

“I’m Passionate About Ag” Scholarship Essay

Agriculture has surrounded me ever since I can remember. I grew up on a mixed grain farm near Cupar and I have developed a passion for Ag. Generations of family that have dedicated their lives to agriculture have fuelled my passion. This has included our own family grain farming where I have acquired a love for the smell of fresh, tilled soil; helping my Grandma in her market garden and selling bedding plants and fresh produce at the local Farmer’s Market; tending our own family garden; or my family’s mobile seed cleaning business. I saw how much my parents and their family loved this profession. I learned the lifestyle and fell in love with it.

As a young adult, I am driven to choose this industry for my future for a number of reasons. The primary driving force is that there is a clear purpose to what we do in agriculture. I love Ag because it is a noble industry that aims to provide good health and nutrition to both billions of people and the land. We take great pride in being part of something that literally fulfills a basic survival need of every man, woman and child on earth. It is a career that impacts the food chain, which in turn impacts everyone.

The people are another motive for entering the Ag industry. When I look at the people who make up and represent the agriculture industry, it is motivating. They are dedicated, hard working, loving, kind and honest. It is empowering to be part of an industry with people who share a passion and recognize the importance of their work and doing it right. There is tremendous satisfaction in working as a team and working towards something bigger than myself. I also like the acquired skills and values that living and working in agriculture promotes. The industry has also opened its doors to many people, whether they are young, old, male or female.

It is exciting to live, actively grow and study in a province that offers so much in the dynamic agriculture industry. I believe the future of agriculture (in Saskatchewan and globally) will demand focus on the anticipated global population growth to 9.5 billion by 2050. There is a need to educate consumers and make more connections with the end users. Producers themselves will also need to find ways to shift from maximum production to optimum production. In order to feed mankind, we have to implement every available safe technology. Focus will be on being more sustainable with less input resources and more output for food production. I anticipate that the four-year Agriculture degree program at the U of SK will impart knowledge and opportunities to contribute to the Ag industry.

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