

Meet Laora Fonderflick

Recipient, 2021 Elise Corbet Scholarship

First and foremost, I would like to extend a sincere thank you. It is a pleasure to have been chosen as this year's recipient of the Elise Corbet Scholarship and I am very grateful.

I am a fourth-year History and French major at the University of Calgary who plans to graduate in 2022. Having grown up in Calgary, I had the opportunity to explore many local and provincial historical sites, as well as some abroad, which nourished my interest in this topic and provided a natural direction when it came time to select a major. My goal is to pursue a career related to the subject of history; in particular, I am considering becoming an archivist because I value the close contact with historical documents and the emphasis placed on preserving them so as to benefit the next generations. Sharing knowledge and making the remnants of our past accessible is important. Working for a military history organization has shown me how much we owe our past and how meaningful it is to learn it. Over the summer, I had the opportunity to be a historical interpreter which not only allowed me to pass knowledge on to visitors, but also learn how to showcase history and make it both lively and captivating for the general public.

By investing in my education, awards like yours provide me with the means of achieving these career goals. Your support is all the more appreciated as it alleviates the worries of funding my post-secondary education so I can focus more on learning. Being the recipient of this award is very fulfilling and motivates me to keep working hard to honor your generosity. Thank you again.