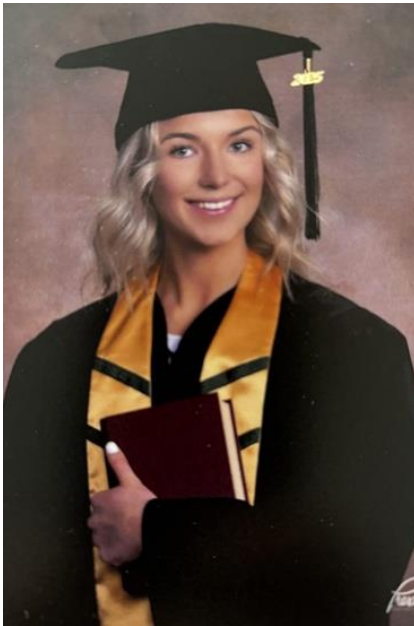




## Meet Manitoba Crop Alliance's 2024-25 post-secondary bursary recipients



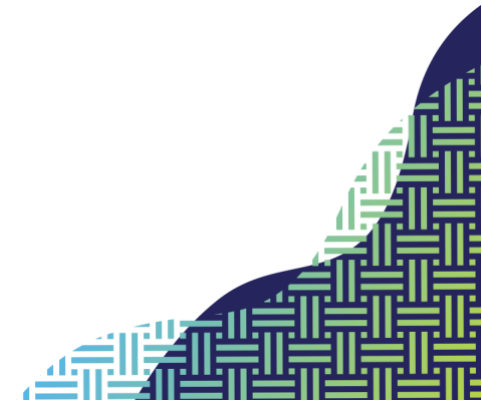
### **Mika Cleave (Ochre River, MB)**

Mika was immersed in the agriculture industry from a very young age growing up on a grain and cattle farm in Ochre River, MB. For as long as she can remember, she has wanted to take over the family farm. This led her to enrol in the University of Manitoba's agriculture diploma program to get a better understanding and expand her knowledge about farming. This is how she hopes to follow in her dad's footsteps and strive for what's best for her farm.



### **Noah Kaminsky (Brunkild, MB)**

Growing up on his family's farm in Brunkild, MB, sparked Noah's passion for agriculture. It all started with countless hours spent in the combine with his dad during harvest, where he would ask endless questions. Driving around the lawn tractor on the farm when he was little always made him feel like he was part of the whole operation. That feeling of belonging on the farm led to where he is now, pursuing a degree in agribusiness at the University of Manitoba. He still helps on the farm during the busy season, and over the past few summers has also worked at Richardson Pioneer in Starbuck, MB, where he has further explored his passion for the agriculture industry.





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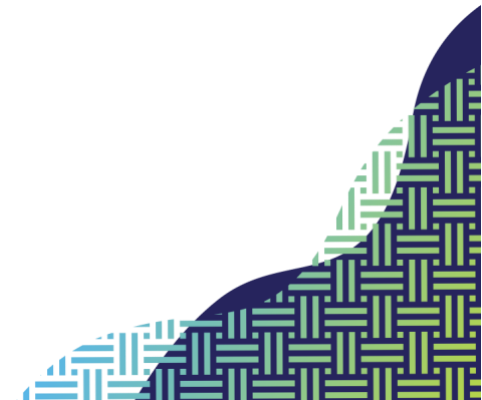
### **Chad Pouteau (Mariapolis, MB)**

Chad was born on a dairy and grain farm just outside of Mariapolis, MB. He grew up helping his parents with farm chores and tasks, which instilled a strong work ethic. He has worked various summer jobs in the agriculture industry that have helped him appreciate the hard work that goes into Canadian agriculture. All this led him to enrol in the agriculture diploma program at the University of Manitoba. He hopes to use the knowledge he has learned while in the program to benefit the family farm in the future.



### **Layne Thompson (Ochre River, MB)**

Growing up on a generational family farm (crop and cattle), Layne was introduced to agriculture at a young age. He was accepted into the University of Manitoba like some of his family members before him and began to explore his academic options. With memories and experiences of agriculture around his family and hometown of Ochre River, he sought to pursue a degree in agronomy, as well as two minors in biological sciences and crop protection agronomy. His love for plant and agricultural sciences has only grown since enrolment, and he hopes to serve as an agronomist after graduation, bringing his education back to the community that built him.





### **Jadyne Wiebe (Plum Coulee, MB)**

Jadyne grew up on a family cattle and grain farm near Plum Coulee, MB. He became involved on the farm at a young age, following his father around and joining him for rides in the field. His interest in farming grew when he began raising his own calves and doing odd jobs on the farm. During the summer seasons, he gained experience working for a local agribusiness, which led him to pursue a post-secondary education. He is currently in his second year of the agribusiness program at the University of Manitoba. He has also enjoyed working as an agronomy scout and plans to combine his academics with hands-on experience and apply them to his future employment, as well as the family farm.



### **Abby Mazier (Justice, MB)**

Abby grew up on a grain farming operation just outside of Justice, MB. After graduating high school and establishing a career in styling, she met her husband. After a few years of travelling and working, they decided to move back to the area she was raised in. The pair built a house and started their family. It wasn't until raising their children in the rural/farming environment that Abby realized how much she loved it. The opportunity to farm alongside her dad and brother recently arose, so she enrolled at Assiniboine College in the agribusiness diploma program. She is finding crop sciences and land management incredibly interesting. Abby plans to graduate in spring 2025 and bring her knowledge back to the family farm. She is eager to be the farm's agronomist and contribute to crop rotation planning, while creating best management practices that will benefit future generations.

