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Five \$1,000 Scholarships Available to Students Through Dairy Center

Harrisburg – Outstanding students with an interest in the dairy industry can apply for one of five \$1,000 scholarships offered by the Center for Dairy Excellence. Available for the 2011–2012 academic year, applications are due June 1, 2011.

“The future of Pennsylvania’s dairy industry rests on the talent and leadership within the next generation pursuing dairy careers,” said John Frey, executive director of the Center for Dairy Excellence. “The center’s goal is to build and maintain a viable, growing dairy industry in Pennsylvania, and offering financial assistance to the next generation of dairy farmers and agribusiness leaders is a natural fit for our organization.”

The scholarships, originally offered by the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders, a group that merged with the center in January, are to provide recognition, encouragement and financial assistance to outstanding students enrolled in academic programs that support the dairy industry.

Consideration for this scholarship will be given to Pennsylvania residents who are full-time undergraduate students planning to enroll or are currently enrolled in a qualifying field of study such as dairy and animal science; agriculture marketing and business; nutrition; food science; agricultural and extension education; agri-business management; agricultural engineering; or related fields.

Students may apply for and receive the scholarship in subsequent years. Selection of the scholarship winners will be made by the Center for Dairy Excellence board of directors and based on the completed application within the following criteria: academic performance; apparent commitment to a career related to the dairy industry; evidence of leadership, character and integrity; and application compliance.

Applicants must use the Center for Dairy Excellence Student Leader Scholarship Application form. Each scholarship shall be awarded for one academic year. The scholarship will be paid to the student upon certification of enrollment by the appropriate academic institution officer.

Scholarship application forms are available at www.centerfordairyexcellence.org. Go to “Educator,” and click on “View Scholarship Opportunities.” You may also send an e-mail requesting an application to info@centerfordairyexcellenc.org, or call N. Alan Bair at 717-948-6328.

Applications for the 2011 – 2012 academic year must be received by the Center for Dairy Excellence by June 1. Completed applications should be sent to: N. Alan Bair, Room 310 Church Hall, 777 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17512.



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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more about the Center at www.centerfordairyexcellence.org.