

## **Utah Pork Producers Association**

### **2016 Youth Pork Ambassador Program**

**Deadline Date: Dec 20, 2015**

The Utah Youth Pork Ambassador Program is designed to provide youth with an opportunity to become actively involved in the pork industry. The program will give youth hands on experience in the many facets of pork production and agriculture in the State of Utah. Youth will develop strong relationships with the various types of pork producers throughout the state of Utah. Youth will gain a better understanding of the pork industry and develop and improve communication and leadership skills.

The main goal of the Youth Pork Ambassador is to promote the Utah Pork Producers Association and the pork industry at various events. The successful candidate will gain valuable experience and develop relationships that will last a lifetime. The ambassador will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship, payable to a technical school, community college or a 4-year university at the end of the program. The ambassador will be required to attend 5 events in order to be awarded the scholarship.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP:**

The ambassador will receive 2 Utah Youth Pork Ambassador shirts and will be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship, payable to a technical school or a 4-year University at the end of the program.

Transportation to UPPA will be provided by a UPPA staff member.

#### **Requirements:**

- Applicant must be a member of 4-H, FFA or enrolled in AG Classes at school
- Applicant must be pursuing a post high school degree in agriculture or agribusiness field
- Applicant must be raising some form of livestock
- Applicant must be a junior in high school up to a junior in college as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they will begin the program.
- Applicant must have a 3.0 grade point and maintain a 3.0 grade point during their tenure as an ambassador
- Applicant must be directly involved in the pork industry, be a son or daughter of a parent or guardian that is involved in the pork industry.
- It is preferred that the applicant be PQA Plus certified for their age level. If applicant is not PQA Plus certified when chosen as an ambassador, PQA Plus certification process will be made available during ambassadorship.
- Applicant must be a resident of Utah
- Must have own transportation or parents willing to transport to events
- Must continue education at a technical school, community college or a 4-year university
- If parents are involved in the pork industry, they must be in good standing with the checkoff fund

**Judging and Selection:**

Judging and selection will take place in two rounds.

**Round one consists of:**

- **Application,**
- **3 letters of recommendation**
- **Current transcript of the school that they are attending.**

**Round one applications are due by December 20, 2015.**

Applicants that are chosen to move on to round two selections will be notified by March 5, 2015.

**Round 2 will consist of:**

- personal interview with a selection panel by way of skype during the first 2 weeks of January 2016. Applicants should be prepared to discuss and demonstrate their knowledge of pork industry and organizational issues during the interview process. The selection panel will include a UPPA staff member, an executive committee member and an allied industry representative.

The 2016 ambassadors will be notified by Feb 1, 2016. The Youth Pork Ambassador will report to the UPPA Executive Director and UPPA Promotions Director. Each ambassador will sign a contract of the duties and responsibilities of being an ambassador upon being chosen.

**Duties:**

The Ambassador will be required to attend 5 events throughout the year in order to be awarded the scholarship. Training will be provided in March that is required for the ambassador to attend. At the conclusion of the program, the participant will write a summary of their time as a UPPA Youth Pork Ambassador and present that report to the board at the annual January meeting as completion of their Ambassadorship.

5 of the following events must be attended:

- Pork Academy – March 2016
- 1 day of Farm Field Days that can be adjusted to school schedule several dates to choose from
- Annual UPPA Meeting – July 2016
- 1 day at state or county fair in their local area of the state – several dates to choose from
- State Fair
- 1 event from their local area of the state – TBA there will be several to choose from as to work with school schedule

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Youth Ambassador Program Application

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## Applications must be typed

### General Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Qualifications to Apply:

Are you currently directly involved in the pork industry? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", how are you involved? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your parent or guardian currently involved in the pork industry? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", how is your parent/guardian involved? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have your own transportation to/from UPPA sponsored events? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have an FFA or 4H swine project this year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", describe your project. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **High School Students:**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **College Students:**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Completion of Degree Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personal Information:**

List below academic honors, extra-curricular activities, offices held and interests.

List agricultural coursework.

List employment experience.

What are your tentative career plans?

What are the goals that you hope to gain from being a Utah Pork Producers Association Youth Ambassador?

Please write a 500 word minimum essay on why you want to be chosen as a Youth Pork Ambassador. Use a separate piece of paper if necessary.

**3 References of teachers or associates that are familiar with your experience in Agriculture:**

1. Name, Address, Phone #, Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name , Address, Phone #, Email \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name, Address, Phone #, Email \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information given on this application is correct and I agree if accepted, I shall abide by all standards and regulations as specified by the Utah Pork Producers Association.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this application, three letters of recommendation and a current transcript to:  
Utah Pork Producers Association**

**Allison Fiscus  
12872 S. 1830 W.  
Riverton, UT 84065**  
Or email application, letters and transcripts to [pork4you@hotmail.com](mailto:pork4you@hotmail.com)

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**Selected Students will be notified to schedule an interview.**