SUPPORTING THE NEXT
GENERATION OF AG LEADERS

EXCELLENCE
IN AG PROGRAM

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CONGRATULATIONS!

You're pursuing a career in agribusiness, an industry with a bright future and endless innovation and diversity. The Excellence in Ag Program from the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS) can help you achieve your personal career goals and objectives.

UP TO $20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

PAID INTERNSHIPS

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND SIGNING BONUSES

PROGRAM DETAILS

Scholarship:

Scholarships are awarded in installments of $2500-5000 annually up to a maximum of $20,000 towards an applicable degree and completion of the program.

Internship:

Paid internships will be available for up to three years in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. During this internship, students will be fully integrated into the Agro Team at a retail co-operative.

Employment:

Upon completion of post-secondary education, students have the opportunity for full-time employment within the CRS, which may include a signing bonus.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be entering or currently enrolled in a diploma or degree program in agriculture or business at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Maintain a minimum average of 75 per cent in the most recently completed full-time school year
- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent-resident status

Application:

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed and signed application form
- Resumé
- Proof of enrolment in a post-secondary institution or conditional letter of acceptance
- Transcript of academic record
- Two letters of reference from a teacher or professor, principal, guidance counsellor, supervisor or mentor (with at least one letter from a work supervisor)
- 500-word essay or video on one of the following topics:
  - Co-operatives and their impact on local communities
  - The future of agriculture in Western Canada
  - The best coach or teacher you have had and what made that person a great leader or mentor

Deadline:

Applications are due September 15 of the current calendar year. A selection committee will review and vet each application. Finalists will be contacted for an interview.

Please submit applications and supporting documentation to the following:

- by email: excellenceinag@fcl.crs
- by mail:
  Ag Solutions – Excellence in Ag Program
  Federated Co-operatives Limited
  P.O Box 1050
  Saskatoon, SK S7K 3M9

"The atmosphere created in this program is very conducive to learning and self-improvement, as well as developing a passion for agriculture among the participants."

- Braden Koroscil

"Even as a summer student, I felt that growers trusted me as an advisor. And that is a special feeling."

- Sara Grassick