

# **EXCELLENCE** IN AG PROGRAM

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

You're pursuing a career in agriculture, an industry with a bright future and endless innovation and diversity. The Excellence in Ag Program from the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS) can help you achieve your personal career goals and objectives.



### PROGRAM DETAILS

#### Scholarship:

Scholarships are awarded in installments of \$2,500-4,000 annually up to a maximum of \$16,000 towards an applicable degree and completion of the program.

#### Internship:

Paid internships will be available for up to three years in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. During this internship, students will be fully integrated into the Agro Team at a local retail co-operative.

#### **Employment:**

Upon completion of post-secondary education, students have the opportunity for full-time employment within the CRS.

#### Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be entering or currently enrolled in a diploma or degree program in agriculture or business at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Maintain a minimum average of 75 per cent in the most recently completed full-time school year
- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanentresident status

## APPLICATION

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed and signed application form
- Resumé

- Proof of enrolment in a post-secondary institution or conditional letter of acceptance
- Transcript of academic record
- Two letters of reference from a teacher or professor, principal, guidance counsellor, supervisor or mentor (with at least one letter from a work supervisor)
- 500-word essay or video on one of the following topics:
- Co-operatives and their impact on local communities
- The future of agriculture in Western Canada
- The best coach or teacher you have had and what made that
  person a great leader or mentor

### DEADLINE

Applications are due September 15 of the current calendar year. Only finalists will be contacted for an interview.





"The Excellence in Ag Scholarship has been a great opportunity, and I have gained more than I ever would have imagined. It has given me the opportunity to work in a different setting, try new roles at the local Co-op and learn more about the diversity of agriculture across the province."

#### - Brina Rathwell



"I am very excited and thankful to be part of a program that is going to help expand my knowledge within the agriculture industry."

- Tyrel Carlson

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