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Summit scholarships not just for students

MIDDLETOWN, Pa.—Attendance of the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit by young people is growing: Thanks in part to the sponsorship of a major portion of their registration fee by the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders and Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association.

"Summit Scholarships" are awarded in January to students enrolled in an agricultural degree program, as well as to young adults, age 17 to 25, who operate or are employed by a dairy farm. These scholarships, along with the Workforce Development Board discounts, defray most of the registration cost. This means young people can attend for as little as \$25 versus \$200. Scholarships are also available to offset hotel costs for attending the two-day event. **The application deadline is December 31, 2008. Applications are available at www.padairysummit.org.**

"We love having young people participate in the Summit," says Alan Bair, facilitator for the Dairy Stakeholders. "Not only is it a learning experience. It is also a great way for students and young dairy operators and employees to network with others in the industry and to interact with positive-minded producers."

In the past, most applicants have been college students, particularly from Penn State and Delaware Valley College. However, Bair emphasizes the Summit Scholarships are not just for students. "This is a great opportunity for young people on the dairy farm to meet other producers and be exposed to new ideas," he adds.

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