

**LAMBTON  
IPM 91  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**2023**

**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 2023 in alphabetical order are:**

<b>Tecla Gerrits</b>	<b>Churchill Line, Enniskillen</b>
<b>Aimee MacKinlay</b>	<b>Van Bree Drive, Plympton-Wyoming</b>
<b>Emma Ouellette</b>	<b>White Line, St. Clair</b>

### **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 minimum of once per year.
7. This trust fund is designed to run indefinitely. Arrangements would be made for dispersal of trust fund sometime in the future if such dispersal was ever deemed necessary.

### **COMITTEE OF TRUSTEES (2023-2024)**

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

# LAMBTON IPM'91 TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP

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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 2023

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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, 2023

## **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.

### **TECLA GERRITS**

Tecla, age 18, is the daughter of Michael and Eva Gerrits of Churchill Line in Enniskillen. She attended Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Petrolia. Tecla is now attending Brock University, where she is enrolled in her second year of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is planning a career as a Registered Nurse specializing in labour and delivery.

Tecla has been very active in school and community support activities. She volunteered with fellowship at both her church and school teaching her attention to detail and helping her build community.

Tecla's entrepreneurial interest meant she started a business marketing grown products. This activity contributed towards her post-secondary expenses. She also taught and mentored children at vacation bible school and the Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre, engaging them in a welcoming and friendly environment. She has utilized her caring skills at the other end of the age spectrum in her summer work at Brookside Retirement Living for seniors.

Tecla's love of competitive basketball and beach volleyball has helped her develop teamwork skills, perseverance, as well as social skills.

## **AIMEE MACKINLAY**

Aimee, age 19, is the daughter of Scott and Denyne MacKinlay from Plympton-Wyoming. As a graduate of North Lambton Secondary School in Forest, Aimee is attending Fanshaw College pursuing a Honours Bachelor of Commerce in Digital Marketing and hopes to pursue a career in marketing.

Music and sports have both played a huge role in Aimee's life, and this helped develop her time management skills while balancing school and many extracurricular activities. Aimee has provided live music in her band "The MacKinlays" for a wide variety of events and causes. By providing entertainment at the Forest Relay for Life, she helped show how collaborative effort and teamwork can make a positive difference in the community. Volunteering at the Kaeden Brown Foundation events has taught Kara organizational skills as well as the importance of maintaining equipment. Playing music as part of the Camlachie Summer Sendoff and Watford Cornfest, showed Aimee the significance of good preparation and gave her a positive feeling of supporting her community..

Aimee has been active in ringette. She played both regular and 3 on 3 ringette where her teamwork and hard work paid off. She also contributed to her ringette community by acting as a coach and volunteer in appreciation for all the positive experiences she enjoyed as a player.

## **EMMA OUELETTE**

Emma, age 19, is the daughter of Lori and Marc Ouellette of White Line in St. Clair Township. She attended Wallaceburg District Secondary School. She is currently enrolled at the University of Western Ontario in Multidiscipline Business. Her desire is diversity her home family farm through value added products and possibly get into municipal politics.

Emma has been very active in various aspects of Moore Agricultural Society and Brigden Fair, she currently sits on the Board of Directors and was chosen as the current Brigden Fair Ambassador. She was chair of the Farm Olympics event and member of various committees. All this involvement has helped make more confident expressing her ideas as well as developed her people skills, problem solving skills, as well as organizational abilities.

Emma served the WDSS Student Council and Student Athletics as Co-President of both groups and honing her leadership skills as she played a role in organizing many special events based on the needs of the students. She also learned to be approachable and listening to the concerns of others.

Emma was a member in two agricultural clubs, namely Brigden 4-H Beef Club and the Fast Growers Garden Club. She promoted the clubs' activities, and acted a mentor to younger members as she developed a growth mindset and gained an appreciation of the value of hard work.

At University, Emma has continued her community involvement through membership in the Western University Housing Commission, acting as Vice President of the DMSA Club, as well as floor representative for her residence. She has strengthened her communication, budgeting, negotiation, and collaboration skills.