WISCONSIN WPA PORK ASSOCIATION

2027 Whitmore Memorial Scholarship

Background:

The Wisconsin Pork Association, in cooperation with Marian Whitmore, established a Whitmore Memorial Fund in August of 1991 in honor of the late Rex Whitmore. Rex was a master statesman and communicator throughout the swine industry. He served as Poland China fieldman, test station manager, a swine judge, and the first executive director of the Wisconsin Pork Producers Association. Rex was always willing to help a young person with a swine project and was a real leader. His enthusiasm and positive attitude were strengths he was well known for. Rex is greatly missed, but his memory lives on through this scholarship.

The Rex Whitmore Memorial Scholarship is a $1,500 scholarship. One finalist from UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, and UW-River Falls will be interviewed for the scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a registered junior or senior in college at one of the following University of Wisconsin campuses: Madison, Platteville, or River Falls.

2. Preference given to a Wisconsin resident.

3. Priority given to those applicants pursuing an Animal Science or closely related major.

4. Criteria considerations include but are not limited to:
    a. Grade point average - Applicants should be in top one-third of class.
    b. Extra-curricular activities - Demonstrates leadership and ability to share knowledge.
    c. Career orientation
    d. Financial need

Application deadline: December 1st, 2026.

Applications: You may apply for this scholarship by contacting your respective campus contact person.

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A. Personal Information:

Name: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Local Newspaper Name: _____

Email: _____ Mailing Address: _____

B. Criteria:

Name of College: _____

Current Status (Circle one): Junior Senior Current G.P.A.: _____

Major: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

C. Extra-curriculars & Industry Involvement:

a. List extra-curricular activities/community service:

b. How have Wisconsin Pork Association programs or activities impacted you, and how do you see the organization being of value to you in the future?

c. Summarize how your career plans relate to the pork industry. (Not to exceed one page).

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Candidates may be requested to schedule a personal interview with the interviewing team.

Return the completed application to your respective campus contact person by December 1st, 2026. Contact people: Scholarship Manager at UW-Madison scholarships@cals.wisc.edu, Kathy Kunkel at UW-Platteville kunkelka@uwplatt.edu, or Dr. Bonnie Walters at UW-River Falls bonnie.s.walters@uwrf.edu.