



National DHIA Scholarship for Veterinary Students

Application deadline December 31, 2026

To be awarded March 2027

Amount \$1,500

Who may apply

Applicants must be students enrolled in a college of veterinary medicine in the United States, which is accredited by the AVMA Council on Education. Applicants must be in their third or fourth year of the program, and must have declared a track or emphasis area.

Send a letter of application and two letters of reference to National DHIA Scholarship Chair Elizabeth "Liz" Straw (efarrow@purdue.edu) by **December 31, 2026**.

Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the applicant's overall interest as a veterinarian planning to work in dairy, involvement in dairy medicine and extra-curricular activities, and interest in using dairy software and dairy records to aid in dairy management and improving animal health.

Requirements

1. Include your name (for all documents, please refer to the same last name [married or maiden]), contact information, name of the veterinary school you are attending and your declared track or area of interest or specialty.
2. Include a brief story of your related life experiences and interest in dairy, agriculture and veterinary medicine. Please include academic background and extra-curricular activities. Also, include any experience using DHIA data academically and what role you envision for DHI testing and data in your future practice.
3. Your plans after graduation from veterinary school.
4. Briefly, identify the issue that has the greatest impact facing dairy veterinary medicine and what solutions or actions you suggest and would be interested in addressing.
5. Please include two letters of recommendation (electronically) from veterinarians, faculty members or dairy producers. These should be sent from the writer to Liz Straw (efarrow@purdue.edu).

A confirmation of receipt of your application will be e-mailed within 72 hours. (If you don't receive an e-mail confirmation, contact Liz Straw at: 765-494-8025.) The committee will review all applications and the winner(s) will be announced at the National DHIA Annual Meeting, being held March 2-4, 2027, in Fort Worth, TX.