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DAIRY INDUSTRY RESEARCH
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Name: Sara McNamara

School/Program: The University of British Columbia, Applied Biology

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Amount: \$2,500

Origin of Interest:

I have always known I wanted to work with animals yet, growing up in the city I had little to no experience with cattle. The first time I worked with cattle was at the age of twenty when I took on a student worker position at the UBC Dairy Education and Research Centre. This was when my interest in the dairy industry began. Working alongside researchers, farmers and veterinarians, I discovered this was exactly what I wanted to do in the future.

Background:

After my first experience working with cattle at the UBC Dairy Education and Research Centre, I wanted to expand my interests within the dairy industry. I decided to spend a summer as a farm management intern in New York at the W. H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute, where I explored all aspects of a high functioning dairy and even gained a certificate in artificial insemination. After the program, in May 2017, I completed my Bachelor's degree majoring in Applied Animal Biology at The University of British Columbia.

Educational and Career Aspirations:

Over the next four years, I will be in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. Having had the opportunity to work with multiple researchers within the Animal Welfare program at UBC I discovered the exciting possibilities within research. Though I plan to focus on dairy medicine throughout my studies I also wish to develop my interests further in reproduction and welfare research.

DIREC Mission Statement:

The BC Dairy Association actively funds research and education projects. Our objective is to facilitate, encourage and financially support projects and programs that have been identified by the BCDA to benefit the BC dairy industry.



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