

24th Annual Dairy Industry Scholarship

Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association Announces

The Southwestern Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (SWCMA) is announcing its **2026 Dairy Industry Scholarship**. Cheese making in Wisconsin is a longstanding tradition with a rich history of which SWCMA is proud and seeks to support. The dairy industry is a critical element of Wisconsin's agriculture and overall economy affecting feed mills, dairy farms, veterinarians, equipment firms, dairy plants, and many other types of companies whose impact ripples throughout the entire state. To encourage continued success of the industry, this scholarship is intended to reward and cultivate students of multidisciplinary backgrounds who are pursuing continued education and may later serve as the next generation of leaders. This year's scholarship amount will be up to \$3,000 for a single recipient or \$2,500 for up to 4 recipients to further attract, empower, and advance the future of our industry.

Eligibility Requirements:

- High school seniors, returning adult learners, and university or technical school undergraduates
- Enrollment in related educational program including but not limited to
 - 2 and 4-year degree programs in Dairy Science, Food Science, Agricultural Business Management, Life Science Communication, and related fields
 - UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course
 - Wisconsin Technical College System Farm Business and Production Management at Blackhawk, CVTC, Fox Valley, Mid-State, Northeast, Southwest, and Western

How to Apply:

1. Application form (Page 2)
2. High school transcript (please include college transcript if applicable)
3. Resume (1 page) listing work experience and extra-curricular activities such as membership in academic, youth, or civic organizations and leadership positions or honors achieved
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Personal statement (250 – 500 words) describing your background, interest, and experience within the dairy industry. Include your career aspirations and how the SWCMA Scholarship would assist you in meeting your goals

Selection Criteria:

- Academic performance
- Apparent commitment to a career in dairy
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Leadership ability, initiative, character, and integrity
- Preference may be given to students connected to the SWCMA area, members, or producers

Announcement and Award

The scholarship winner will be announced by May 4, 2026. The stipend will be sent to the awardee upon proof of their enrollment for the Fall 2026-2027 term at an accredited school.

Submissions:

SWCMA
Attn: Linda Lee
910 Mound View Rd
Platteville, WI 53818

or

SWCMA2024@outlook.com

DEADLINE

MARCH 31, 2026

Questions:

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SWCMA Scholarship Application Form – please type

Applicant Information:	
Name:	
Home address:	
Phone number:	
Email address:	
High School Attended:	
Dairy Plant or Producer Farm Affiliation: (optional)	
Continuing Education:	
Name of University or Technical College: (where scholarship is to be used)	
Department / Program Head:	
Address:	
Phone number:	
Expected degree or certification:	
Anticipated Date of Graduation/Completion:	

Cheese Company Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Contact Name	Number
Carr Valley Cheese Company	1675 Lincoln Ave	Fennimore	53809	Sid Cook	608-986-2716
Chalet Cheese Cooperative	N4858 County N	Monroe	53566	Michael Hlubek	608-325-4383
Decatur Dairy	W1668 Hwy F	Broadhead	53520	Steve Stettler	608-897-8661
Edelweiss Creamery	W6117 Cty Hwy C	Monticello	53570	Bruce Workman	608-938-4094
Emmi Roth USA, Inc.	PO Box 319	Monroe	53566	Steve Herbst	608-415-0724
Klondike Cheese	PO Box 542	Monroe	53566	Luke Buholzer	608-325-3021
Meister Cheese Company, LLC	1050 East Nebraska	Muscoda	53573	Scott Meister	608-739-3134
Mexican Cheese Producers	11718 State Rd 23	Darlington	53530	Hector Larraga	608-630-5791
Moundview Dairy	1540 Vision Drive	Platteville	53818	Jake Niffenegger	608-630-5575
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	110 Miner Way	Shullsburg	53566	Ray Downes	563-329-1312
Roelli Cheese Factory	15982 Hwy 112	Shullsburg	53566	Chris Roelli	608-965-3779
Shullsburg Creamery	208 W Water Street	Shullsburg	53566	Gabe Wand	608-965-4485
Sabrosura Foods	114 E. Coates Ave	Monticello	53570	Damien Penniston	608-938-1602
V&V Supremo Foods, Inc	2923 Mayer Rd.	Browntown	53522	Ben Workman	608-439-5211
Zimmerman Cheese Inc.	N6853 Hwy 78	South Wayne	53587	Mark Witke	608-968-3414

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