

The Maschhoffs 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 Team Purebred 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 Team Purebred. Their major contribution is the TML Scholarship. Through Team Purebred, 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 around 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 with Team Purebred 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 **two** \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the winners of The Maschhoffs Scholarship. All winners will receive \$1,000 and must complete a three-day externship with The Maschhoffs, at their headquarters in Carlyle, Illinois. All travel, meals and housing expenses will be paid by The Maschhoffs.

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 advisor 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 Team Purebred. 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 judging committee will be organized consisting of TML members, Team Purebred Staff members and a previous recipient of the scholarship.
- The judging committee will meet before the summer event and will determine the finalists that will move on to the interview process.
- There will be an virtual-interview process.
- Answers will be judged on overall thought process and merit.
- The scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized at the summer event. A short bio will be listed about each scholarship recipient in the next available issue of the magazine.
- The winners must complete the three day externship with The Maschhoffs or forfeit their scholarship.
- **Team Purebred members may only win one scholarship from The Maschhoffs.**

The Maschhoffs 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 or sent to no later than July 31, 2025 emailed to:

Team Purebred Information

teampurebred@teampurebred.com

Phone number with any questions: 319.329.3700

NOTE:

You are encouraged to enclose all of the required scholarship material in one email and forward to the Team Purebred email above.

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

The Maschhoffs Pork Production Scholarship Application

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

College Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

EDUCATION

Name of Current School _____

Name of anticipated College (if not currently attending) _____

College Major or Course of Study _____

Grade in School _____ Graduation Date _____

DESCRIBE BELOW YOUR FUTURE CAREER GOALS WITHIN THE SWINE INDUSTRY:

LEADERSHIP WITHIN TEAM PUREBRED, 4-H, OR OTHER INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Describe any recognition you have received in Team Purebred, 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.

(Double-spaced, 300-word maximum)

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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 except for the following:

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Applications Due July 31, 2025 Please email to Chelsea Grieder at teampurebred@teampurebred.com, if you have any issues call 319.329.3700.