



Young Producer Scholarship

2026 Scholarship Recipient

Zach Ward

Pig • 4th Grade • 3 Years Experience



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Essay: Why I Should Receive the 2026 Ward's ACE Young Producer Scholarship

Hi, my name is Zach Ward. I am nine years old. This is my third year showing an animal at the fair. I think I deserve this scholarship because last year was a tough year for me showing my pig. My pig did not make weight and I had made a really good bond with my pig and I ended up losing a lot of money between the cost of my pig and the amount of feed we had to buy. I think this scholarship would really help me with my pig this year. I lost a lot of money for my pig last year and it really broke my heart so this year I would really like to make weight and gain that money back. I watched my siblings grow up and show and sell their pigs and I really want that experience.

I think it would really help me to get different feeds to help my pig gain weight. I learned that I need to buy other supplies like dewormer, and the proper medications

as well as good feed to make sure my pig is strong and healthy before the fair. I think that the scholarship would really help me with my feed bill and other expenses.

I live on a farm and I think that it would mean a lot to me to take over the farm someday. I have learned a lot about taking care of animals living on the farm. I showed a horse last year which taught me a lot of responsibility and was really a good experience for me. Right now I have three bottle calves which is also teaching me responsibility.

Thanks for considering me for the scholarship. I think it would really help me with my 4-H project. If I am chosen I will use the money responsibly for my pig supplies.