

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 2025 Centennial Scholarship Awards Two Recipients

**September 9, 2025 – LAMONT, AB:** Every year since 2025, up to two residents are awarded the Lamont County Centennial Scholarship; the 2025 recipients were announced at the August 26 Regular Council Meeting. Congratulations Christian Nimchuk and Gabriella Wendorff! These recipients were presented with a certificate of achievement and \$1,000 in a photo presentation at the September 9 Council Meeting\*. (\*Gabriella's mother Angela accepted the award on her behalf.)

The purpose of the Centennial Scholarship is to support for rural Lamont County students in their pursuit of further education. Each year, students within two years of graduation that reside in rural Lamont County, are invited to apply for the Scholarship each year.

"I would like to thank Lamont County for accepting my application to receive the Centennial Scholarship," said Christian Nimchuk. "To receive this award is an honour, and I appreciate how these funds will contribute to my studies at Olds College. I'm attending Olds College in the Agricultural Equipment Technician program for four years, while continuing my employment at Webb's Machinery in Lamont."

The goal of the scholarship program is to support rural Lamont County students in their pursuit of higher learning.

"This scholarship means that I am better able to access higher education through the financial support it provides," said Gabby Wendorff. "It allows me to focus more on my studies rather than worry about monetary needs of living. I thank Lamont County for helping support my education as I am currently studying at MacEwan University towards a Bachelor of Science degree."

Submissions for the Centennial Scholarship are accepted year-round with an annual deadline of **June 30**; this timeline aligns with the school year and for funds to be available to the recipient in the fall before program payment deadlines.

"Council is committed to supporting our rural students in the pursuit of higher education and post secondary opportunities. It is an important way to assist students from Lamont County," said Lamont County Reeve, David Diduck. "Both Christian and Gabby were very good candidates for this year's award. We also had numerous other well-qualified candidates apply and encourage everyone to apply next year. Congratulations to our recipients!"

For those interested in applying for future scholarships and to see some of the other opportunities available each year across the region, visit: <a href="mailto:lamontcounty.ca/scholarships">lamontcounty.ca/scholarships</a>. This includes information on a few of the other scholarships available to Lamont County students, including the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen Memorial Bursary and the Lamont County Centennial Scholarship. Applications for the Centennial Scholarship can now be applied for 2026.

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[Caption #1: Lamont County's Councillor Woitas, Councillor Anaka, Reeve Diduck, (Christian N.), Deputy Reeve Warawa and Councillor Wick presenting **Christian Nimchuk** with this year's Centennial Scholarship.]

[Caption #1: Lamont County's Councillor Woitas, Councillor Anaka, Reeve Diduck, (Angela Wendorff – Gabrielle's mother accepted on her behalf), Deputy Reeve Warawa and Councillor Wick presenting Angela with this year's Centennial Scholarship on behalf of her daughter **Gabrielle Wendorff**.]





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