



# Programs 2023

## Scholarship Winners

**Ashlyn Gessel - nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.**

Ashlyn is attending the University of Saskatchewan and working towards her Education Degree. Upon graduation Ashlyn plans on teaching in an elementary school.

Ashlyn was very involved with the Delisle Composite School as a student. She received the Governor General Award for highest academics at the Delisle Composite High School. In addition to academics she was involved with the junior volleyball team, Drama Club, Track and Field, Yearbook committee, Heritage Fair, Student editor of the Creative Writing Club and the Travel Club.

In addition to all the extra curricular activities at school Ashlyn has also been very involved in other community organizations. She has been a dancer and dance instructor at the

Delisle Dance Club for many years, as well as being a 4 H member for 4 years. During that time she took part in a multitude of projects - also qualifying for Club, District, Regional and Provincial level public speaking.



**Ashlee Waldner - nominated by the Swift Current Ag & Ex**

Over the past three years Madeline has found time to work at the Abernethy Nature-Heritage Museum in the summer. She has been the Museum guide and Activity Director. In addition to all the sports she has been involved with Madeline also enjoys the outdoors, camping, paddle boarding and spending time with her family and friends. Congratulations Madeline on being a recipient of one of this year's SAASE scholarships.

**Erica Ward- nominated by the Broadview Agricultural Society**

Erica is attending the University of Saskatchewan in the college of Agriculture in the Crop Science Program. After obtaining her B.Sc in Agriculture Erica hopes to become a research Agronomist.

Erica was involved with many extra-curricular activities at school. She played on the school volleyball team since grade 5 and also volunteered to help officiate volleyball games. She was also very involved performing on the school drama team. She was awarded the Mary Ellen Burgess Award for Best Actress in 2019 and a Saskatchewan Drama Association Acting Certificate of Merit in 2022.

She has been very involved in numerous community organizations. She has been an active member of the Elcapo Light Horse 4H Club for 8 years. Throughout those years she held various executive positions for the club including president, vice president, club reporter and secretary. She participated in speaking competitions at the club, district, regional and provincial level. She also participated in the 4H regional and provincial judging competitions. She also volunteered through 4H at the Mounted Shooting at Agribition. Her 4H club also hosted senior teas and ride demonstrations.



Erica works on the family grain and cattle farm. In the spring and summer she spends most of her time cutting and baling hay, tagging and doctoring cows and calves, fencing and hauling grain during harvest. She is using her income from that to help put her through university. In her spare time Erica enjoys horseback riding and is involved in the Ellis Valley Trail Riders Drill Team. She also enjoys sewing and quilting. Congratulations to Erica on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.

### **Ty Cooper Novak - nominated by the St. Walburg Agricultural Society**

Ty is attending the University of Saskatchewan - College of Agriculture. He will be pursuing a four year Bachelor of Science in Agronomy and ultimately would like to work in the agrochemical/fertilizer industry, with the goal of starting his own business.

Ty was very involved with extracurricular activities during school. He played volleyball since grade 7. He was a member of the school curling team for 4 years - he also played badminton and took part in track and field. Ty has also played minor hockey every year since he was 5 years old. He has also refereed for many years.

As well as being involved with numerous sports Ty was also involved with the St. Walburg 4H Club for 10 years. He has been involved with both the Beef and Light Horse. He developed his leadership skills through the positions that he has held with the 4H club - both President and Vice President. He mentored many younger members, as well as carried out many community service projects, as well as volunteering for many community events.

In addition to being very active at his school and in his community Ty kept himself busy with many different jobs. In 2021 and 2022 he worked at the Eagle Ridge Golf Course as a grounds keeper. He also worked with a local farmer picking, processing and selling at a local farmers market for 8 years. He worked at a local cattle operation and from 2014 - 2018 he was a referee and linesman for hockey. Congratulations Ty on being on of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.