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Accepting Applications for the 2017 Nebraska Pork Producers Association Pork Mentorship Program *Be a Part of Something Amazing! - \$500 scholarships are available!*

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association wants students to be a part of the 2017 Pork Mentorship Program. If students are connected to agriculture and believe in the future of the pork industry, they are encouraged to apply! \$500 scholarships are available for college-age students who have an interest in the pork industry – **they don't have to be a pork producer!** Applications are due **December 5th**. Students may apply for this opportunity by visiting the youth tab on www.nepork.org.

The Pork Mentorship Program is directed under Kyla Habrock, NPPA Youth Education Director. Habrock stated, "The NPPA Pork Mentorship Program is more than just a scholarship. It's a way for students to build their capacity as a leader and professional in the swine and agriculture industries in Nebraska. The program provides students with an opportunity to identify future career goals and to evolve into strong agricultural advocates."

The Pork Mentorship Program was established in 1999. To date, over 125 students have completed the program and over \$68,000 in scholarships have been awarded. Each year the students participate in activities that encourage personal growth, leadership development, community engagement, and expand their knowledge of the pork industry. A \$500 scholarship is awarded upon the completion of the year-long program.

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association is a grassroots, incorporated, non profit organization established in 1961. NPPA was developed to promote the pork industry through the enhancement of consumer demand, producer education and research. For more information, visit NPPA's website at www.NEpork.org.