
Ohio Pork Council Pig Care and Education Intern (*July 20-August 12, 2026*)

Position Description: The Ohio Pork Council Pig Care and Education Intern will serve as the key staff person at the 2026 Ohio State Fair Birthing Center. During the 12-day event, the intern will play an integral role in providing quality animal care, monitoring the farrowing process, and maintaining a positive public perception for fairgoers in attendance. The intern will be responsible for the following:

- *Sow Care:* Will provide daily care to the sows housed in the Land & Living Building at the Ohio State Fair. Daily care includes, but is not limited to feeding, watering, laying fresh bedding, maintaining a clean-living environment for the animals, and creating a positive experience for fairgoers.
- *Farrowing Assistance:* Will assist each sow during the farrowing process (occurring on two separate occasions). Includes the following responsibilities: working with the on-staff veterinarian to induce the sow, promptly drying each piglet off and directing it under the heat lamp upon delivery, maintaining a calm environment for the sow, ensuring the highest animal welfare standards, and addressing any emergency situations that may occur (i.e., distress during labor; a struggling piglet).
- *Consumer Education:* Will serve as the key contact for incoming questions from fairgoers. As such, the intern should feel comfortable handling high-stress situations. The intern is required to speak on modern pork production and the complexities of the farrowing process.
- *Additional Duties as Needed:* Will assist the Ohio Pork Council staff with additional duties as warranted during the Ohio State Fair. Responsibilities may include but are not limited to stepping in to assist at the pork stand in the Taste of Ohio Café, and/or serving as a runner to transport materials to various locations on the fairgrounds.

Time Frame: July 20 - August 12.

Compensation: \$2,400 in the form of bi-weekly salary or scholarship. Additional compensation in the form of a bonus may be offered for outstanding work performance.

Requirements: Applicants should be majoring in the field of agriculture, communications, or education, preferably going into their junior or senior year. Previous experience working with swine is required. Related experience conducting agriculture education programs or working with consumers is a plus. Applicants should have the ability to provide superior animal care, solid public speaking skills and feel comfortable answering questions regarding Ohio's pork industry. Applicants should be self-motivated, have the ability to work independently and thrive in fast-paced environments.

To Apply: Send a cover letter and resume by Oct. 31, 2025 to:

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