Proposal to Manage Selection of Iowa Pork Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Swine Medicine Education Center (SMEC) is eager to support veterinary students focused on swine medicine. We share this interest with the Iowa Pork Producers Association and would like to facilitate the awarding of the Iowa Pork Foundation Fellowship in Swine Production Medicine to students that will positively impact Iowa’s pork industry. This Fellowship program was created to support a veterinary student studying at Iowa State University and focusing their studies/research on swine in preparation for a career in the swine industry. To accomplish this, SMEC proposes the following activities:

1) SMEC faculty and staff will publicize the scholarships in professional and undergraduate classes that they teach as well as with the Iowa State Student Chapter of the American Association of Swine Practitioners and on the SMEC website.

2) SMEC will request applications from qualified students with the following applicant criteria:
   a) Currently enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University and in good academic standing.
   b) Demonstrated initiative to specialize in an area that contributes to the swine industry upon graduation.
   c) Preferably an Iowa resident

3) Interested applicants will be required to submit:
   a) Cover letter stating:
      i) current and previous swine experience and training,
      ii) planned use of the funds,
      iii) indication of what support the student is already receiving,
      iv) and a career plan.
   b) A copy of the applicants resume
   c) An endorsement by the applicant’s faculty mentor, major professor, or a mentor that is an AASV member

4) Applications should be submitted to Dr. Locke Karriker, Director of the ISU SMEC by April 1 of each year.

5) Applicants will be selected by the SMEC staff and the name of the finalist will be forwarded to the IPPA Foundation by April 30th of each year.

The Foundation Board of Trustees typically meets in June to approve the recipient of the fellowship. The recipient will also need to be present at the Iowa Pork Congress Kickoff Reception & Auction the following January. The selected recipient will be awarded $2,500 by the beginning of fall semester in the year they are selected.

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