

Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) Announces

6th Annual Young Dairy Producer Educational Scholarship

The Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) is announcing their ***6th 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 again 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, and the Lakeshore Technical College Farm Business and Production Management Courses.

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 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, 2008. Questions regarding this application can be forwarded to Matt Mathison at 608/836-8820, or by email to mmathison@wmmb.org.

Announcement of the winner will be made by April 30, 2008. 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 2008-2009 term.

Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) Members

Cheese Company Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Contact Name	Number
Brunkow Cheese Cooperative	17975 Hwy F	Darlington	53530	Karl Geissbuhler	608-776-3716
Carr Valley Cheese Company	S3797 County G	LaValle	53941	Sid Cook	608-986-2716
Chalet Cheese Cooperative	N4858 County N	Monroe	53566	Jamie Fahrney	608-325-4343
Chula Vista Cheese Company	2923 Mayer Road	Browntown	53522	James Meives	608-439-5211
Decatur Dairy	W1668 Hwy F	Brodhead	53520	Steve Stettler	608-897-8661
Deppeler Cheese Factory	N2893 Youth Cabin Road	Monroe	53566	Myron Olson	608-325-4343
Edelweiss Creamery	W6117 County C	Monticello	53570	Bruce Workman	608-938-4226
Franklin Cheese	W7256 Franklin Road	Monroe	53566	Denis Behring	608-325-3725
Klondike Cheese	P.O. Box 542	Monroe	53566	Ron Buholzer	608-325-3021
Lactalis USA Belmont, Inc	P.O. Box 347	Belmont	53510	Jake Niffenegger	608-762-5173
Maple Leaf Cheese Cooperative	N890 Twin Grove Road	Monroe	53566	Paul Reigle	608-934-1234
Meister Cheese Company	1050 East Nebraska	Muscoda	53573	Scott Meister	608-739-3134
Roth Kase USA Ltd	P.O Box 319	Monroe	53566	Jim Natzke	608-329-7666
Silver Lewis Cheese Factory	W3075 County EE	Monticello	53570	Josh Erickson	608-938-4813
Swiss Heritage Cheese, Inc.	P.O. Box 605	Monticello	53570	Paul Rufener	608-938-4455
Swiss Valley Farms	1085 East Mineral Street	Platteville	53818	Tony Anderson	608-348-9706
Torkelson Prairie Hill Cheese	N398 Twin Grove Road	Monroe	53566	Jamie White	608-325-2918
Valley View Cheese Cooperative	6519 Larson Road	South Wayne	53587	Hans Lehner	608-439-5569
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 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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Please Type

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.