Dennis Wilber Memorial Scholarship

After Dennis Wilber passed away, many friends, colleagues and industry enthusiasts reached out asking how or what could be done to honor him? After many thoughts, ideas, and discussion the decision was made to offer a Hampshire bred female owned by Dennis in the NSR Collector’s Edition to start a scholarship fund in his memory.

Dennis would truly want it to be no other way. Honestly, those who knew him well know he would not be the kind that wants attention, but if it was to support a junior swine program and youth of the industry, he’d be all about it!

One $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Hampshire enthusiast that exhibits leadership characteristics in the livestock or agricultural industry.

## Applicant Guidelines

* Scholarship applicants must be members of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA).
* Scholarship is open to ALL ages, but preference will be given to **high school** freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.
* Applicants are required to submit one letter of recommendation from an industry professional or academic personnel. (Must be non-related to the applicant.)
* Applicant must have shown Hampshires at the County, State, or National level for a minimum of **two years**.

Each selection committee member shall independently review and score each application received and select the recipient based on the following criteria:

* Essay Responses
* Academics
* Leadership activities

Applications will be scored by a committee organized by the NSR Education & Outreach Manager. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Results will also be posted on the NSR website and in the August *Seedstock EDGE* issue.

Dennis Wilber Memorial Scholarship Checklist

Your scholarship application is considered complete when you submit each of the following (check line if material is enclosed):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship application signed and dated.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ One letter of recommendation from a non-related industry professional, schoolteacher, 4-H leader, or FFA adviser who has knowledge of applicant’s livestock industry involvement.

Enclose this checklist form with application.

The completed application, including the necessary signatures, must be postmarked no later than May 1 and emailed or mailed to:

# National Swine Registry

**Education & Outreach Manager**

**Cora Key**

**2639 Yeager Road**

**West Lafayette, IN 47906**

[Corak@nationalswine.com](mailto:Corak@nationalswine.com)

**NOTE:**

You are encouraged to enclose all the required scholarship material in one envelope/digital file and forward to the NSR office.

If material is sent separately, it will be the applicant’s responsibility to ensure the appropriate individuals or institutions have forwarded the required material.

The NSR office will not contact applicants if a portion of their required material has not been received.

Dennis Wilber Memorial Scholarship Application

Name

Date of Birth Phone Number

Home Address

City State Zip Code

E-mail Address

## EDUCATION

Name of School

College Major or Course of Study (If applicable)

Grade in School Graduation Date

Grade Point Average Grade Point Average Scale

**CAREER OBJECTIVE**

**NJSA ACTIVITIES**

**Number of years as an NJSA member.**

**Describe your involvement in the NJSA.**

**Describe any recognition you have received in the NJSA.**

**HAMPSHIRE INVOLVEMENT**

**Number of years showing Hampshire swine.**

**Describe any recognition you have received while showing Hampshire swine.**

**Why did you choose to exhibit Hampshires?**

**NON-NJSA ACTIVITIES**

**Describe your involvement in other agriculturally related groups (i.e. state pork producers’ association, NPPC, other livestock organizations).**

**Describe your involvement in school organizations, church, civic groups and community service groups.**

**GOALS**

**Briefly describe your ambitions and goals as they relate to the swine industry.**

**We have examined this application and find the records to be truthful, complete, and accurate. We hereby permit for publicity purposes the use of any information included in the application, apart from the following:**

Applicant’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

Name/title of 4-H leader or person unrelated with Date

knowledge of applicant’s programs.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date