

2024 Michigan Pork Industry Scholarship Program

Sponsored by: Michigan Pork Producers Association

Purpose

The Michigan Pork Producers Association will award scholarships to young people pursuing careers in agricultural business, agricultural education, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal science, animal physiology, environmental sciences, nutrition, livestock reproduction, large animal veterinary medicine, and other related fields.

Eligibility

- Participants must be currently high school seniors pursuing an undergraduate degree (at a two- or four-year institution) or currently enrolled in college where they have attained freshman, sophomore or junior class status. College seniors graduating during the year the award is given are not eligible to participate. Applicants must be Michigan residents, but can attend college out of the state.
- Participants or their families need not be members of Michigan Pork Producers Association (MPPA) or be actively involved in pork production, but they should have a demonstrated interest in the future of the pork industry.
- A youth may participate and earn scholarships more than once but may earn the top award only one time.

Application and Selection

- Applicant must submit the attached application to the MPPA office by February 2, 2024.
- Selection will be made by a panel of judges chosen by MPPA, with the winners announced February 28, 2024 at the Michigan Pork Symposium at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI.

Awards

- \$3,000 in scholarships will be awarded, at the discretion of the judging committee
- Scholarship applicants are invited to attend the Michigan Pork Producers Symposium on February 28, 2024 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI where they winners will be announced during a luncheon beginning at 11a.m.
- At the discretion of the MPPA, winners may also be asked to:
 1. Be involved as members of a MPPA planning committee.
 2. Be available to attend legislative conference, trade shows and conventions.
 3. Be goodwill ambassadors for the pork industry to youth groups, special interest organizations and the general public.
- The scholarship recipients may also be considered for internship positions with the state association.

Essay Question:

Please include a 500-word or less essay on a current or future pork industry challenge and your proposed solutions for the issue.

Letter of Recommendation:

Please include one letter of recommendation.

Short Answer Questions:

Please write a paragraph in the space below giving and explaining your academic and long-range career goals. What kind of future do you see for yourself in agriculture, in particular, working with pigs?

List the activities that you have been involved in that are related to the pork industry: