

# NEBRASKA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

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### **Students: Apply by December 15 for Pork Mentorship Program**

Choosing a career path can be difficult. In a world full of occupational options, it is helpful to receive a little guidance along the way. That's why the Nebraska Pork Producers Association is extending help to college-age students who apply to participate in the Pork Mentorship Program.

The deadline for submitting student applications is December 15, with selection notifications to be sent to applicants by January 1.

The Pork Mentorship Program is a career development program that provides a variety of hands-on experiences to promote leadership and communication skills, ultimately fostering career exploration and professional development. 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 Nebraska Pork Producers Association wants college-age students to be a part of the 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!

#### **How it works**

Year-long programming will run from February 1, 2019 to February 1, 2020. During that time, students will attend seminars where they will learn about various aspects of the pork and agriculture industries, participate in a bus tour highlighting Nebraska agriculture, and have opportunities to promote Nebraska's pork industry. Upon completion, students will receive a \$500 scholarship toward their education expenses. Students will not be responsible for any expenses to participate in the program.

#### **Eligible applicants must**

- Be enrolled full-time in a Nebraska post-secondary school, and be between 18-24 years of age
- Be able to attend all quarterly meetings and complete all requirements before receiving his/her scholarship
- Have access to and communicate effectively via email

#### **Develop the skills needed to be a strong advocate for agriculture by**

- Shadowing industry professionals
- Promoting pork
- Blogging
- Volunteering
- Engaging in personal and professional development seminars
- Attending quarterly meetings

**Who Should Apply?**

College-age men and women who have an interest in agriculture and the pork industry. You don't have to be a pork producer.

**What Will I Do?**

Job-shadow pork industry professionals, promote agriculture and the pork industry, and improve your leadership, team building and communications skills. You'll also travel to the World Pork Expo and attend other exciting industry tours and group events.

**Apply Now!**

Interested students should complete the application and submit an up-to-date resume by December 15. Applications will be reviewed, and selection notifications will be sent by January 1. Students may apply for the scholarship online by visiting the youth tab on [www.nepork.org](http://www.nepork.org)

*The Nebraska Pork Producers Association is a grassroot, incorporated, nonprofit 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](http://www.NEpork.org).*