



## **TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES INTERNATIONAL STOCKMEN'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

In an effort to enhance the educational experiences of college students and strengthen the leaders of tomorrow's livestock and meat industry, the International Stockmen's Educational Foundation awards travel fellowships each year for the International Livestock Congress to senior level undergraduates and graduate students attending accredited colleges or universities.

The International Livestock Congress USA, managed through a partnership of the ISEF and the National Western Stock Show, is a unique global event that brings leaders from the livestock and meat industry together to discuss issues of international importance that affect the future of animal agriculture. Students will participate in the event **January 8-11, 2012** in Denver, Colorado. Events will include a student career workshop, the International Livestock Congress USA, and tours of area plants, feedlots and ranches.

- Fellowships include airfare, ground transportation, hotel and scheduled meals. Scholastic achievement, leadership experiences and professional references are all part of the stringent qualifying requirements for this fellowship.
- Travel fellowship recipients must participate in all activities of the International Livestock Congress and develop a professional white paper on a relevant topic or issue affecting the livestock and/or meat industries. The topic or issue should relate to something presented or discussed at the 2012 ILC USA.
- These papers must be submitted in English to the student's department head and a copy forwarded to the ISEF office by February 15, 2012. Papers will be evaluated by the selection committee and the most outstanding paper will be selected for possible publication in the event proceedings.
- Recipients will also be required to make a presentation to a breed association or a similar group in their area about their experiences at the International Livestock Congress.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

The application process will be almost entirely electronic. Please read the Application Instructions carefully! All applications and supporting materials (professional references, photo, and transcripts) will be directed to Wendy Woerner, ISEF Student Program Coordinator.

#### *Helpful Hints regarding the fillable pdf application*

- ✓ After clicking on the "Application for 2012 ILC USA" link, the "fillable" pdf application will open. You should save the application to your own hard drive before beginning. If you do not have Adobe Reader, you may need to download this software to begin filling in the form.
- ✓ You will be able to copy and paste text from other documents (i.e. resume) into this "fillable" pdf version of the application.
- ✓ You are limited to the amount of space allotted for each section; these spaces cannot be expanded to include more text.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) All *applications* must be completed using the “fillable” pdf version of the application. Once you are done, save your final work and submit your application via email as an attachment to Wendy Woerner using [wwoerner@live.com](mailto:wwoerner@live.com) Please include “ILC USA- Your Name” in the subject line.
- 2) All applications must be *signed*. You may either digitally sign your application OR
  - i. Print the completed application
  - ii. Sign the printed copy
  - iii. Scan the signed copy
  - iv. Email the signed copy to Wendy Woerner using [wwoerner@live.com](mailto:wwoerner@live.com) Please include “ILC USA- Your Name” in the subject line.
- 3) Three *Professional Reference Forms* must be submitted via email as attachments to Wendy Woerner using [wwoerner@live.com](mailto:wwoerner@live.com) All professional reference forms must be received directly from the person providing the reference (not from the student applicant) and must include a signature (scanned or digital). One reference must be from your immediate academic advisor.
- 4) One *head and shoulders photograph* must be submitted via email as an attachment to Wendy Woerner using [wwoerner@live.com](mailto:wwoerner@live.com) Photos must be high quality, suitable for publishing in the program, and sent as a jpg or tif file at least 250K in size. NO PASSPORT PHOTOS.
- 5) Please provide a *college transcript* for each degree that you have received and/or are currently pursuing. College transcripts may be *unofficial* at the time of application submission; however, the top twelve students selected will be requested to submit an *official* transcript before being confirmed as a recipient. Transcripts can be mailed to Wendy Woerner at the address below or scanned and emailed to [wwoerner@live.com](mailto:wwoerner@live.com)

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Student Program Coordinator  
International Stockmen’s Educational Foundation  
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- 6) Once your application is received, an email will be sent to your Department Head asking them to approve your submitted application. Please notify your Department Head that you are applying for this fellowship and make them aware that they will need to approve you application via email response.

**Deadline for applications and all supporting materials: SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 (must be received by)**

*Please note that students have been disqualified for failing to send all required information.*

Questions regarding the application process?

Email Wendy Woerner at [wwoerner@live.com](mailto:wwoerner@live.com)

## **Checklist for 2012 International Livestock Congress USA**

- Completed and “Signed” application (digitally signed or scanned and submitted via email to Wendy Woerner)
- College transcripts (can be mailed OR scanned and submitted via email to Wendy Woerner)
- Three (3) professional reference forms (submitted via email to Wendy Woerner)
- Head and shoulders photograph (submitted via email to Wendy Woerner)