



DNMC Dairy Summit Student Essay Contest

August 4-7, 2016 Santa Fe, New Mexico

~ Call for Student Essays ~

The DNMC Dairy Summit is an industry gathering of dairy producers and dairy industry professionals that meet annually for a weekend of fun and learning. The 9th annual renewal of this event will be in August in beautiful Santa Fe, NM. DNMC is pleased to announce the 2nd edition of the Dairy Summit Student Essay Contest. The winner of this contest will be awarded with a fully-paid trip, including travel costs to the meeting. As well, the student will have a spot on the program to present a session related to their winning essay. The student's professor will be offered a complimentary conference registration and would be encouraged to attend. In addition, the winning essay will earn a \$500 cash award.

There will also be two runners-up recognized at the meeting. These two individuals will receive a \$200 cash award and will be required to send a poster related to the content of their winning essay. In addition, all essays submitted will be included in a bound volume to be provided to all conference attendees. This compilation of essays will be a way for contestants to present themselves to as many as 20 western US dairy producers and 12 sponsoring companies for potential employment opportunities.

The objective of the essay is to clearly define a problem or issue in today's dairy industry and details of how the student's educational plans or career plans may be able to offer solutions to solve the problem or address the issue. The essay should be two pages maximum. The essay should not be a resume or personal story of the student. The essays will be scored on a rubric that focusses on the clear statement of a problem/issue and how it will be addressed by the student. Writing skills and overall professionalism of the essay will be included in the rubric.

This contest is open to college seniors and master's degree candidates. Student's designated as seniors for the Fall 2016 semester will be considered. Graduate students also need to be enrolled as a student for the Fall 2016 semester.

Please send only a PDF version of the essay. Be sure to include all contact information for the student in the PDF document, not just the email message used to deliver it. Send all submissions and any questions to DairySummitEssay@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest and feel free to share this call for essays with other students or faculty who may be interested.

The submission deadline is June 15th, 2016.



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