

Wisconsin Pork Association Gunderson Memorial Scholarship

Background: The Wisconsin Pork Association, in cooperation with the family of Buell Gunderson, established a scholarship program in 2007 to recognize the many contributions that Buell Gunderson made to the Wisconsin pork industry. As swine herdsman for the University of Wisconsin-Madison for more than 30 years, Buell Gunderson was instrumental in helping shape not only the swine industry, but also hundreds of 4-H and FFA youth and university students through his teaching, judging, coaching and commitment. In addition, Gunderson, together with his wife, Bernice, served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Wisconsin Pork Association for 20 plus years and assisted in growing the organization from its initial roots to the successful organization that it is today--sponsoring scholarships, developing youth programs and helping to support the pork producers of the state.

The Wisconsin Pork Association will accept recommendations or applications from county pork producer organizations, industry members, pork producers, and colleges or technical schools for recipients of the Gunderson Memorial Scholarship on an annual basis. Individuals who have shown considerable dedication and involvement in the pork industry will be considered for the scholarship.

Criteria: A committee will review applications to determine whether a \$500 award will be presented annually. Criteria for the scholarship are listed below:

1. Individuals who have shown considerable dedication and involvement to the pork industry.
2. Consideration will be given to individuals who have established their own production herd, been involved on their family operation, or shown specific interest in pork production or livestock judging.
3. Priority will be given to those applicants who are beginning pork producers, or pursuing an Animal Science, agricultural production, or closely related major. Students who are attending college out of state, but were originally or remain a Wisconsin resident, may also apply.
4. Criteria may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Industry activities
 - b. Career orientation
 - c. Financial need

Application deadline: December 1, 2016.

Submit completed application forms and letter of recommendation to: Wisconsin Pork Association, PO Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813. Phone: (608) 723-7551. E-mail: wppa@wppa.org.

**Wisconsin Pork Association
Gunderson Memorial Scholarship Application**

Name of Candidate: _____
(Please type or print)

Name of Individual/Organization Who Recommended You Apply (please attach letter of recommendation):

Candidate School Address: _____
(if applicable)

Candidate Home Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email _____
(if applicable)

Parents: _____

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List extra-curricular livestock activities/community service/pork industry activities:

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?

On a separate page, write or type a summary, not to exceed one page, on how your career plans relate to the pork industry. Include if currently attending school; educational seminars; industry groups involved with, etc.

Each candidate may be requested to schedule a personal interview.