

WISCONSIN PORK ASSOCIATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Wisconsin Pork Association Mentorship Program is a one-year program for college students with a passion for agriculture and interest in the swine industry. Participants will expand their knowledge of the swine industry through hands-on experiences and job shadows, involvement in pork industry programs, and partaking in Wisconsin Pork Association activities. The program, which has a strong focus on career development, will provide opportunities to network with pork industry leaders, identify future career goals, and create valuable connections with potential employers. The year-long program will run from February 2, 2017 to February 1, 2018.

REQUIRED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

EVENT/ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATE
Attend World Pork Expo	Des Moines, IA	June 7-9, 2017
Two Days Volunteering at the Pork Schoppe	Wisconsin State Fair West Allis, WI	August 3-13, 2017
Presentation at Wisconsin Pork Association Annual Meeting	Kalahari Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI	February 1, 2018
Attend One (1) WPA Board Meeting	Varies throughout Wisconsin	1 meeting per month, Dates TBD
Three (3) Job Shadows	Varies	Feb. 2017 – Jan. 2018
Special Project	TBD	Feb. 2017 – Jan. 2018

Mentor program participants will work with WPA staff to develop a timeline to accomplish the requirements and create program learning objectives. A brief written summary and evaluation of each required activity must be submitted to WPA within 2 weeks after each activity is completed. Prior to job shadows, participants must also establish specific goals and learning objectives and submit to WPA.

Participants may substitute the above required activities with other equivalent events if advance notice is given and the alternate activity is approved by the WPA Youth Committee and staff.

COMPENSATION

Wisconsin Pork Association will cover expenses associated with attendance at required program events and activities, including meals, event registration fees, and hotel stays. Participants will also be reimbursed for mileage to/from required events (mileage reimbursed at \$0.40/mile, up to 300 miles per activity).

Upon successful completion of the required events and activities above, participants will receive a \$500 scholarship to apply towards education expenses.

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY

College students with an interest in agriculture and/or the swine industry are encouraged to apply. Prior experience in the pork industry is not required. Applicants must:

- Be enrolled full-time at a post-secondary school
- Be a Wisconsin resident
- Possess strong leadership and communication skills
- Be a self-starter and able to work independently
- Have access to and communicate effectively via email

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for this program, interested students must submit the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Resume
- Current College Transcript

Applicants may be requested to schedule a personal interview.

All application materials must be post-marked or emailed to Wisconsin Pork Association by **December 1, 2016**. Please send application materials to:

Wisconsin Pork Association
P.O. Box 327
Lancaster, WI 53813
Email: mmasters@wppa.org

WISCONSIN PORK ASSOCIATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PRIMARY TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE YOU ARE ATTENDING

MAJOR (include emphasis or minor, if applicable)

CURRENT CLASS STANDING (ex.sophomore) _____

GPA _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

PLEASE LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS

SUMMARIZE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND/OR INVOLVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND THE PORK INDUSTRY

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE CAREER PLANS AND GOALS?

IS THERE A PARTICULAR AREA OF THE SWINE INDUSTRY YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OR BEING INVOLVED IN?

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE LARGEST CHALLENGE FACING WISCONSIN'S PORK INDUSTRY?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PORK MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?

ARE YOU ABLE TO ATTEND THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND EVENTS LISTED UNDER 'REQUIRED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES'?

YES

NO

PLEASE EXPLAIN SCHEDULING CONFLICTS:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE WISCONSIN PORK MENTOR PROGRAM?

PLEASE LIST THREE REFERENCES IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW

REFERENCE 1

NAME _____ COMPANY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

REFERENCE 2

NAME _____ COMPANY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

REFERENCE 3

NAME _____ COMPANY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____