The Maschhoffs Inc. Pork Production Scholarship

## Background

Many members of The Maschhoffs team were members of 4-H or FFA, including the company owners. Leaders within the company understand the value that programs like these bring in the development of future leaders. The Maschhoffs got involved with NJSA because they see an audience of youth with a common interest in the swine industry. Their hope has been to help nurture and inspire the passion for pork production through the experiences offered by the NJSA. Their major contributions are the TML scholarship, sponsorship of the National Youth Leadership Conference and involvement in occasional teaching experiences during LEAD or other NJSA events. Through NJSA, The Maschhoffs have an avenue to interact with youth that have an interest in swine and as part of that interaction, they hope to provide exposure to the opportunities that exist throughout the industry and within their company. The Maschhoffs hope to show members that they can make a career centered on their passion, whether it is in swine production or as a support to production. Production support might involve working with genetics, research, accounting, human resources, nutrition, environmental, amongst many other possible career choices. Involvement in the NJSA provides The Maschhoffs an opportunity to play a role in enhancing youth enthusiasm toward the industry, and hopefully provide opportunities for future careers.

## Scholarship Application Process

Up to five $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the winners of The Maschhoffs Inc. Scholarship. All winners will receive $1,000 and must complete a 3-4 day internship with The Maschhoffs Inc., at their headquarters in Carlyle, Illinois. All travel, meals and housing expenses will be paid by The Maschhoffs Inc.

Applicants must fill out the scholarship application and complete four questions with a 300-word maximum essay. The questions must be double-spaced and typed. Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation from a non-related industry professional, 4-H leader, FFA adviser or school teacher. Letters should be one page in length and can be a common letter sent for other scholarship applications.

## Scholarship Guidelines

* Scholarship applicants must be members of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA). Applicants must be at least 18 years old and enrolled in or will be enrolled in an agricultural program at a recognized college/university. Ages are as of January 1st of the award year.
* **This scholarship is focused around leadership and participation in the swine industry outside of the show ring. Take this time to reflect and highlight the ways you have been a leader within the swine industry.**
* A 5-member judging committee will be organized consisting of two TMI members, two NSR/NJSA Staff members and a previous recipient of the scholarship and four day internship.
* The judging committee will meet before the National Junior Summer Spectacular, and will determine the finalists that will move on to the interview process.
* There will be an interview process that will take place at the National Junior Summer Spectacular on Tuesday evening. *If you are unable to make it to this event, we will work with you to plan a phone interview.* Answers will be judged on overall thought process and merit.
* The scholarships recipients will be announced and recognized at the National Junior Summer Spectacular. A short bio will be listed about each scholarship recipient in the next available issue of the Seedstock Edge.
* The winners must complete the four day internship with The Maschhoffs Inc. by the end of the following school year or forfeit their scholarship. A date will be set to try and host all winners at the Carlyle office together, but if this does not work for all a second date in May will be set to fulfill the visit requirement.
* **NJSA members may only win one scholarship from The Maschhoffs Inc.**

The Maschhoffs Inc. Pork Production Scholarship Checklist

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Two (one-page) letters of recommendation from a non-related industry professional, school teacher, 4-H leader or FFA advisor.

**Enclose this checklist form with application.**

The completed application, including the necessary signatures, must be postmarked no later than May 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.**

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Name

Date of Birth Phone Number

Home Address

City State Zip Code

College Address

City State Zip Code

E-mail Address

**EDUCATION**

Name of School

College Major or Course of Study

Grade in School Graduation Date

**FUTURE GOALS WITHIN THE SWINE INDUSTRY**

**LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE NJSA, 4-H, OR OTHER INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS**

**Describe any recognition you have received in the NJSA, 4-H or other industry organizations.**

***Please DO NOT include placings at shows, only participation, leadership or scholarship recognition.***

**Describe any experiences you have had in production agriculture outside of your own swine project.**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Describe your involvement in school organizations.**

**Describe your involvement in church, civic groups and community service groups.**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS.**

*(Double-spaced, 300-word maximum)*

1. **Describe what you have done to improve your career options by broadening your skill set.**
2. **Write about one of the most novel ideas you came up with and how you put it to use.**
3. **Tell us about a time when you had to keep others informed to assure a project or process was completed on time and at a high-level at school or work.**
4. **Describe a time that you established a plan and set up measurements or metrics to determine the success or failure of the plan.**

**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