USPOULTRY Foundation Accepting Industry Education Recruitment Funding Applications

TUCKER, Ga. – July 15, 2020 – The USPOULTRY Foundation is now accepting applications from colleges and universities for the Industry Education Recruitment Funding program. The funding supports student recruitment at colleges and universities that cultivate careers in the poultry and egg industry.

Any institution of higher education in the United States that does not have a poultry science department or degree but can show conceivable ways of connecting students with the poultry and egg industry is eligible to apply for a recruitment grant of up to $7,000. Schools that offer a poultry science minor may be eligible for up to $3,000 in additional funding, pending USPOULTRY Foundation Board approval.

“For the 2019-2020 year, the USPOULTRY Foundation provided student recruiting grants totaling more than $383,577 to the six U.S. universities with Poultry Science departments and 29 other institutions with industry-related programs. The USPOULTRY Foundation’s mission is to help foster student recruitment,” remarked John Prestage, Prestage Farms, and USPOULTRY Foundation chairman.

“As we try to fulfill the human resource needs of the industry, we encourage colleges and universities across the nation to take advantage of this valuable opportunity. Apply today for funds to assist your school in recruiting young talent into your program, whether poultry or animal science, business, accounting or information technology. The poultry and egg industries need all of these diverse majors to run its operations,” said Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation and vice president of education and student programs for USPOULTRY.

A committee of university and industry professionals will review funding requests and make recommendations to the USPOULTRY Foundation board of directors. Institutions may apply for a grant by completing the funding application and submitting it via email to Barbara Jenkins at bjenkins@uspoultry.org or via regular mail by August 15. The application can be accessed by clicking here.

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The USPOULTRY Foundation’s mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.