

# Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited

## 4-H Canada Scholarship Program 2020



4-H Canada is proud to announce that through the generosity of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, two scholarships – each valued at \$1,000 – were awarded to two 4-H members planning to attend a Canadian university or college in September 2020 in an agriculture-based program.

**Name: Keely Airth**

**University: Olds College**

**Program: Agriculture Management Diploma**

**Career goal: Agriculture Ambassador/Sheep Farmer**

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



I have been an active 4-H member through various types of livestock, horses, cattle, sheep, and poultry. Through my steer project, I connected with a cattle ambassador and was chosen to represent their industry for a week at Calgary's 'Aggie Days'. Additionally, I was chosen to be a Sheep Ambassador for two weeks at the Calgary Stampede where I helped with the sheep shearing competition. I also volunteer my time with Raelynn Warren, at Moonshine Dorsets and help with their yearly shearing days. Through our farm, 'Big Hill Sheep Farm', I have been fortunate enough to select a pen of 10 ewe lambs to enter the Pound Maker Ram Sale Competition. As well, I teach Veterinary Students from the University of Calgary about the industry and have the opportunity to give them a full farm experience when lambing. Additionally, I had completed the Green Certificate Program in Sheep Production Technician, with final scores of 100% on all three of my tests.

**Name: Rhiannah Gallagher**

**University: University of Guelph**

**Program: Bachelor of Science, Honours Major Animal Biology**

**Career goal: Large Animal Veterinarian**

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



The Sheep industry is in my blood, born and raised on the corner of my family's fifth-generation sheep farm. Ever since I can remember, I have been helping and learning at the home farm. Starting from a young age, I would train a lamb for my local fair, and once I became old enough for 4-H, I expanded to many different fairs in the surrounding area. At the Royal Winter Fair Junior Sheep show, I have taken part in not just the junior show but also the Sheep and Wool Ambassador competition, most recently finishing in second place in 2019. I have gotten a behind-the-scenes look at this industry as I have volunteered at sheep sales and taken part in them. In my intermediate and senior years of 4-H, I have partaken in more animal clubs, becoming involved in both the beef and dairy industry on a small level. As my interest has widened, I have been able to compete at the provincial level for the Ontario Young Canadian Simmental Association. I am also currently the Ottawa-Carleton Queen of the Furrow, which is opening a new avenue in the agriculture industry for me, one where I can learn the fundamental skills of fieldwork and cultivate my public speaking and agriculture advocacy.