



2027 CALVING CORNER INTERN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Program Overview

The Calving Corner Intern Scholarship provides a unique, hands-on opportunity for college students and other qualified post-secondary, or similarly aged, applicants who are passionate about the dairy industry and practical experience working with dairy cattle. Interns will share their dairy knowledge with the public, interact with Pennsylvania Farm Show visitors, and provide essential support for a live dairy-cow birthing center during the 2027 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Program Objectives

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

Scholarship and Benefits

- Scholarship award: \$150 for each day of active participation. Interns are typically expected to participate for all eight days of the event and may earn up to \$1,200, based on their actual days of participation.
- Lodging: Lodging provided at Home2 Suites Progress Avenue, with three to four interns per room.
- Meals: Food reimbursement of up to \$25 per day. Hotel breakfast is included.
- Parking: Complimentary parking pass.
- Event apparel: Each intern will receive three Calving Corner sweatshirts for use during the event.

Eligibility

Required Qualifications - Applicants must have:

- Direct, hands-on experience working with dairy cows and newborn calves, including confidence in their handling and care.
- A positive, professional attitude and willingness to engage with the public in educational and outreach settings.
- A genuine passion for the dairy industry and a commitment to representing and promoting the industry positively.
- The ability to work collaboratively, follow instructions, and remain positive and dependable in a busy public environment.

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 actively pursuing a career in the dairy industry.
- A Pennsylvania resident, currently enrolled in a Pennsylvania college or university, and/or in the final year of post-secondary education.

Responsibilities

- Work collaboratively with the project manager, herdsman, host farmers, committee members, and volunteers.
- Interact with Farm Show visitors in a positive and professional manner by answering questions and sharing accurate dairy-related information.
- Prepare and present a brief, five-minute “dairy story” or dairy-related presentation multiple times during the event.
- Participate in orientation and training before the Farm Show.

- Become familiar with the Calving Corner frequently asked questions, exhibit layout, safety procedures, and Farm Show logistics.
- Support all aspects of the exhibit, including visitor engagement, animal care, volunteer coordination, donation collection, Moo U (a dedicated area featuring interactive, family-friendly STEM activities that help visitors learn about dairy, agriculture, animals, and related scientific topics), and other duties assigned by the herdsman or project manager.
- Animal care duties include care for cows and newborn calves and assist with births, when needed and under appropriate supervision; assist with morning and evening routines according to the assigned schedule; maintain the cleanliness and appearance of the exhibit, includes cleaning and re-bedding of pens; support emergency response procedures and remain on call when requested.

Schedule and Time Commitment

The internship will run from approximately 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, through 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2027. Interns are typically expected to participate for all eight days of the event. The scholarship award is based on each day of active participation.

Pennsylvania Farm Show Exhibit Hours

- Saturday, January 9: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 10: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 11–Friday, January 15: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 16: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Interns should expect to work an average of approximately 11 hours per day. Depending on animal-care needs, visitor traffic, and event operations, some shifts may extend to approximately 15 hours. Breaks are encouraged and must be coordinated with the herdsman or project manager to ensure continuous exhibit coverage and appropriate animal care.

Interns may be asked to be “on call” overnight in case of an emergency or unexpected animal-care need. However, the likelihood of being called in overnight is expected to be low.

Availability Expectations

Interns are expected to be on site and available for the entire Farm Show week. If you have a known conflict that would prevent you from participating for the full week, please disclose it when accepting the position.

- **Full-day absence(s):** If you anticipate needing to miss one or more full days during Farm Show week, this request must be communicated **at the time of or prior to accepting the position**.
- **Partial-day absence(s):** If you anticipate needing to be away for a few hours or up to a half day—for example, due to a school commitment, veterinary school interview, or job interview—this request must be communicated **prior to the start of Farm Show** (January 9, 2027).

Once Farm Show begins, interns are expected to fulfill their scheduled commitment and should not plan additional absences unless an unexpected illness or emergency arises.

Expectations

Interns are expected to maintain a professional appearance, positive attitude, and high level of commitment throughout the Farm Show. They must demonstrate reliability, punctuality, teamwork, and respect for visitors, staff, interns, volunteers, farmers, and animals.

Failure to meet these expectations may result in dismissal from the internship and forfeiture of the scholarship award.