

## And the CMGA Youth Support Fund Recipient is...

**Emma Blackburn from Ayr, Ontario**, is the first CMGA Youth Support Fund recipient. She sent her application in July and after reviewing it, the Youth Committee decided to recommend her application to the CMGA board. By a unanimous vote, the Board of Directors decided to grant the fund to Emma.

For three years Emma has been greatly involved in agriculture, working on numerous farms and through activities such as: 4-H beef, rodeo, goat clubs, as well as riding horses. Her most distinguished involvement in agriculture was being awarded Honourable Mention Youth Point Chase winner in 2017 from the CMGA. These experiences have given her the knowledge and skills necessary to represent the Canadian Meat Goat Association as an active youth member.

Emma applied to the Youth Support Fund because she wants to expand her passion for showing goats into a quality goat herd of her own. She's confident that this scholarship would provide her assistance to purchase a quality breeding doe to improve her herd.

Her vision: to own a herd of healthy, purebred, show quality Boer goats that will be efficient, profitable and respected across the Canadian Meat Goat Industry.

Her goal: To be able to exhibit and participate as a Youth Owned and Bred competitor in the next three years. As well, before the completion of her time as a junior member of the CMGA, she hopes to raise five quality breeding does to expand her herd and show at various shows including the Royal Winter Fair.

As part of her application, Emma also wrote a nice essay on Caseous Lymphadenitis (CL).

Congratulations Emma on behalf of all CMGA Board members! 🍁



Hello,

I am Emma Blackburn and I have been a part of the Brant County 4-H meat goat club for two years now. I would like to say thank you to the awesome leaders of the club! Every meeting, they make sure all the members, no matter what their experience with goats is, learn something new. This past year in goat club, we learned about goat anatomy, what to look for in a meat doe, showmanship strategies and more! Our members always had fun in the goat club! My two highlights of this year's club were: making our own goats out of wood, that stand on wheels. We used these goats to practice showmanship. I also enjoyed being able to listen in on the CMGA annual general meeting and learn more about the association across Canada.

I had a great year showing my very own commercial yearling doe at various fairs and look most forward to The Royal Winter Fair in Toronto to wrap up the show season. Her name is Maple Cinnamon and she is an April 2017 Boer x doe. I have raised her since a weanling and look forward to her first kidding early next year. She has a very quiet and affectionate personality and is so much fun to work with. With her previous success in the show ring and myself being named honourable mention CMGA youth show person last year, I look forward to continuing showing Maple for many years to come!

Emma Blackburn  
Ayr, Ontario