Alexander F. Zygadlo Memorial Swine Scholarship

Reason for award: Alex Zygadlo passed away June 2, 2008. Alex was serving as a Swine Project Leader for the Porter Busy Fingers 4-H Club. Before and during his involvement in 4-H and the swine project he attended the Van Buren Youth Fair and was a helpful, respectful and considerate young adult.

Sponsorship of scholarships: Everyone at Mol-Son, LLC

Attention: Dave Kondor

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Scholarship type: Up to three (3) scholarships, \$60-\$80 each per year for active 4-H swine exhibitor to purchase feeder pig.

Award process: Applicant must submit an essay (250-350 words for exhibitors 6-10 years old; 350-450 words for exhibitors 11-14; 500-600 words for exhibitors 15-19 years old) and include two letters of reference from non-family members (teacher, coach, 4-H leader, etc.)

How the scholarships will be chosen: Scholarships will be chosen by a committee of three or more. Considerations will include need-base, quality of essay and the value of the letters of reference. The award cannot be awarded to the same exhibitor more than once in a three-year period.

Restrictions: After receiving a scholarship, exhibitor must show swine at the current Van Buren Youth Fair. If the scholarship recipient does not show swine at the current Van Buren Youth Fair, the scholarship money must be returned to Van Buren Youth Fair and returned to the Alexander F. Zygadlo Memorial Swine Scholarship Fund (if the scholarship recipient brings their pig to the fair and it cannot be shown, the exhibitor will not be penalized.).

Submitting an essay: All completed essays titled "During My Swine Project I hope to ..." and letters of reference must be mailed to MSU Extension, Attention: Swine Essay, 801 Hazen St, Paw Paw, MI 49079 by April 15.