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### **Wisconsin High School Senior among Top Winners in Nationwide Contest for NFIB**

Beaver Dam, WI – Today the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is highlighting the success of Wisconsin Senior High School student Jacob Ehlert, winner of the Innovations in Agricultural Entrepreneurship award thanks to a generous contribution by Animart, LLC.

Recently, the National Federation of Independent Business' Young Entrepreneur Foundation announced the recipients of the 13th annual NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards, a scholarship program designed to reward and encourage entrepreneurial talents among high school students. More than 600 students nationwide applied for a YEF scholarship this year and Jacob Ehlert of Pardeeville, Wisconsin was determined the winner of the Innovations in Agricultural Entrepreneurship award for his creation of Jake's College Fund Eggs.

"We applaud Jacob on his initiative and creativity to capture a market opportunity, while also helping consumers better understand the process of production agriculture. We are honored to support him in his future college endeavors and thank the NFIB for establishing such an outstanding scholarship program to recognize and reward young entrepreneurs." –

Dan Ellsworth ANIMART President and CEO

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To qualify for an NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award, students must be seniors in high school who own and/or operate their own small business. They are required to write an essay describing their entrepreneurial endeavors and future goals. NFIB members around the country interview the applicants for the Young Entrepreneur Awards.

“The quality of our applicants continues to improve in Wisconsin and I have a tremendous amount of confidence in the next generation of business owners in our state,” according to Bill G. Smith, Wisconsin State Director of NFIB. “Jacob’s commitment to his core values of running a small business that provides fresh, farm to table product for consumers while maintaining strong relationships with his customers should be a model for all Wisconsin entrepreneurs. He is a truly worthy recipient of ANIMART’s scholarship award.”

Established in 1982 and headquartered in Beaver Dam, Wis., ANIMART, LLC is a privately held provider of [animal health](#) and veterinary products as well as show equipment for [dairy and livestock producers](#). ANIMART is committed to offering a full line of products and solutions to help dairy and livestock businesses succeed. More information about the company and its products can be accessed at [www.animart.com](http://www.animart.com).

NFIB is the nation’s leading small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business. NFIB’s powerful network of grassroots activists send their views directly to state and federal lawmakers through our unique member-only ballot, thus playing a critical role in supporting America’s free enterprise system. NFIB’s mission is to

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promote and protect the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses.

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