

Illinois Division of
Midwest Dairy Association
EDUCATIONAL AWARD AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

To the Applicant:

The Illinois Division of Midwest Dairy Association provides educational awards of \$1,000. Applicants who qualify include any **producer who funds Midwest Dairy Association**, the producer's spouse, or the producer's children, and grandchildren. The producer must have an active dairy operation as of January 1st of the year the scholarship is awarded. The producer must reside in Illinois. Please contact us if you need clarification of these qualifications.

These awards apply to any college major or degree, and there are no limitations on the length of the program (i.e. one, two or four year program). However, an applicant must be considered a full-time student at an accredited college. These awards will be sent directly to each recipient. Eligibility includes one award per family per year. A former applicant winner can re-apply in subsequent years providing they remain eligible.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria and point scale. Please note that 100 total points are available. To be considered for an award, we must receive the following information:

- Typed or printed **APPLICATION and include photo (preferably jpg)** (0 points)
- Completed **NEWSPAPER/RADIO INFORMATION REQUEST FORM, PUBLICITY CONSENT and RELEASE FORM AND A CURRENT PHOTO (preferably jpg)**. (0 points)
- Typed or printed **ESSAY** (25 points)
Describe career aspirations including what stimulates your interest in this career. Please mention special dairy projects or other accomplishments that are noteworthy but are not mentioned in other parts of the application. Specify involvement in the dairy industry and/or participation in your family farm. Relate any special circumstances regarding need for this award.
- List of **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES & EVENTS** (20 points)
Stress involvement in extra-curricular activities. Distinguish between high school and college.
- Describe **OTHER LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES & WORK EXPERIENCE** (20 points)
Stress evidence of leadership ability, initiative, character and integrity. Describe any work experience in which you are involved or involved in or have been involved.
- Academic performance — **CURRENT TRANSCRIPT** (If you are in your first year of college, please submit your high school transcript along with your current transcript.) (20 points)
- 2-3 REFERENCES** (15 points)
Select at least two references, but no more than three. Please provide a variety such as teacher, employer, minister, etc. Copy and distribute the Personal Reference form.

Please send your completed application to: **Marla Behrends, Midwest Dairy Association, 30808 E. 1200 N. Road, Forrest, IL, 61741.** ***ALL information must be received by March 1st.*** Recipients will be notified when selections are final. Thank you for your interest in the Midwest Dairy Association educational award.

Midwest Dairy Association Educational Award Application

Legal Name _____ **Phone #** _____
Last First Middle (Area Code) Number

Permanent Residence _____ **County** _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Date of Birth _____ **Social Security #** _____ **Email Address** _____

Parent(s) Name _____ **Phone #** _____
(If applicable) (Area Code) Number

Parent(s) Residence _____ **County** _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Co-op/Creamery Name _____ **Phone #** _____
(Area Code) Number

Are you a student in: High School Yes No
College Yes No If yes: Expected Major _____
Minor (if applicable) _____
of Years in College Program _____
of Completed Credit Hours _____
Anticipated year of college graduation _____

Name of college where award is to be used _____
(You must be enrolled full-time or plan to be enrolled full-time)

Location of College _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Please list previous schools attended, including high school, and their location:

SCHOOL	CITY, STATE	YEARS ATTENDED
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list any other scholarships awarded during the previous year:

SCHOLARSHIP	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
_____	_____
_____	_____

On 3 separate pieces of paper:

- A) List School Leadership Activities & Events**** (i.e. class officer, music contest, sports team captain, etc.)
- B) Describe Other Leadership Activities & Work Experience**** (i.e. work for neighbor, community volunteer, job with local business, etc.)
**Must distinguish between high school & college
- C) One-Page Essay** (Review cover page for details)

Student signature _____ **Date** _____

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PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. (This form must be received by us on or before March 1st of the current educational award year.)

You are a reference for: _____

Please tell us about this person. Include things like character, reliability, citizenship and leadership. You may include personal stories if you find them applicable. Feel free to attach an additional sheet of paper if you need more room.

Your Name _____ Phone # _____

Complete Address _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Your Employer and Your Position _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM DIRECTLY TO:

Marla Behrends, Midwest Dairy Association, 30808 E. 1200 N. Road, Forrest, IL, 61741.

**Midwest Dairy Association Educational Award
Newspaper/Radio Information Request**

***Please include a current photo (jpg to be sent to mbehrends@midwestdairy.com)**

Name of Parent(s) _____ Email _____
(If applicable)

Home Town & State _____

Name of Spouse _____
(If applicable)

Names of Children _____
(Optional)

Name of Your Cooperative/Creamery _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Name of Local Newspaper _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Optional 2nd Newspaper

Name of Newspaper _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Name of Local Radio Station _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

I give Midwest Dairy Association permission to submit a news release pertaining to above named media or other appropriate publications concerning my involvement in their educational award program.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

**Midwest Dairy Association
Publicity and Consent Release Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ County: _____

1. I give Midwest Dairy Association ("MIDWEST DAIRY") the irrevocable and unrestricted right to take and use and license others to take and use my name, picture, likeness, photograph, film, videotape, and/or verbal statement in all forms, all media and all manners for any editorial, informational, promotional, fundraising, internet (web site) and/or publicity purposes of MIDWEST DAIRY. I understand that I may be identified by name, age and/or occupation in connection with the public, private and/or internal use of this material.
2. I grant this consent as a voluntary contribution to MIDWEST DAIRY and waive any rights I may have in connection with any use of the material, including any right to inspect or approve the finished use and any written copy that may be created in connection with such use. I release MIDWEST DAIRY, its licensees, agents, successors, and assigns from all liability for claims and demands arising from such use.
3. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MIDWEST DAIRY AND MYSELF, AND I HAVE SIGNED OF MY OWN FREE WILL.
4. Please check one** I am of full age _____ I am a minor _____
5. Signature _____ Date _____

** I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to sign the above Consent and Release form. I approve the terms of the Consent and Release and waive any rights in the premises.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____