

**Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) Announces**

***15<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Dairy Producer Educational Scholarship***

The Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) is announcing their *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Dairy Producer Educational Scholarship*, an individual scholarship to allow a young dairy producer to pursue dairy (milk) production educational opportunities. This year's scholarship amount will be in the amount of \$2,000.00 to further encourage young dairy producers to continue in the dairy industry, and help maintain the supply of milk to area cheese plants. All students whose Wisconsin-based dairy farm markets their milk to any SWCMA member plant\* [see member list included with the application form] is eligible to apply. Family members or farm employee family members are both eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Acceptable educational programs include (but not limited to) the UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course, the Wisconsin Technical College System Farm Business and Production Management Course, the Lakeshore Technical College Farm Business and Production Management Courses and other dairy-related studies at state universities.

The scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement, an interest in a dairy (milk) production career, and demonstrated leadership, initiative and integrity. Candidates are expected to complete an application form, submit a transcript of all high school or college courses, and write a short statement describing their career aspirations, dairy-related activities and work experience. The application information will be evaluated by the SWCMA Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship recipient will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Academic performance and courses related to dairy.
2. Apparent commitment to a career in dairy.
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, especially those related to dairy.
4. Leadership ability, initiative, character and integrity.
5. Enrollment in acceptable dairy production educational program.

Scholarship winner must be enrolled during the entire academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.

Completed applications should be submitted to the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board c/o Matt Mathison, 8418 Excelsior Drive, Madison, WI 53717 by March 31, 2017. Questions regarding this application can be forwarded to Matt Mathison at 608/203-7221, or by email to [mmathison@wmmb.org](mailto:mmathison@wmmb.org).

Announcement of the winner will be made by April 28, 2017. Scholarship winner will receive a plaque and a check for \$2,000. The stipend will be forwarded to the department head for issuance to the awardee upon their enrollment for the Fall 2017-2018 term.

**Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) Members**

	<b>Cheese Company Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Number</b>
1	Brunkow Cheese Cooperative	17975 Hwy F	Darlington	53530	Karl Geisbuhler	608-776-3716
2	Carr Valley Cheese Company	S3797 County G	LaValle	53941	Sid Cook	608-986-2716
3	Chalet Cheese Cooperative	N4858 County N	Monroe	53566	Jamie Fahrney	608-325-4343
4	Chula Vista Cheese Company	2923 Mayer Road	Browntown	53522	James Meivas	608-439-5211
5	Decatur Dairy	W1668 Hwy F	Broadhead	53520	Steve Stettler	608-897-8661
6	Deppler Cheese Factory	N2893 Youth Cabin Road	Monroe	53566	Myron Olson	608-325-4343
7	Edelweiss Town Hall Cheese Co.	P.O Box 175	Monticello	53570	Bruce Workman	608-938-4226
8	Klondike Cheese	P.O. Box 542	Monroe	53566	Adam Buholzer	608-325-3021
9	Lactalis USA Bemont, Inc	P.O. Box 347	Belmont	53510	Lenny Bass	608-762-5173
10	Maple Leaf Cheese Cooperative	N890 Twin Grove Road	Monroe	53566	Paul Reigle	608-934-1234
11	Meister Cheese Company	1050 East Nebraska	Muscoda	53573	Scott Meister	608-739-3134
12	Emmi Roth USA, Inc.	P.O Box 319	Monroe	53566	Rob Frie	608-329-7666
13	Silver Lewis Cheese Factory	W3075 County EE	Monticello	53570	Josh Erickson	608-938-4813
14	Swiss Heritage Cheese, Inc.	P.O. Box 605	Monticello	53570	Paul Rufener	608-938-4455
15	Swiss Valley Farms	910 Mound View Drive	Platteville	53818	Linda Lee	608 965-3035
16	Valley View Cheese Cooperative	6519 Larson Road	South Wayne	53587	Denise Lehner	608-439-5569
17	Zimmerman Cheese Inc.	N6853 Hwy 78	South Wayne	53587	Mark Witke	608-968-3414

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**Each application must be accompanied by:**

1. An official transcript of all high school or college credits.
2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's scholastic performance. The letter should include an appraisal of the applicant's academic ability, interest in dairy production career, leadership ability, initiative, character and integrity.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Farm or employee of: \_\_\_\_\_

Milk Marketing Plant: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Contact Name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University or Technical College where scholarship is to be used:

\_\_\_\_\_

Department Head: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected degree or certification (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. List/outline your work experience:

2. List membership or participation in academic, youth or civic organizations. Also include any positions of leadership, activities and honors:

3. Interest/background/experience with dairy cattle and milk production:

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**Plans for the Future**

Describe your plans for the future and how this SWCMA Scholarship would assist you in meeting your goals. Include what stimulated your interest in dairy production, your dairy work experience, and any other dairy related activities in which you have participated.