

UPPA Youth Pork Ambassador Program Application

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.

Requirements:

- Applicant should have an interest in agriculture and a positive outlook toward animal agriculture.
- Applicant must be a junior in high school up to a graduate student in college as of January 1st 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 preferred but not required experience in the pork industry.
- 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 they are attending.

Applications are reviewed by the Board of Directors. Applicants that are chosen to move on to round two selections will be notified in early March 1, 2025.

Round 2: Phone interview with a selection panel will be held in the month of March. Applicants should be prepared to discuss and demonstrate their knowledge of pork industry and agricultural involvement during the interview. The selection panel will include a UPPA staff member, an executive committee member and an allied industry representative.

The 2024 ambassadors will be notified by the end of March. The Youth Pork Ambassador will report to the UPPA Executive 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 and a Youth Ambassador training workshop in order to be awarded the scholarship.

The following events must be attended:

- 3 Farm Field Days that can be adjusted to school schedule several dates to choose from
- 1 UPPA-sponsored event
- State Fair

Other duties include

- 1 training session plus "me in 30 seconds"
- 4 recipes w/cooked pictures and recipe
- Read required books and type a one paragraph review of each book

At the conclusion of the program, the participant will write a typed essay of their time as a UPPA Youth Pork Ambassador and present that report to the board. At the conclusion of the program, the participant will write a typed essay of their time as a UPPA Youth Pork Ambassador and present that report to the board.

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Applications must be typed, and returned by Tuesday, January 31, 2025.

General Information:

Name (first, middle initial, last): _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and ZIP: _____

Qualifications to Apply:

Are you currently directly involved in the pork industry? Yes No If yes, how? _____

Is your parent/guardian currently involved in the pork industry? Yes No If yes, how? _____

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 below.

High School Students:

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

College Students:

Name of School: _____ Academic Advisor: _____

Current Major: _____ Current Minor: _____

Expected Completion of Degree Date: _____

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Personal Information:

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

List agricultural
coursework:

List employment
experience:

What are your tentative
career plans?

What goals do you
hope to gain from
being a UPPA Youth
Ambassador?

Please type a 500 - word minimum essay explaining your involvement with agriculture in your classes, clubs, FFA, 4-H, and other internships. Please include what you feel is your strength in the field of agriculture and why you feel you would be a good Youth Pork Ambassador for 2025.

Use a separate document and send as an attachment if emailing application.

Three references of teachers/associates that have known you for at least a year:

Name, Address, Phone #, Email: _____

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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:

Allison Fiscus at pork4you@hotmail.com

Selected Students will be notified to schedule an interview.