



Annual Bursary Report



This report captures the last two years of financial activity and information about the award recipients for the 2019-20 academic year. We are very thankful for your commitment to our students and are pleased to share with you this update on the performance and impact of your fund.

SASKATCHEWAN SEED GROWERS ASSOCIATION BURSARY

Prepared for the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association, Saskatoon, SK

The Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association established this bursary to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) degree in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources who hold an interest in seed production, promotion, and distribution.

Thanks to this gift, our students are able to invest their energy in their learning rather than managing the financial puzzle of funding an education. Further, as an example of giving, the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association Bursary sets the recipients on a path of generosity that may impact countless learners in the future.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For the 12 months ended December 31

	2018	2019
Beginning balance	2,075.20	1.20
New contributions	2,000.00	2,000.00
Investment returns	-	-
Award payments	(4,074.00)	(2,000.00)
Ending balance	1.20	1.20

Please note: The 2018 calendar year includes payment of the 2017 and 2018 bursaries, as the 2017 disbursements were processed and paid in Jan 2018.

AGBIO AT A GLANCE



1,671 students



12% receive scholarships,
bursaries & awards



\$45.3M new awarded
research funding

IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

2019-20 recipients:

Jaelyn Ford

"I am currently in the BSA degree program at the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, majoring in Agronomy. I love the hands-on labs with various plants, weeds, soils, insects, and diseases. My family are large grain farmers therefore I can directly apply everything I learn back home on the farm to help my family become more successful.

I was drawn to this program because I have grown up being active in the agriculture industry my whole life. I am passionate about learning more about agronomy and building a career in the industry.



After university, I plan on pursuing a career as a sales agronomist with BASF as I have already been working with this company for a couple of years in summer positions and I have loved every minute of it! I also plan on continuing to help out at the family farm during my time off.

Bursaries have been a huge help throughout my university career. Financial stress can be a very large burden and even one bursary can make a large difference in making it easier both financially and mentally to complete my university degree. Studies can be a heavy load as it is, a bit of financial piece of mind can sure go a long way in relieving that load! Receiving the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association Bursary has allowed me to focus more on my studies and less on worrying about a part time job or applying for student loans and accumulating debt.

Thank you."

Quinn Sturby

"I am currently in my third year of the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program at the University of Saskatchewan and I am majoring in crop science. The aspect I enjoy most about this program is the opportunity to take various plant genetics classes and learn from professors who are involved in research and the industry.



Growing up on a grain farm and having an involvement in the agriculture industry from a young age was what initially made me interested in studying a plant science program. I also developed interests in global food security, finding sustainable ways to increase crop production, and improving agriculture to benefit the grower, all of which contributed to my choice of program. What drew me to the crop science program, more than the other majors, was that it allowed for a focus on field crop genetics, physiology, and biotechnology to improve crop production and quality rather than agronomic and soil management. I also value the emphasis on food security and the need for innovative technologies and systems for crop improvement.

After I obtain my degree, I hope to work in plant genetics and breeding. I would like to further my education after obtaining my bachelor's degree. I ultimately see myself being involved in research in the field and the lab.

This bursary has allowed me to focus on academics and not worry as much about money and finances. I only rely on income from my summer job during the school year, so being awarded this bursary and having some extra money come in during the school year really makes a difference when it comes to paying for groceries and everyday necessities. *Thank you."*

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