



NATIONAL PORK INDUSTRY FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO
INCREASE PORK INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE, SUPPORT
DEVELOPING LEADERS, AND ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION.

OUR MISSION

The National Pork Industry Foundation’s mission is to support programs and educational opportunities for all people with a desire to advance their knowledge in the pork industry.

The Foundation encourages endeavors that strengthen and advance individuals to become productive and responsible in the pork industry. It encourages and supports collaboration to maximize resources in sustaining educational opportunities.

OUR STORY

In 1981, the National Pork Producers Council’s CEO at the time, Orville Sweet, incorporated the National Pork Industry Foundation under the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act, what we know as a 501A. Original Foundation members, all from the NPPC Board of Directors, met once a year and occasionally gave funds to the National Pork Council Women for educational material, printing, and seminars.

In 1984, Articles of Incorporation were submitted to the State of Iowa and a Board of Directors was selected from the pork industry and an incorporator (lawyer) was appointed; this firm continues to manage the Foundation. When the NPCW dissolved, their funds went to NPIF. With approximately \$300,000 in the treasury due to this gift, NPIF activities truly began. In 2011, NPPC gave a donation of \$187,845 to be used solely to support programs and scholastic opportunities in the pork industry. Per NPIF by-laws, Foundation dollars are not to be used in conjunction with Checkoff dollars for promotion or by NPPC for legislative work.

NPIF is managed by NPPC which donates the time of their accountant to assist with financial reporting and one staff member for activity coordination instructed by the Board. NPIF is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code and classified as a public charity. NPIF is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts.



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The Foundation, a 501(C)(3), can use its resources for research and education with programs conducted in an objective, scientific manner.



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National Pork Industry Foundation
10676 Justin Drive
Urbandale, Iowa 50322

YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME

The National Pork Industry Foundation exists due to the generous support of pork producers and allied industry partners. Your contribution helps support a strong, vibrant pork industry by providing resources for young persons interested in related careers.

Your contributions are needed, valued, and will be put to work achieving the Foundation's mission. This is an opportunity to sustain the people resource for generations to come and support the industry which has been good to each of us.

Individuals, companies, and organizations can contribute funding to the Foundation. This funding may qualify as a charitable deduction to the company for income tax purposes.

Please send your contribution to:
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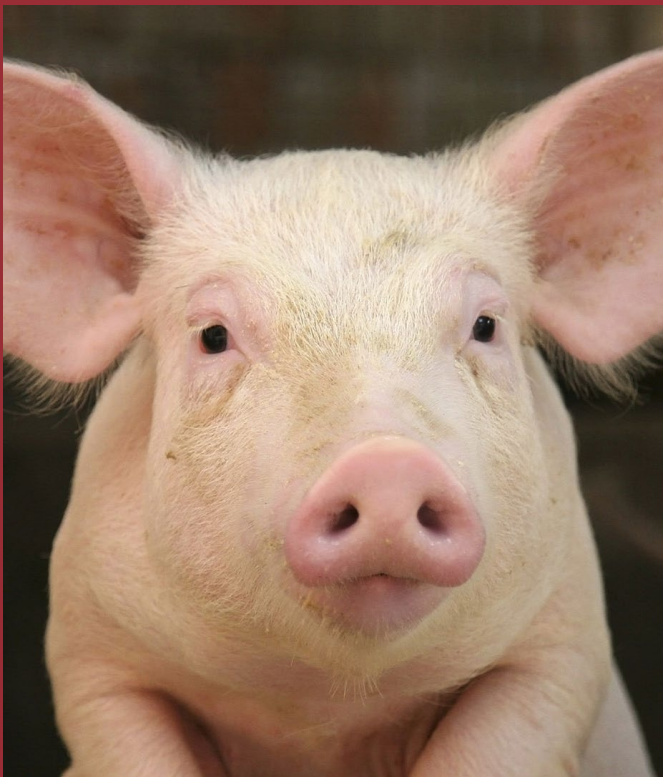
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

USPCE Swine Legacy Scholarship

In 2025, the National Pork Industry Foundation was chosen to establish and manage the USPCE Swine Legacy Scholarships with assets of the US Pork Center of Excellence. Two scholarships for undergraduate students and one scholarship for professional/graduate level students are available, each intended to support and encourage individuals pursuing higher education in fields related to research, education, or veterinary science with a focus on careers in the swine industry. This endowed scholarship program to support three students per year will launch in 2026 and continue over the next 40 years. The application period for the USPCE Swine Legacy Scholarship will open in November and close in December annually.

The Neil Dierks Scholarship honors the man who dedicated over 30 years to U.S. pork producers, including a long tenure as CEO of the National Pork Producers Council (1990-2021). Neil Dierks was a tireless advocate, fostering industry leadership and guiding producers through challenges and successes with his experience and insight. Established upon his 2021 retirement, the Neil Dierks scholarship carries on his mission to equip future industry leaders. Administered by the National Pork Industry Foundation, it awards a \$5,000 one-time scholarship annually to two students pursuing a graduate degree in a pork industry-related field at a land-grant university. Applications are due each December, with awards announced at the annual Pork Forum.

The Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship, sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation, was introduced in 1990 and renamed in 2006 to honor the life and contributions of NPPC Board of Directors Member Lois Britt. Beginning in 2017, ten \$2,500 scholarships are awarded annually to eligible applicants who are undergraduate students intending to pursue a career in the pork industry. NPPC administers the scholarship program with winners being announced at the National Pork Industry Forum.



Support the Foundation

Yes, I want to support the National Pork Industry Foundation's Mission

Use the QR code to make an online contribution or make your check out to **National Pork Industry Foundation** (consult your tax advisor for deductibility status) and mail it to:

NPPC
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