



## Meet Manitoba Crop Alliance's 2023-24 post-secondary bursary recipients



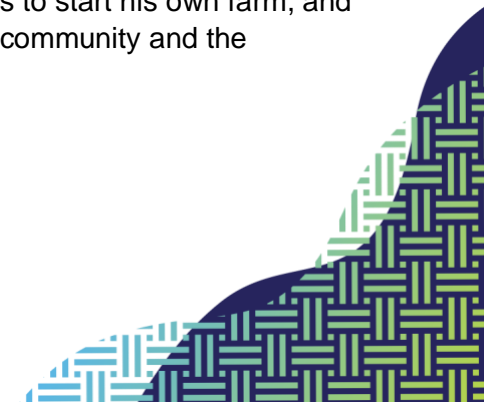
### **Emma Harms (Mather, MB)**

Emma grew up on a mixed grain and cattle farm in Mather, MB. For several years, she participated in the Clearwater 4-H Beef Club and was actively involved in Manitoba and Canadian Junior Angus Associations. Her love for all things agriculture started from a young age helping on the family farm, whether that be moving cows, helping feed or running a combine in harvest. Emma always knew she wanted to pursue agriculture in the future and is currently in her second year of the Agribusiness Diploma program at Assiniboine Community College, where also serves as Ag Club president. Through college, she has come to realize her interest in crop inputs. Emma enjoys learning how producers can use integrated crop management strategies to maximize yield and be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. After completing the diploma program, Emma plans to work in the ag sector and assist producers in making informed decisions on their farms.



### **Rhett Grieve (Virden, MB)**

Rhett grew up on a family farm outside of Virden, MB, and has always been surrounded by agriculture. As Rhett got older, he started to take more responsibility on the farm, learning how to do more activities and drive bigger equipment. His passion for agriculture has stemmed from these experiences on the farm, which have also helped to shape who he is today. Choosing to go into agriculture as his field of study was a no brainer, as he was becoming more immersed in the farming world. After high school, Rhett decided to take the agribusiness program that is offered at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. Through this program, he has learned lots about the agriculture industry and where it is headed. He is excited to move into the industry after graduation and start a career as an agronomist. He also plans to start his own farm, and work alongside his family to contribute to the community and the industry.





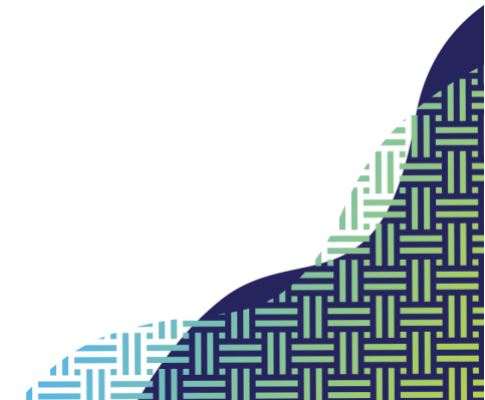
**Ashlyn Whetter (Alexander, MB)**

Ashlyn grew up near Alexander, MB. Her passion for agriculture stems from her family's grain and seed farm and began at a young age. Growing up, she visited the farm for field suppers and combine rides. Throughout high school, she spent her summers working on the farm and operated the grain cart at harvest. Her farm background and 4-H involvement inspired her to enrol in agriculture at the University of Manitoba. She is in her second year of an agronomy degree, which she chose because of her interest in the science and sustainability of crop production, as well as soil and water management. After graduation, Ashlyn hopes to work as an agronomist to help farmers incorporate sustainable practices into their operations, while still helping on the farm.



**Brendan Friesen (Blumenfeld, MB)**

Brendan grew up on a grain farm in Blumenfeld, MB, and was often involved in small roles, but became more interested in farming as a future career in his final year of high school. Through recommendations, he decided to take the Agricultural Diploma program at Assiniboine Community College to build his knowledge and skills on the financial and managerial side of the farm, as well as learn more about soil science. He is majoring in crop management and currently completing the final year of his diploma. Brendan looks forward to returning to the family farm after graduation and working alongside his brother to grow their farming operation.





### **Nathan Krahn (Rivers, MB)**

Nathan was born on a grain farm north of Rivers, MB, and is a fourth-generation Canadian farmer. He is thankful for his dad, uncle and grandpa, who have all taught him many important values and skills on the farm. He started his farming experience mowing grass, cleaning bins and helping in the shop as a young kid and now enjoys operating equipment, field scouting and hauling grain. Nathan has always wanted to learn more about farming and enrolled in the Diploma in Agriculture program at the University of Manitoba in fall 2022. He has worked on the farm every summer but will be working off-farm for Terraco in Ile des Chenes after his graduation. This opportunity will allow him to continue growing his knowledge of retail sales, crop scouting, chemical application and soil testing. Nathan is hoping the skills and knowledge he gains at this job, his university courses and supportive family at home will equip him to be a successful farmer when he returns to Rivers in a few years to work alongside his family.



### **Cadence Krahn (Carman, MB)**

Cadence grew up on a grain farm just north of Carman, MB. Her passion for agriculture began at a young age, and she has spent countless hours sitting with her dad in the tractor, as well as doing many tasks on the farm herself. The past two summers, she has also worked at an agriculture research station, Corteva, where her interest in agriculture continued to grow. She has always known she would want to pursue a career in agriculture someday. She is in her second year of an agriculture degree majoring in plant biotechnology at the University of Manitoba. After graduation, she plans on continuing with a master's program to someday contribute to developing new traits that make farming easier and more efficient.

