

Iowa Pork Internship Announcement

2026 Iowa Pork Legislative Intern

The future of agriculture depends on the involvement of the next generation. IPPA created this summer 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 works in conjunction with the efforts of the National Pork Producers Council and the Voluntary Strategic Investment Program.



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.

Location: Iowa Pork Office - Clive, IA
& U.S Senator office - Washington D.C

Time: Minimum of 12 weeks (5 in D.C)
Approx. May - August 2026

Financial Assistance: \$7,000 stipend to cover summer expenses.
\$3,500 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.

Internship Objectives

- Observe and participate in the functions of an agricultural organization such as committee meetings, staff meetings, and industry working group meetings
- Learn how elected representatives represent farmers and other constituents
- Learn about the key industry leaders shaping the future of agriculture
- Experience working for a U.S. Senator in D.C
- Gain experience sharing producer information and priorities with elected officials
- Build a network of swine industry professionals to use in career searching post-graduation





Tasks & Opportunities

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

- Assist with drafting briefs or visuals for the Senator
- Attending meetings with the Senator's constituents
- Assist with the IPPA Grassroots program
- Plan & facilitate the celebrity chef & volunteer schedule of the Iowa Pork Tent at the Iowa State Fair
- Assist IPPA staff with on-going & new projects
- Communicate current industry issues, association programs & educational opportunities to producers & the next generation
- 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

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

Application Process

Application must be completed on the Iowa Pork Website.

Deadline to apply is October 17 at 11:59 p.m.

Application must include:

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

Questions?

- Contact Hannah Spurr at 515-225-7675

