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Central Plains Dairy Foundation launches new scholarships

Three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2025

New Prague, Minn. (January 21, 2025) – The Central Plains Dairy Foundation (CPDF) continues to invest in the Central Plains dairy industry by introducing new scholarships. CPDF will award three \$5,000 scholarships to college or university (two- or four-year program) students, who have completed at least one semester of post-secondary education and are pursuing a degree in agriculture, with an emphasis in the dairy industry. Preference will be given to applicants in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

To learn more about the new CPDF scholarships, go to: <https://www.centralplainsdairy.com/about/central-plains-dairy-foundation>. You may also download the application via that link. Applications are due March 7.

CPDF scholarship applicants must write an essay about why they are pursuing an education in the dairy industry and why they are deserving of the scholarship. Additionally, they must provide two letters of recommendation and submit their college, university or technical school transcript.

“Higher education provides an excellent foundation for continuous education, which is one of CPDF’s cornerstones,” said Kristy Mach, Central Plains Dairy Association executive director. “CPDF is proud to provide three \$5,000 scholarships to deserving students who will help strengthen the Central Plains dairy industry’s future.”

As a reminder, CPDF continues to offer the \$500 Lon and Kathy Tonneson Scholarship. Find more information about this scholarship at: <https://www.centralplainsdairy.com/about/central-plains-dairy-foundation>. Annually, CPDF awards this scholarship to a student who has successfully completed at least one semester enrolled in a post-secondary college or university (two- or four-year program), pursuing a degree in agriculture, with emphasis in ag communications and/or leadership. This scholarship application is due Feb. 15.

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