

"I'm Passionate About" Scholarship

My name is Tara-Lee LaRose and I am from a little farm not too far from Windthorst Saskatchewan. I have been accepted into the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan to earn a degree in Agribusiness. My family has always stressed the idea of how important Agriculture is to our country and our world. Agriculture is also a lot of responsibility and requires a lot of patience. From a young age you learn this, and this helps to grow a strong passion and a desire to learn and do more with it.

Growing up in a family who lives and breathes farming, helps you to develop the same passion from a young age. Both my mom and my dad grew up on family farms and they have always included my siblings and myself to the responsibilities of living on a farm. As a farm kid you learn, where your food comes from and all the hard work the farmers and their families put in, to feed our country and the world. This passion has resonated in me, and I just want to share my passion of Agriculture with the world.

Besides my passion, the dedication of the farmers, the families, and the people who work in Agriculture is what has driven me to choose a field in Agriculture. Farmers don't quit just because the sun has gone down, seed companies don't close during seeding or harvest because it is the long weekend and kids don't always get to go out and have fun if the crop needs to be put in the bin. It is truly inspiring to see the hard work and sacrifices that your families and neighbours put in so that people they don't even know have something to eat at dinner time. Another reason why I am so driven towards Agriculture is because of the great potential the industry holds. Agriculture is ever growing in Canada and Saskatchewan. People are realizing how important Agriculture is to our country. After all, Canada is the number one producer of canola, flaxseed, durum wheat, peas, lentils, and mustard seed in the entire world.

For the future of Agriculture, there are a couple of things I would like to accomplish. The first thing is to educate our country, especially urban areas, about Agriculture and how important it is to our country and our country's economy. When you grow up in a rural school, kids will miss a few days of school to help their dads and moms get the crops off the field. The teachers understand that sometimes the crop can't wait but your math test can. This would be very unheard of in an urban area because the farm isn't a priority to kids who have no idea what Agriculture even is. It is a huge dream of mine to work at educating students in all corners of our province about what all Agriculture entails and share my passion of Agriculture with them, so they at least go home at the end of the day and know the long process of how the food on their table got there. The other big thing that I would like to accomplish is taking care of our environment. Sometimes, I think we forget how this is our only world, and we must take care of it. But on the other side, we wouldn't be able to feed the world like we do without chemicals that increase yields. I hope one day, that I can help find that happy medium between using chemicals or having low yielding crops.

Life on the farm isn't always a walk in the park. It requires a lot of patience and time that people don't always have or are willing to give. As the old saying goes "life on the farm is a school of patience; you can't hurry the crops or grow an ox in two days". But, life on the farm is not something I would ever give up, and there is no other career I'd rather see myself enter.

Thank you for the consideration in my application!

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