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I grew up on a farm east of Strathmore where we have always had many different kinds of animals around to keep us busy. Currently my sheep flock consists of 15 registered Hampshire ewes and 30 Suffolk-Hampshire crosses that I enjoy taking to shows. I also have a small herd of cattle that is a result of my involvement in 4-H. I was a member of the Standard 4-H Club for 9 years, completing mostly sheep projects and attending events like 4-H on Parade and the Provincial Sheep Show. 4-H has given me many great opportunities and memories and I was proud to receive the Platinum award for diary points. I attended Standard School where I was on the golf, curling and badminton teams and was a member of the yearbook committee in high school. I was also a member of the Standard Figure Skating Club and volunteered as a Program Assistant in their Canskate program.

After completing my first year at the University of Calgary, I decided to transfer to Saskatoon for the Animal Science program at the University of Saskatchewan. I am looking forward to my third year and I am excited about the interesting courses I get to take. I will continue to work hard to reach my goal of getting accepted to vet school after completing my Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. Thank-you to the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association for supporting my educational pursuits by choosing me as their 2011 scholarship recipient.