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## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH TO ATTEND NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE**

*Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association and Center for Dairy Excellence Support State Delegation*

**HARRISBURG** – Dairy 4-H members ages 15-19 may apply for a grant to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference Sept. 27-30 in Madison, Wis., thanks to the Center for Dairy Excellence by the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association.

“The National 4-H Dairy Conference gives young people the opportunity to develop leadership skills and dairy knowledge while seeing first-hand the scope of our nation's dairy industry,” says John Frey, executive director of the Center for Dairy Excellence. “By working closely with the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association and Penn State, we can help more Pennsylvania young people benefit from this outstanding event.”

The conference draws about 200 youth from across the country and Canada. Last year's Pennsylvania delegates were Lauren Kinkade from Crawford County and Mitchell Bauer from Erie County. “The event was an amazing experience for me,” Kinkade said, and Bauer added, “this experience confirmed that the dairy industry is for me.”

Penn State's Department of Dairy and Animal Science is coordinating Pennsylvania's delegation to the National 4-H Dairy Conference. Each county 4-H program can nominate two 4-H members. Information about the conference and applications are available online at [www.das.psu.edu](http://www.das.psu.edu), click on “Dairy Cattle,” under “4-H Programs.” All nominations must be submitted to Penn State through local county extension offices by July 21.

Finalists will be interviewed by a selection committee at Penn State's 4-H Achievement Days on July 29. Any finalist not attending Achievement Days will be interviewed by phone during that week. For more information, contact your local extension office or call Dale Olver at 814-863-3914.



The event will include tours of local dairy farms and other facilities, including the *Hoard's Dairyman* farm, the Dairy Shrine and Nasco. Workshop topics from last year included dairy product marketing, biotechnology, herd mating strategies and artificial insemination.

Delegates interested in attending this year's conference should plan to miss an entire week of school to attend the conference.

“We are pleased that the Center for Dairy Excellence and the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association worked together to expand this opportunity for our 4-H dairy members,” said Dale Olver, Pennsylvania 4-H dairy specialist. “This is another example of the long-term support both have shown for dairy youth programs in our state.”

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*The Center for Dairy Excellence is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture and was launched in January 2004 by Governor Edward G. Rendell. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more about the Center at [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org).*