



# Student Leader Scholarship



The Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association and Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania will offer ten \$3,000 scholarships to undergraduate students for the 2018 - 2019 academic year to directly support Student Leader Scholarships. Eight of the scholarships will be awarded by the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association, while two will be presented by the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania. One scholarship will be specifically designated for an incoming freshman. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide recognition, encouragement, and financial assistance to outstanding students enrolled in academic programs that support the dairy industry.

Consideration for this scholarship shall be given to Pennsylvania residents who are full-time undergraduate students planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a qualifying field of study, which includes: Dairy and Animal Science, Ag Marketing and Business, Nutrition, Food Science, Ag and Extension Education, Ag Business Management, Ag Engineering, or related fields. Students may apply for the scholarship in subsequent years, but a student can only receive the \$3,000 scholarship two times during their undergraduate academic career.

Selection of the scholarship winners will be based on the completed application within the following criteria: academic performance; apparent commitment to a career related to the dairy industry; evidence of leadership, character, and integrity; and application compliance. There is no GPA requirement. However, a student's GPA is taken into consideration within the academic performance category.

Each scholarship shall be awarded for one academic year. The scholarship will be paid to the student upon authorization of enrollment by the appropriate academic institution officer. All applications must be submitted by June 1, 2018, to be considered eligible. Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee consisting of board members from the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association, Center for Dairy Excellence and Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania. They will make the final decision on the candidates to receive the scholarships.

Application must be made using the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association Student Leader Scholarship Application form. *All applications must be typed, and word count requirements must be followed.* An electronic copy of the scholarship application is available at [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/student-leader-scholarships/](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/student-leader-scholarships/).

## Tips for Completing the Student Leader Scholarship Application:

The Student Leader Scholarship Committee reviews dozens of scholarship applications every year and offers the following recommendations as “Best Practices” for students to keep in mind when completing this scholarship application or any other scholarship application for that matter.

1. **Plan Accordingly.** If the deadline for the scholarship application is June 1, don't wait until the last minute to complete the application. Having time to complete the application, then come back to it a couple of days later and review your answers will improve the quality of your answers.
2. **Read the Instructions Carefully.** In this case, the scholarship application requires a transcript to be provided. That step is often overlooked. Make sure when you are completing any application that you read the instructions carefully and have every step completed.
3. **Use the Space and Word Count Allotted.** Make sure you follow the required word count to answer the questions, but use the full amount of space and words allotted to write in complete sentences and fully justify your answers.
4. **Double and Triple Check Your Spelling and Grammar.** Applications with poor grammar or misspelled words are often penalized, no matter how strong the applicant is. Take the time to read your work closely and make sure all grammar rules are followed with words spelled correctly. Do not rely only on the computer's spell check to catch mistakes. For example, Spell Check will often correct dairy, if misspelled, to diary.
5. **Ask a Grammar Teacher or Your Advisor to Review Your Work.** Having a second set of eyes read over your answers can give you a broader perspective on how they will come across to the review committee. The person reviewing your work will also often catch mistakes you overlook.
6. **Save and Print Your Work.** Since this application is built as an editable PDF, sometimes answers can be lost during the saving and transmission process. The person coordinating the scholarship program will follow up with you if there is a problem. Just in case, it is good to have a second copy.
7. **Make Sure You Are Able to Be Reached.** Make sure the phone number and email address that you provide is actually where you can be reached in case the coordinator needs to reach you with questions or problems.



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## Application Deadline June 1, 2018

Applications **must be typed** to be considered and all word count limitations **must** be followed. A student can receive the Student Leader Scholarship TWICE during their academic career. Eight scholarships are allotted as Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association Scholarships and two are designated as Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation. *For more guidelines or an electronic copy, go to <http://centerfordairyexcellence.org/student-leader-scholarships/>.*

### 1. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date (mm/dd/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent (home) Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Campus/Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA or Academic Standing: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Please also attach transcript.)

### 2. Educational Information

College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Classification for 2017-18 (Fr, So, Jr, Sr) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor or Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this Student Leadership Scholarship application submitted by me is correct and was prepared by me. I further give permission to the Center for Dairy Excellence to use my name, photo, and information contained within the application to promote this scholarship program in news releases, newsletters, web sites, and other media outlets.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send or e-mail your application by **June 1, 2018**, to:  
Brittany Haag, Dairy Education Program Manager  
Center for Dairy Excellence, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110  
Phone: 717-346-0849 ♦ Fax 717-705-2342 ♦ Email: [bhaag@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:bhaag@centerfordairyexcellence.org)

**3. Please answer the following questions limited to the space and characters provided.**

**a) Briefly describe your experience and accomplishments relating to your education, vocation, community service and dairy.** *(Limit your answer to 250 words or less and refrain from the use of farm or family names)*

**b) Identify what you consider to be the TWO leadership roles you have held that you take the most pride in and explain why.** *(Limit your answer to 150 words or less.)*

**c) Identify a time in which you believe that you failed. Looking back now, what did you learn from this experience?** *(Limit your answer to 150 words or less.)*

**d) What is one thing that you are doing today that you will look back on a year from now and be proud of doing?** *(Limit your answer to 150 words or less.)*

**e) Looking ahead, explain how you see yourself involved in the Pennsylvania Dairy Industry? Share one five-year personal goal regarding your vocation.** *(Limit your answer to 200 words or less.)*

**f) Identify a current public issue you believe is influencing the dairy industry at large and identify the key action items that should be accomplished to address it.** *(Limit your answer to 250 words or less.)*