

**LAMBTON  
IPM 91  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**2024**

**PRESS KIT**

**This year the Lambton International Plowing Match Trust Fund'91 Scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000 per winner.**

**The Trustees were impressed with the quality of the applications submitted.**

**The winners for 2024 in alphabetical order are:**

**Kiera Maw                      Garden Crescent, Petrolia**

**Olivia McKinlay        Beechwood Ave, Forest**

**Laura Vandendool French Line, St. Clair**

### **IPM '91 A GREAT SUCCESS**

Everyone was very proud of all the agricultural community who worked so hard to make this event a success. The weather cooperated to provide excellent conditions before, during, and after the Lambton 1991 International Plowing Match.

Through the various sources of revenue including gate receipts, exhibit space rental and donations, a profit of well over \$125,000 resulted for the local organizing committee.

All the volunteers involved, from the executive on down, were true volunteers! They did not receive any remuneration for their services which helped assure that the profit could all be utilized for community purposes.

The spirit of the '91 International Plowing Match will live on with the annual presentations of three scholarships to deserving post secondary students from Lambton.

It was exciting to see such a large group of volunteers remain so positive and pull together for a common cause.

## **PROPOSAL FOR IPM'91 TRUST FUND**

Set up as a Trust Fund with a committee of trustees with the following responsibilities:

1. Assess current needs of Lambton's agricultural community.
2. Evaluate projects currently undertaken and make improvements as required.
3. Ensure fund expenditures meet overall goals of IPM'91 local committee.
4. Ensure investment of funds is completed wisely.
5. Administer allocation of scholarship funds annually.
6. Meet a minimum of once per year.
7. This trust fund is designed to run indefinitely. Arrangements would be made for the dispersal of the trust fund sometime in the future if such dispersal was ever deemed necessary.

### **COMITTEE OF TRUSTEES (2024-2025)**

Gary Eastman	-	Chair of Trustees, Lambton Ploughmen
Barb McNeil	-	Treasurer of Trustees, Lambton Ploughmen
Bryan Boyle	-	Executive, IPM
Dennis Bryson	-	Executive, Lambton Ploughmen

# LAMBTON IPM'91 TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP

FOR

POST SECONDARY STUDENTS

FROM

LAMBTON COUNTY'S RURAL COMMUNITY

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LAMBTON INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH '91 TRUST FUND

IS OFFERING

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS IN SEPTEMBER 2024

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- CANDIDATES MUST HAVE COMPLETED 1 YEAR POST SECONDARY TRAINING AND BE ENROLLED IN THEIR 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF ANY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.
- EQUAL AWARDS - \$2,000 EACH
- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:
  - COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 50%
  - ACADEMIC RECORD 20%
  - FINANCIAL NEED 20%
  - DISCRETIONARY NEED 10%
- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION WAS SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

## **THREE STUDENTS GAIN SCHOLARSHIPS**

Three scholarships worth a total of \$6,000 were awarded this year by the Lambton International Plowing Match '91 Trust Fund. The scholarships were made possible from the over \$125,000 profit Lambton Organizers earned by hosting the 1991 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show in Enniskillen Township.

The money was invested and this year it generated three awards of \$2,000 each.

All candidates must be enrolled in their second year of college or university to qualify for the awards which are based on community involvement, academic record, and financial need.

### **KIERA MAW**

Kiera, age 19, is the daughter of Katie Nesbitt and Trevor Maw of Petrolia. She attended Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Petrolia. Kiera is now attending the University of Western Ontario, where she is enrolled in her second year of a double major in Childhood and Youth Studies and French Studies. She is planning a career as a French Immersion elementary school teacher or a youth counselor.

Kiera has been very active in school and community support activities. She was a member of LCCVI's student council for three academic years, holding a variety of positions. This built her leadership skills and empathy of issues facing students. Based on her interest in French, she acted as a French tutor for many students over the years, helping them build upon their own success. At University, she was elected Vice-President of Communications with the French Club, helping keep her fellow students well informed.

In her own community, Keira joined the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Town of Petrolia as a youth member and continues to be involved. She added her insight and perspectives to events that the town has planned for all ages. She extended her local interest to summer employment at the Victoria Playhouse of Petrolia.

Kiera has a special interest in supporting youth who struggle with mental health issues. Her passion for mental health accessibility has lead her to be the Youth Representative of Spoken Hope with the Youth Wellness Hubs of Ontario as well as a volunteer with Children's Health Foundation in her university community of London.

## **OLIVIA MCKINLAY**

Aimee, age 19, is the daughter of Adam and Tanya McKinlay of Forest. As a graduate of North Lambton Secondary School in Forest, Olivia is attending Wilfred Laurier University pursuing an Honours Degree in Kinesiology and hopes to pursue a career in occupational therapy or physiotherapy.

Sports have both played a large role in Olivia's life, and this has helped develop her time management skills while balancing school and many extracurricular activities. During her six years with Forest Extreme Ringette Association, she not only acted as a player but was able to assist coaches and provide support to other young athletes. She learned patience and the ability to maintain a positive attitude when coaching these young people.

Olivia's interest in mentoring young people has extended well beyond ringette. She completed the Service and Leadership Training program at Forest Cliff Camp where she facilitated activities for younger campers. This experience helped her develop her teamwork and organizational skills. She further utilized her organizational skills when she volunteered for the Kinwood Track and Field Days for multiple years. This provided opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of events. Olivia also applied her creativity and communication skills with volunteering at Forest BIA Kids Day.

Olivia also gets involved in the community in activities that appeal to multi-generational participants. By volunteering for the Forest Fall Fair and the Western Steam Threshers, Olivia helped show how collaborative effort and teamwork can make a positive difference in the community.

## **LAURA VANDENDOOL**

Laura, age 19, is the daughter of Dave Vandendool and Amy Robinson of French Line in St. Clair Township. Laura attended Wallaceburg District Secondary School. She is currently enrolled at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus in the Associate Diploma in Agriculture program. Her desire is to return to her family farm and to reestablish a beef feedlot operation.

Laura has completed several 4-H clubs in a variety of areas. She took many opportunities to assist her leaders and help younger members.

Laura has been very active in various aspects of the Moore Agricultural Society and the Brigden Fair over her lifetime, as a member of an active Brigden Fair family. She demonstrates her flexibility, teamwork and sense of responsibility to take on a wide variety of volunteer activities before, during, and after the fair.

Laura served on both the Wallaceburg District Secondary School Student Council and Ridgetown College Student Council. Participation in both groups honed her leadership skills as she played a role in organizing many special events based on the needs of the students.

Sports also play a role in Laura's development. She has been a volunteer with Sombra Sports and Recreation and was an active player for over 10 years with the Wallaceburg Soccer Association. This taught her the value of teamwork and time management.

Laura's genuine desire to help others is reflected in the fact that she worked at the Fairfield Nursing Home for four years helping provide environmental services and socializing with the residents. She also acted as a summer camp leader for Port Lambton Baptist Church, mentoring primary children and providing emotional support when needed.