

## Arden McWilliams



Hello, my name is Arden McWilliams and I'm 19 years old, entering my second year of study at MacDonald College's Farm Management and Technology program. I grew up on our family farm in Navan where we raise Belgian Draft horses and run a cash cropping outfit. I started working on my neighbour's dairy farm, Sunnymead Farms, when I was 13 years old, learning the basics of dairy farming and working with dairy cattle. Since then, I have worked at Edwards Holsteins in Westport, where I have advanced my knowledge of cash cropping and dairy operations. I have been involved in 4-H for 8 years, with the Russell 4-H club. 4-H has given me the opportunity to meet life-long friends, who have similar interests as I do within the agricultural community. While I have participated in many clubs over the years, a major highlight and accomplishment of mine has been going to the Royal with my 4-H calf, and I am looking forward to representing my club again in the future. After completing my 3 year diploma at MacDonald College, I plan on working in the Eastern Ontario dairy industry. Nutrition is a main interest of mine, as well as continuing on with the family farm and raising Belgian horses. I would like to take a moment and thank the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association and Farm Show for this scholarship and opportunity. It is truly appreciated.