

2026 Calving Corner Intern Scholarship Information



Program Overview

The Calving Corner Intern Scholarship offers a unique, hands-on opportunity for college-aged individuals who are passionate about the dairy industry. Interns will share their dairy knowledge with the public, interact with Farm Show visitors, and provide critical support to a live dairy cow birthing center during the 2026 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Objectives

- Support the successful operation of the Calving Corner through animal care and teamwork.
- Apply dairy knowledge and experience in a real-world, public setting.
- Strengthen communication and leadership skills by engaging with Farm Show visitors.
- Collaborate with dairy industry professionals, farmers, and volunteers.

Scholarship & Benefits*

- **Scholarship Award:** \$150 per day of active participation.
- **Additional Benefits:** Lodging provided at Home2 Suites (Progress Avenue, Harrisburg); Daily food reimbursement up to \$25/day (hotel breakfast included); Free parking pass; 2–3 Calving Corner sweatshirts for use during the event.

Intern Eligibility

Required Qualifications

Applicants must have:

- Direct, hands-on experience working with dairy cows and newborn calves, with confidence in handling and care.
- A positive, professional attitude and willingness to engage with the public in educational or outreach settings.
- A genuine passion for the dairy industry and a commitment to promoting its values.

Preferred Qualifications

Priority consideration may be given to candidates who are:

- Pursuing a degree in Dairy Science, Animal Science, Agriculture, or a closely related field, or are actively building a career in the dairy industry.
- Pennsylvania residents, currently enrolled in a Pennsylvania college or university, and/or in their final year of post-secondary education.

Responsibilities

Interns will:

- Work collaboratively with the project manager, herdsman, host farmers, committee members, and volunteers.
- Engage with Farm Show visitors in a positive and professional manner, answering questions and sharing knowledge.
- Prepare and deliver a brief (5-minute) “dairy story” or dairy-related talk multiple times during the event.
- Participate in orientation and training prior to the Farm Show.
- Become familiar with the Calving Corner FAQs, exhibit layout, and Farm Show logistics.
- Support all aspects of the exhibit, including guest engagement, animal care, volunteer coordination, donation collection, Moo U, and/or other tasks as assigned by the herdsman or project manager.

Duties Include

- Caring for cows and newborn calves. Assist with births, if needed.
- Cleaning and re-bedding pens; maintaining exhibit cleanliness.
- Transitioning host herds in and out of the exhibit.
- Assisting with morning and evening routines as scheduled.

Schedule & Time Commitment

- Internship runs from **7:00 PM Friday, January 9 through 7:00 PM Saturday, January 17, 2026.**
- Farm Show Exhibit Hours:
 - Saturday, January 10 : 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
 - Sunday, January 11: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 - Monday, January 12 – Friday, January 16: 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
 - Saturday, January 17: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Interns should expect to work an average of **11 hours per day**; some days may extend to **15 hours**.
- Breaks must be coordinated with the herdsman or project manager.
- Interns may be asked to be on-call for emergencies.

Expectations

Interns are expected to maintain a professional image, positive attitude, and high level of commitment throughout the Farm Show. Failure to meet expectations may result in dismissal from the program and/or suspension of the scholarship.

*Provided described time expectations are met