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Food Products Association Scholarships Available for 2017-18

The Midwest Food Products Association (MWFPA) is offering up to six \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who are majoring in agriculture or food science and attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Platteville or the University of Wisconsin-River Falls for the 2017-18 academic year.

“MWFPA recognizes the vital role played by agriculture and the food processing industry in the Midwest economy,” said MWFPA president Nick George. “These scholarships help students to continue their education and support the growth of these two major industries.”

The six scholarships are offered under two programs created by the MWFPA in honor of leaders in the food processing industry. The Kenneth G. Weckel Scholarship is named for a University of Wisconsin food science professor who contributed greatly to the advancement of vegetable and fruit processing through his research and teaching. The other scholarship is named for Carleton A. Friday whose family founded the Friday Canning Company of New Richmond, Wisconsin.

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Additionally, the Association offers the Midwest Food Products Association Scholarship which awards up to \$2,000 per student. It is available to students whose parents work for Association member companies and plan to attend, or are attending, a post-secondary institution of education. There are no restrictions on what field of study or the institution the student wishes to attend. Recipients are chosen based on past academic performance and an essay providing information on the applicant's participation in school and community activities, in addition to their reasons for continuing their education.

Applications for the Carleton A. Friday Scholarship and the Kenneth G. Weckel Scholarship are available through April 28, 2017 and can be obtained from MWFPA by calling 608-255-9946 or by going to its website at www.mwfpa.org. Scholarships will be awarded in May, 2017.

Applications for the MWFPA Scholarship can be obtained by calling the Association office and are available on the Association's website. The cutoff date for submissions is March 3, 2017. Scholarship winners will be announced in April of 2017

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The Midwest Food Processors Association is the foremost voice of the food processing industry in the Midwest. The association lobbies on legislative and regulatory matters; promotes safe food processing practices; investigates new technologies; funds industry research; and plans industry events. It represents over 100 processing facilities in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota.