



**Application for Freeborn County
2026 Pork Producer Scholarship
Application Due Date is April 1, 2026**

Scholarship Specifics

Applicant must be at least a Senior in High School

Application deadline is April 1, 2026

Application package includes:

- Applicant Information Sheet
- Responses to questions
- Essay of 600 to 1000 words

-Mail Applications to Gary Chicos, 261 North Broadway, Alden, MN 56009. OR email to chicospigs@wctatel.net. Gary's phone number is 507-383-8218.

Please call if you have questions.

-Applicants will take part in an interview with one of the Freeborn County Pork Producers.

-Scholarship Amount is \$750.00.

-Scholarship will be awarded following completion of at least one semester of post-secondary education.



Applicant requirements

1. Parents are pork producers in Freeborn County or employed in the swine industry and applicant plans to attend a post-secondary school.
- OR**
2. Applicant is pursuing a career in an agricultural related field or business that can be related to the pork industry.

Expectations of the Freeborn County Scholarship Recipient

Help at fund raising grilling events throughout the summer

Help with other promotional events

Help with hog shows throughout the year

- Freeborn County Fair 4-H Swine Show
- Freeborn County Fair Gateway Open Class Show
- Jackpot Shows held in Freeborn County



Applicant Information

Full Name _____ Cell Phone _____
Address _____
_____ Date of Birth _____
Name of High School _____ Grade _____
Planned Post-Secondary Institution _____
Intended Major _____
Father's Name _____ Occupation _____
Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Freeborn County Pork Producer Scholarship Application

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. Extra curricular activities in:
School:
4-H and/or FFA:
Church and Community:
2. Work experiences, both paid and volunteer
3. What do you know about the Pork Quality Assurance Program?
4. What do you feel the Freeborn County Pork Producers can do to help area producers?

PLEASE INCLUDE AN ESSAY OF 600 to 1000 WORDS

Subject matters may be one of the following or any other topic related to the swine industry.

- **Environmental Issues
- **Education/Promotion
- **Management/Production

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