

# Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited

## 4-H Canada Scholarship Program



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 2021 in an agriculture-based program.

**Name:** Torann Mecham

**University:** University of Saskatchewan

**Program:** Bachelor of Science, Animal Bioscience

**Career goal:** Large Animal Veterinarian

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

Early in the pandemic in 2020 - while we were encouraged to stay home, schools were online, and everything was uncertain - I learned about a farmer in need. A neighbour sustained a serious injury that put his livelihood in jeopardy. I had previously helped a friend with her sheep herd, so I showed up at the farm one morning and offered to help. This was the start of an incredible journey. I dove in, worked hard, and learned a ton about lambing out ewes, including grafting lambs without moms, caring for sick animals, and operating a mid-size farm. I volunteered at the farm all spring and into the summer to ensure that the animals were well cared for, and the farm did not suffer while the farmer was recovering from his injury. I was welcomed into their family, and I helped with the children, the garden, repairing the fences, and caring for over 700 sheep and all the other animals on the farm. I am looking forward to going back to help again for lambing season this spring.

In addition to helping at the sheep farm, I have helped halter break foals, assisted with calving, hatched chicks, and am always willing to lend a hand when animals are involved. For the past three summers, I have learned a lot about the process of haskap berry harvesting. We hand-pick berries for direct sale in local stores and use a harvester to collect berries to be frozen for juice or shipment overseas.



**Name:** Brianna Hiltz

**University:** Dalhousie University

**Program:** Bachelor of Science, Agriculture

**Career goal:** Large Animal Veterinarian

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

I have lived on a sheep farm all my life. My dad grew up with sheep, and so he had a flock. I was raised to be a sheep farmer. The flock was transferred into my name a few years ago, and I am an official member of the Canadian Purebred Sheep Breeders Association. I showed sheep both in 4-H and at exhibitions, including the Provincial Exhibition in Truro, NS, and Old Home Week on PEI. I plan to continue to raise purebred sheep for the rest of my life as it has made me who I am today.