

Westshore Foundation awards student bursaries

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Meagan Furgala (from left), Brittany Cuthbert, Ryan Sigmundson and Breann Hawryluk are this year's winners of the Westshore Community Foundation's bursary awards. Grr MLA Peter Bjornson was on-hand to congratulate the students. Sydney Hough and Brian Gluck are attending UBC and couldn't attend the ceremonies.

The Westshore Community Foundation hosted its third annual Donor Appreciation and Scholarship and Bursary Awards Night Oct. 2 at the Lakeview resort.

This year six students were selected to receive \$7,700 in bursaries, up from \$5,000 last year. Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski, chair of the Bursary and Scholarship Committee, said the increase in scholarship money over previous years was made possible after a \$30,000 bequest from Carol Ann Clark.

This year's winners were: Meagan Furgala from Riverton; Brittany Cuthbert,

Ryan Sigmundson, Breann Howryluk and Sydney Hough from Gimli; and Brian Gluck from Winnipeg Beach.

Brittany Cuthbert is entering the first year of a four-year pre-medicine program with the plan to proceed into the four-year medical doctor program. She is presently living with room-mates and attending the University of Winnipeg

Meagan Furgala is entering her fourth year of studies at the University of Manitoba enrolled in the Faculty of Education. She is living with room-mates in Winnipeg. Meagan's goal is to become a teacher.

Ryan Sigmundson has entered his first year at the University of Winnipeg

Brian Gluck is entering the first year of a four-year field of studies with the goal of becoming a mechanical engineer. He has been accepted at the University of British Columbia and is living in student residence.

Sydney Hough is entering her first year of a four-year field of studies in the Faculty of Art at the University of British Columbia where she is living in residence. Her goal is to become a lawyer.

Breann Hawryluk is entering her third year of a four-year field of study in Human Ecology Family Social Science at the University of Manitoba specializing in both aging and economic health and will be living on her own in Winnipeg. Breann's goal is to be a Health Educator/Program Coordinator.

As of November 2009, the Westshore Community Foundation has grown to close to \$900,000 in donor endowments. For the last four years, Westshore Community Foundation has been working on a Manitoba Government Education initiative which provides matching funds at a rate dependant on the success of the foundation's fundraising/ contributions and donations into the new Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship & Bursary Fund.

"The intent was to support Northern and rural students who face extra costs related to their post-secondary education and training. The criteria that each eligible endowment must include is "the recipient must be facing the added financial burden of relocating their residence to a different community in order to pursue their academic studies/training," Magnusson Schimnowski said.