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SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB OFFERS UP TO FIVE \$100 AWARDS FOR BEGINNING
4-H OR FFA SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club is announcing the annual Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Awards. Up to five awards of \$100 each will be awarded to first or second year swine project members.

The Swine Project Awards were introduced to help beginning 4-H or FFA members get started in the swine industry. To be eligible, an applicant must be a first or second year swine project member, 9-18 years old, and a Wisconsin resident. The completed application is due postmarked on or before **Friday, April 22nd, 2017**. Applications must be submitted by mail; no applications submitted via email will be accepted.

The awards may be used for any expenses related to the recipient's swine project including the cost of pigs, feed, supplies, equipment, and facility maintenance. A member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club may contact the winners to monitor the progress of their swine projects. Winners may also be asked to supply a photo of themselves and their pigs for the Saddle & Sirloin Club's Annual Scrapbook.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Madison students interested in the livestock industry. The club serves to provide leadership and learning experiences for these students. The club's main activities include sponsoring a variety of livestock shows, including the Badger Kick-Off Classic Steer and Heifer Show, The Badger Bonanza Lamb Show, the Little International Horse Show, and the Kickin' Up Dust Speed Show. The group also sponsors a national meat animal evaluation contest and the Club 101 Livestock Show for college students as well as service activities. Proceeds from Saddle & Sirloin activities are used for member scholarships, travel grants, and to fund other club activities.

For any additional information on the Swine Project Awards, please contact Saddle & Sirloin Swine Project Award Chairs: Zachary Simons at (262)338-8661 or at zsimons@wisc.edu or Virginia Kuenzi at (262) 720-2486 or vkuenzi@wisc.edu.