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

***17thAnnual Young Dairy Producer Educational Scholarship***

The Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) is announcing their 17***th 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 up to $3,000.00 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 degree seeking program in a Dairy related field 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.

Submit completed applications to SWCMA – ATTN: Linda Lee, 910 Mound View Road, Platteville, WI 53818 OR email to Linda Lee at llee@prairiefarms.com by April 13, 2019. Questions regarding this application can be forwarded to Linda Lee at llee@prairiefarms.com OR call 563-340-3827.

Announcement of the winner will be made by May 4, 2019. Scholarship winner will receive a certificate and a check up to $3,000. The stipend will be forwarded to the department head for issuance to the awardee upon their enrollment for the fall 2019-2020 term.

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

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|  | **Cheese Company Name** | **Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Contact Name** | **Number** |
| 1 | Brunkow Cheese Cooperative | 17975 Hwy F | Darlington | 53530 | Karl Geisbuhler | 608-776-3716 |
| 2 | Carr Valley Cheese Company | 1675 Lincoln Ave | Fennimore | 53809 | 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 | Tom Dahmen | 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 | Jamie Fahrney | 608-325-4343 |
| 7 | Edelweiss Town Hall Cheese Co. | P.O Box 175 | Monticello | 53570 | Bruce Workman | 608-938-4226 |
| 8 | Emmi Roth USA, Inc. | P.O Box 319 | Monroe | 53566 | Bob Bobak | 608-329-7666 |
| 9 | Klondike Cheese | P.O. Box 542 | Monroe | 53566 | Adam Buholzer | 608-325-3021 |
| 10 | Lactalis USA Belmont, Inc. | P.O. Box 347 | Belmont | 53510 | David Wittkop | 608-762-5173 |
| 11 | Maple Leaf Cheese Cooperative | N890 Twin Grove Road | Monroe | 53566 | Paul Reigle | 608-934-1234 |
| 12 | Meister Cheese Company | 1050 East Nebraska | Muscoda | 53573 | Scott Meister | 608-739-3134 |
| 13 | Moundview Dairy | 1540 Vision Drive | Platteville | 53818 | Jake Niffenegger | 608-630-5575 |
| 14 | Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. | 910 Mound View Drive  | Platteville | 53818 | Linda Lee | 563-340-3827 |
| 15 | Silver Lewis Cheese Factory | W3075 County EE | Monticello | 53570 | Josh Erickson | 608-938-4813 |
| 16 | Swiss Heritage Cheese, Inc. | P.O. Box 605 | Monticello | 53570 | Paul Rufener | 608-938-4455 |
| 17 | Valley View Cheese Cooperative | 6519 Larson Road | South Wayne | 53587 | Denise Lehner | 608-439-5569 |
| 18 | Zimmerman Cheese Inc. | N6853 Hwy 78 | South Wayne | 53587 | Mark Witke | 608-968-3414 |

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***Young Producer Educational Scholarship Application [2019-2020]***

**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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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.