships or call 608-723-7551.

###

The mission of the Wisconsin Pork Association is to promote and protect the state's pork industry in order to ensure its success now and in the future.