

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dairy Industry Scholarship

### **Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association Announces**

The Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) is announcing its **2022 Dairy Industry Scholarship**. Cheese making in Wisconsin is a longstanding tradition with a rich history of which SWCMA is proud and seeks to support. The dairy industry is a critical element of Wisconsin's agriculture and overall economy affecting feed mills, dairy farms, veterinarians, equipment firms, dairy plants, and many other types of companies whose impact ripples throughout the entire state. To encourage continued success of the industry, this scholarship is intended to reward and cultivate students of multidisciplinary backgrounds who are pursuing continued education and may later serve as the next generation of leaders. This year's scholarship amount will be up to \$3,000 for a single recipient or \$2,000 for up to 3 recipients to further attract, empower, and advance the future of our industry.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- High school seniors, returning adult learners, and university or technical school undergraduates
- Enrollment in related educational program including but not limited to
  - 2 and 4-year degree programs in Dairy Science, Food Science, Agricultural Business Management, Life Science Communication, and related fields
  - UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course
  - Wisconsin Technical College System Farm Business and Production Management at Blackhawk, CVTC, Fox Valley, Mid-State, Northeast, Southwest, and Western

#### **How to Apply:**

1. Application form (Page 2)
2. High school transcript (please include college transcript if applicable)
3. Resume (1 page) listing work experience and extra-curricular activities such as membership in academic, youth, or civic organizations and leadership positions or honors achieved
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Personal statement (250 – 500 words) describing your background, interest, and experience within the dairy industry. Include your career aspirations and how the SWCMA Scholarship would assist you in meeting your goals

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- Academic performance
- Apparent commitment to a career in dairy
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Leadership ability, initiative, character, and integrity
- Preference may be given to students connected to the SWCMA area, members, or producers

#### **Announcement and Award**

The scholarship winner will be announced by May 4, 2022. The stipend will be sent to the awardee upon proof of their enrollment for the Fall 2022-2023 term at an accredited school.

#### **Submissions:**

SWCMA  
Attn: Linda Lee  
910 Mound View Rd  
Platteville, WI 53818  
or [llee@prairiefarms.com](mailto:llee@prairiefarms.com)

**DEADLINE**  
**MARCH 31, 2022**

#### **Questions:**

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**SWCMA Scholarship Application Form – please type**

Applicant Information:	
Name:	
Home address:	
Phone number:	
Email address:	
High School Attended:	
Dairy Plant or Producer Farm Affiliation: (optional)	
Continuing Education:	
Name of University or Technical College: (where scholarship is to be used)	
Department / Program Head:	
Address:	
Phone number:	
Expected degree or certification:	
Anticipated Date of Graduation/Completion:	

Cheese Company Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Contact Name	Number
Brunkow Cheese Cooperative	17975 Hwy F	Darlington	53530	Karl Geisbuhler	608-776-3716
Carr Valley Cheese Company	1675 Lincoln Ave	Fennimore	53809	Sid Cook	608-986-2716
Chalet Cheese Cooperative	N4858 County N	Monroe	53566	Michael Hlubek	608-325-4383
Chula Vista Cheese Company	2923 Mayer Road	Browntown	53522	Tom Dahmen	608-439-5211
Decatur Dairy	W1668 Hwy F	Broadhead	53520	Steve Stettler	608-897-8661
Deppler Cheese Factory	N2893 Youth Cabin Rd	Monroe	53566	Michael Hlubek	608-325-4383
Edelweiss Creamery	P.O Box 175	Monticello	53570	Bruce Workman	608-938-4226
Emmi Roth USA, Inc.	P.O Box 319	Monroe	53566	Bob Bobak	608-329-7666
Klondike Cheese	P.O. Box 542	Monroe	53566	Adam Buholzer	608-325-3021
Lactalis USA Belmont, Inc.	P.O. Box 347	Belmont	53510	David Wittkop	608-762-5173
Meister Cheese Company	1050 East Nebraska	Muscoda	53573	Scott Meister	608-739-3134
Moundview Dairy	1540 Vision Drive	Platteville	53818	Jake Niffenegger	608-630-5575
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	910 Mound View Drive	Platteville	53818	Linda Lee	563-340-3827
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
Valley View Cheese Cooperative	6519 Larson Road	South Wayne	53587	Denise Lehner	608-439-5569
Zimmerman Cheese Inc.	N6853 Hwy 78	South Wayne	53587	Mark Witke	608-968-3414

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