

Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited 4-H Canada Scholarship Program 2019



4-H Canada is proud to announce that through the generosity of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, two scholarships – each valued at \$500 – were awarded to two 4-H members planning to attend a Canadian university or college in September 2019 in an agriculture-based program, with a focus on sheep related studies.



Name: Maria Duynisveld

University: Dalhousie University

Program: Bachelor of Science, Agriculture

Career goal: Farm Operator/Researcher

Describe your activities with the sheep industry and/or agriculture:

We have a breeding ewe flock of around one hundred and forty animals, with lambings occurring in February and in May. I am personally interested in North Country Cheviots, and I have seven purebred ewes and three rams of the breed, five

of which I have shown in 4-H. Over my years as a 4-H'er in the sheep and market lamb projects, I have learned to shear, and recreationally practice the skill with our flock. In working to improve our sheep care, I have attended several workshops put on by Perennia in my area, focusing on issues such as forage quality, lamb health, and breeding. I also attend events such as the All Canada Sheep Classic in 2018, the Maritime Beef Conference, and the ACORN conference. I am a vendor at the Pugwash Farmers' Market, where I slice and sell our meat products and engage customers. Through exposure from the market, I often give several farm tours throughout the season. I also have attended tours of other farms, bringing members to a wool mill as a part of the Junior Leader project, and assisting neighbours during shearing.



Name: Courtney Taylor

University: University of Saskatchewan

Program: Diploma in Agribusiness

Career goal: Rancher

Describe your activities with the sheep industry and/or agriculture:

My activities with sheep started at age nine when I bought a 4-H ewe and a small flock to keep her company, but agriculture runs in my blood. I am a fifth generation Rancher and my family runs a 850-head commercial beef operation on top of my 30-head sheep flock. My sheep operation has expanded dramatically compared to the four head that I started with and this is due in part to the high quality of my ewes and also because of their uses beyond the traditional meat and wool. My ewes are used to training our Border Collie dogs to work livestock. This is one more way to maximize the profit of the animals by using them for alternative purposes. Agriculture, with a focus on livestock is a

passion of mine that impacts every aspect of my life. I am extremely active in 4-H and junior shows having shown sheep, dairy, and beef cattle from a very young age.