

2027

IOWA PORK CONGRESS INTERN

The future of agriculture depends on the involvement of the next generation. IPPA created this Fall/Winter internship position to encourage students to become involved in the pork industry and provide the knowledge and experience so that they may become young leaders for the pork industry in the areas of policy advocacy. This internship will be directly involved with the planning and facilitating of the Iowa Pork Congress.

WHO WE ARE

The Iowa Pork Producers Association serves as a unified voice for Iowa's pork producers. IPPA is a grassroots organization that consists of approximately 70 structured county associations across the state, with more than 4,000 affiliated and associate members. The staff at IPPA works to deliver the initiatives set forth by county associations, producer-led committees, and the Board of Directors.

INTERNSHIP OBJECTIVES

- Observe and participate in the functions of an agricultural organization such as committee meetings, staff meetings, and industry working group meetings
- Be involved in planning, developing, and implementing activities for the Iowa Pork Congress
- Learn about pork industry programs
- Gain communication and event planning experience
- Build a network of swine industry professionals to use in career searching post-graduation

Location: Iowa Pork Office - Clive, IA

Time: Minimum of 20 hours/week
Approx. October 2026-January 2027
Includes the full week of Jan. 18th-21st

Financial Assistance: \$4,000 stipend to cover summer expenses.
\$2,500 scholarship paid directly to college/institution

No benefits or housing provided. Use of IPPA vehicle included. Personal vehicle mileage and expenses for work purposes will be reimbursed.



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TASKS & OPPORTUNITIES

Intern will be assigned projects & tasks overseen by IPPA staff. Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Plan and facilitate Iowa Pork Congress events.
 - Annual Meeting, Youth Contest, Taste, & Master Pork Awards Banquet
- Assist with on-site set up of the 2027 Iowa Pork Congress
- Work with individual staff members to complete on-going or new projects
- Other duties as assigned

ESSENTIAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Highly developed written & verbal communication skills
- Ability to prioritize & work resourcefully and independently
- Ability to work on several projects at the same time
- Outgoing personality with an ease to meeting new people
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including some nights and weeks
- Basic knowledge of the pork or livestock industries or a willingness to learn about them

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application must be completed online at:
iowapork.org/community/youth/scholarships-and-internships

Application must include:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- 500-word essay (question is on application)

Questions?

- Contact Hope Brecht at 515-225-7675

Eligibility: The internship is available to any student, but preference will be given to the following:

- An Iowa resident
- Full-time college student
- Student in good scholastic standing
- Exhibits a strong and passionate interest in agriculture, ideally the pork industry