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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **4-H Foundation of Alberta Awards \$80,000 in Scholarships**

### *The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship*

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Westerose, Alberta -- The 4-H Foundation of Alberta is proud and thrilled to announce that it awarded the largest monetary scholarship in 4-H Alberta's history: in September 2018, the Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship Selection Committee awarded a combined total of \$80,000 to ten (10) Alberta rural farm youth.

"The 4-H Foundation of Alberta worked hard to establish the highest paying scholarship in 4-H Alberta's history. Thanks to the dedication and support of passionate donors like Lillian and Edward Ness, we are able to help ten deserving youth pursue their career goals and ease their financial burden of post-secondary education. We are very grateful for the generosity of Lillian and Edward Ness, two visionary donors with an unmatched love for youth and 4-H Alberta, who made this new scholarship possible," says Leah Jones, Chief Executive Officer of the 4-H Foundation of Alberta.

The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship was established by Lillian and Edward Ness in honour and memory of Mrs. Lillian Ness' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and Ona Hansen.

The scholarship is designed to help rural farm youth who must leave home to pursue a post-secondary education or trade. In September 2018, the following applicants received an Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship:

- First place, valued at \$20,000: Talia Beckie
- Second place, valued at \$15,000: Isaiah Roemmele
- Third place, valued at \$10,000: Leah Trenson
- Fourth to tenth place, valued at \$5,000 each: Carter Bodell, Devin Ewasiw, Ashely Ganske, Katelyn Imbery, Odessa Kopp, Cheyenne Porter, Emily Taylor

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta is proud and honoured to create a legacy on behalf of Hansen/ Ness Family and will continue to award the Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship in 2019 and beyond. A minimum of \$80,000 will be awarded each year going forward.

"Winning this scholarship is such an incredible honour," says Talia Beckie, the first placed winner of the 2018 Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship. "The scholarship gives me the freedom to pursue my academic dreams without having to worry about financial limitations. If Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Lillian Ness



were here today, I would tell them how inspired I am to live up to their legacy and that I hope to make them proud. Thank you for your generosity!”

The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship will open its 2019 applications on May 1, 2019 and the application will be posted on the 4-H Alberta website: [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca).

### **About 4-H Alberta**

4-H Alberta is a leading youth organization committed to developing outstanding leaders with indispensable skills to succeed in today’s society. Through the efforts of a dedicated provincial network, 4-H Alberta offers programs, trips, awards and scholarships for members, volunteer leaders, and families.

### **About the 4-H Foundation of Alberta**

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta was formed in 1977 as a nonprofit charitable foundation to build and operate the Alberta 4-H Centre. Today, a big part of the work of the 4-H Foundation of Alberta includes the overview and management of scholarships as well as fundraising efforts to support the 4-H Alberta’s outstanding youth programs and events.

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