



Meet Manitoba Crop Alliance's 2022-23 bursary recipients



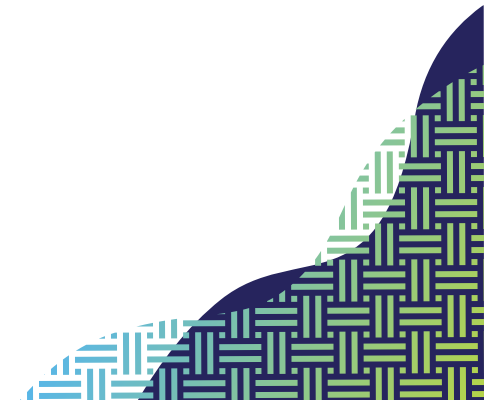
Kaitlyn Christine Hunt-Delaurier, Laurier, MB

Kaitlyn grew up on a grain farm near the small town of Laurier, MB. Her passion for agriculture began at a young age and she has always been eager to be involved in the farm in one way or another. She knew she wanted to pursue agriculture in post-secondary school and help farm with her father and grandfather, so her grandmother suggested she pursue a degree in agronomy. She is now in her second year of an agronomy degree at the University of Manitoba. Once she graduates, she hopes to begin her own agronomy business, while also farming with her family. She hopes to help encourage farmers to make decisions that will improve their land as well as deliver high-yielding crops.



Lianne Rouire, Treherne, MB

Agriculture has always been a part of Lianne's life. Her dad owns R-Way Ag Ltd., and her mom and stepdad are grain farmers. However, it wasn't until she was in university and was trying to figure out what program to take that her parents suggested she take a couple of agriculture courses. It was in these classes that she grew to love the science behind agriculture. She has learned about all aspects of agriculture through summer jobs and has been able to attend the Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference. She completed her diploma in agriculture in May 2021 and is now enrolled in the degree program to complete her agronomy degree. Her goal is to help farmers attain high yields while maintaining sustainability. She also hopes to encourage young women to consider agriculture as a career choice and help mentor them throughout their education and professional life.





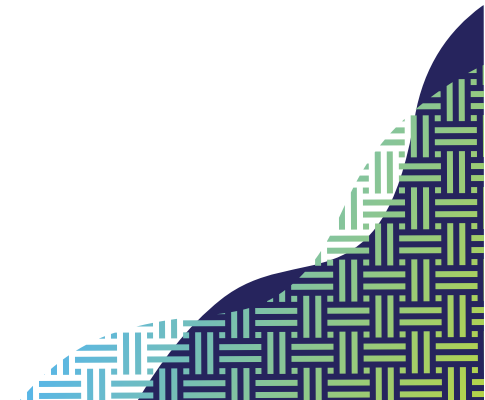
Milan Lukes, Gunton, MB

Milan's interest in plant science started at a young age when he took up the hobby of giant-pumpkin. At 13 years of age, he became the youngest winner of the Roland Pumpkin Fair, with a pumpkin weighing 1,348.2 pounds. To date, he has grown several pumpkins weighing over half a ton with his personal best being 1,369.5 pounds. Though these giants were not genetically modified organisms, his experience made him wonder what could be possible with the introduction of novel traits in certain species, especially as the world's increasing population increases demand for higher-yielding crop varieties. Milan is currently a third-year student at the University of Manitoba majoring in plant biotechnology. After graduation, he intends to continue his education at university.



Stephanie Manning, Souris, MB

Stephanie was born and raised in Souris, MB. Her interest in agriculture started at a young age, helping grandma on the farm or hanging out with dad at the elevator. Today, she lives on a mixed grain/cattle farm near Minnedosa, MB, and helps her significant other manage his family farm. Her love for agriculture grew even stronger after learning how to manage her own farm and taking on new responsibilities, such as driving the combine or grain truck at harvest, working cattle and creating cropping plans. She is passionate about regenerative agriculture and integrates practices such as cover crops, rotational grazing and no-till on her farm. She sees a need for experts in this field, which is why she decided to go back to school at Assiniboine Community College and get her diploma in agribusiness. After graduation in spring 2023, she hopes to work as a technical agronomist and attain her CCA designation.





Hannie Peters, Ile Des Chenes, MB

Raised on a family dairy, grain and beef farm, Hannie has always been surrounded by agriculture. From milking and working with cattle to helping her dad in the field with harvest, farming played a big role in her life. She grew up not knowing what she wanted to do in the future, but over the years has fallen in love with working in the field and learning the best ways to improve yields. Hannie is enrolled in the second year of her agricultural diploma, majoring in crop management. After graduation, she plans to continue her education with an agronomy degree to further her knowledge of crop management. After she finishes school, she plans to go back to the family farm with new knowledge of how to improve the farm's soil health to help increase crop yields.



Alison Manness, La Salle/Domain, MB

Alison grew up on a grain farm in La Salle and Domain, MB. From a very young age she remembers going on combine rides with her dad, which sparked her passion for agriculture. She started off on the family farm doing yard jobs, such as watering trees, mowing the lawn and cleaning grain bins, but recently became the head grain cart driver. Alison chose to study agribusiness at the University of Manitoba so she could learn more about managing a farm and, one day, take over her family's operation. When she graduates in 2025, Alison hopes to continue farming alongside her dad and family. She knows she will gain a lot of knowledge not only from the classroom, but also from the field, so she can excel as a farm manager.

