Mike Cox Memorial Scholarship

Mike Cox was a family man that enjoyed spending time with his wife and kids at pig shows. He knew the importance of putting in the work at home and loved helping his kids practice their showmanship skills in the yard with him as the judge. Between getting ready for and going to shows, Mike and his family were actively involved in their church and community. He enjoyed providing entertainment for friends and family and could often be found at the grill or in the kitchen. The Cox family has a special place in their hearts for the show pig industry and their community and has chosen to carry on Mike’s legacy by offering a scholarship in his name to a student pursuing a degree in agriculture that participates in their community, pursues academic excellence and embraces the family friendly culture of pig shows.

One $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman, sophomore or junior for the upcoming fall semester enrolled in an agriculturally related field. Students may only be awarded this scholarship one time.

## Applicant Guidelines

* Scholarship applicants must be members of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA).
* Scholarship applicants must be an incoming freshman, sophomore or junior as of the upcoming fall semester enrolled in an agriculturally related field.

Each selection committee member shall independently review and score each application received and select the recipient based on the following criteria:

* Essay Responses
* Academics
* Leadership activities

Applications will be scored by a committee selected by the NSR Director of Junior Shows. There will be a member from the Cox family on the selection committee. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Results will also be posted on the NSR website, [*www.nationalswine.com*](http://www.nationalswine.com/index.html)*,* and in the August *Seedstock EDGE* issue.

Mike Cox Memorial Scholarship Checklist

Your scholarship application is considered complete when you submit each of the following (check line if material is enclosed):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship application signed and dated.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ One letter of recommendation from a non-related industry professional, school teacher, 4-H leader or FFA adviser who has knowledge of applicant’s livestock industry involvement.

Enclose this checklist form with application.

The completed application, including the necessary signatures, must be postmarked no later than March 1st and mailed to:

**National Swine Registry**

**Attn: Education & Outreach Manager
Cora Key**

**2639 Yeager Road**

**West Lafayette, IN 47906**

**NOTE:**

You are encouraged to enclose all of the required scholarship material in one envelope and forward to the NSR office.

If material is sent separately, it will be the applicant’s responsibility to ensure the appropriate individuals or institutions have forwarded the required material.

The NSR office will not contact applicants if a portion of their required material has not been received.

Mike Cox Memorial Scholarship Application

Name

Date of Birth Phone Number

Home Address

City State Zip Code

E-mail Address

**EDUCATION**

Name of School

College Major or Course of Study

Anticipated Graduation Date Grade Point Average

**CAREER OBJECTIVES**

**DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN AG-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS**

**DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN CHURCH, CIVIC GROUPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS**

**ESSAY (BETWEEN 400-600 WORDS)**

**If you created a bucket list for goals you wanted to achieve in the show ring, what would your first goal be? Why?**

**When going to a pig show, what do you look forward to the most? Push yourself out of your comfort zone to provide a detailed response.**

**We have examined this application and find the records to be truthful, complete and accurate. We hereby permit for publicity purposes the use of any information included in the application with the exception of the following:**

Applicant’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date