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Meet Manitoba Crop Alliance's 2025-26 high school bursary recipients



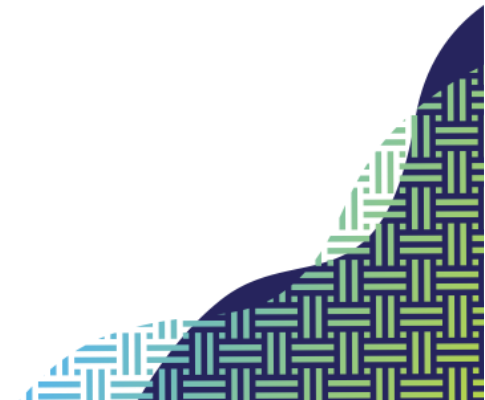
Austin Dubyts (Stockton, MB)

Austin Dubyts grew up on a fourth-generation family farm outside of Stockton, MB. From a young age, he was always interested in all aspects of farming, even before his dad took over the farm. Austin worked his way up from watching everything happen from a vehicle, to riding along beside his dad, to eventually being able to run equipment himself. Austin will be attending the University of Saskatchewan next year to get a degree in agronomy and a precision agriculture certificate. He is hoping this will expand his knowledge in these fields and open up new opportunities for him in the agriculture industry.



Katie Gulak (Gilbert Plains, MB)

Katie Gulak is a recent graduate of Gilbert Plains Collegiate with a passion for agriculture and a strong commitment to the future of the industry. She is proud to have earned a scholarship that will help continue her education at Assiniboine College in Brandon, where she will study agribusiness. Growing up around agriculture has been an important part of Katie's life and inspired her to build a career in the industry. She is excited to expand her knowledge and have her own farm someday.





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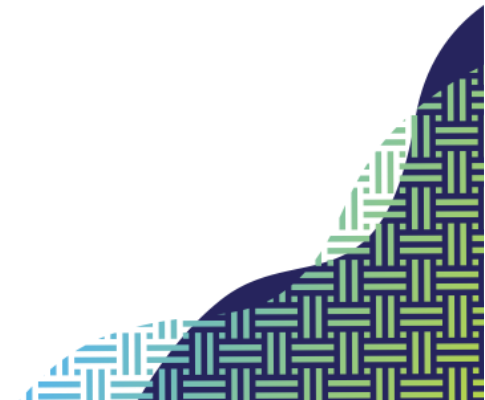
Aiden Brunel (Ste. Rose du Lac, MB)

Aiden Brunel grew up on the family farm in Ste. Rose du Lac, MB, and is a fifth-generation farmer. Aiden has long been involved in the farm, where he grew up riding on tractors and combines, running through fields and feeding cows. He has always jumped at the chance to help, with his roles and responsibilities increasing over the years from driving grain cart and cleaning bins to seeding, swathing, machinery maintenance and truck driving. This fall, he will be attending Olds College in Alberta to study agriculture production management. Aiden is excited for the hands-on learning opportunities, including the introduction of technology into the world of farming. He plans to introduce what he has learned into his family farm operation and help make the farm more sustainable.



Keira Duguid (Gimli, MB)

Keira Duguid grew up on her family's mixed farm outside of Gimli, MB. She developed an appreciation and passion for the agriculture industry early in life and helped out on the farm in any way possible, whether it was feeding cows or working in the fields. Keira was also involved in the 4-H program, where she was a member for 11 years. Being involved in 4-H and the agriculture industry has taught her responsibility, leadership and countless other valuable life skills. In the fall, Keira is excited to attend the University of Saskatchewan, where she will enter the agribusiness diploma program. After graduation, her goal is to come back to the family farm as an owner and improve the connection between agricultural producers and consumers, letting them know where their food comes from.





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Julia McMahon (Inwood, MB)

Julia McMahon grew up as a fourth-generation cattle farmer near Inwood, MB, where she developed a passion for agriculture from an early age. As a child, she enjoyed helping with everyday farm tasks, beginning with feeding barn calves and eventually taking on responsibilities such as vaccinating and branding cattle. More recently, she has also become involved in a grain farming operation, giving her a broader appreciation for agriculture as a whole. This fall, Julia will begin her studies in pre-veterinary medicine. From there, she plans to continue her education to become a large animal veterinarian, providing essential veterinary care to livestock producers in rural Manitoba. Julia is grateful for the opportunities she has had growing up on the family farm and looks forward to giving back to the agriculture community that has inspired her throughout her life.



Ella Prejet (Notre Dame de Lourdes, MB)

Ella Prejet was raised on a grain and hog farm just east of the small town of Notre Dame de Lourdes, MB. Growing up on the farm, her passion for agriculture grew alongside the operation as she took on a variety of responsibilities, including driving the grain cart, land rolling, raising Pygmy goats and bringing meals to the field during busy seasons. These experiences gave her a deep appreciation for the hard work, resilience and dedication that define the agriculture industry. This September, Ella will begin her first year at the University of Manitoba, where she will pursue a degree in agribusiness with the goal of eventually completing a master's degree. She hopes to combine the knowledge she gains through her education with the values and work ethic she developed on the farm to make a meaningful and lasting contribution to the agricultural sector.

