



4-H Canada Announces Four Recipients of Prestigious L.E.A.D. Scholarship

Ottawa, Ontario – October 7, 2019 – 4-H Canada is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction (L.E.A.D.).

4-H Canada's most prestigious and highly-sought after annual scholarship recognizes four outstanding 4-H members who demonstrate personal development, community impact, and leadership excellence in each of 4-H Canada's four Leadership Development Pillars. L.E.A.D. honours youth who have become exceptional leaders through their 4-H experience, and who share the best of themselves with their communities.

L.E.A.D. is made possible through a generous partnership with CN, a long-time supporter of 4-H Canada and strong champion for advancing leadership in rural communities across Canada.

The 2019 4-H Canada L.E.A.D. recipients are:

Douglas Sroka, SK, recipient for the Community Engagement & Communications Pillar
Josiah Lodewyk, ON, recipient for the Science & Technology Pillar
Riley Callahan, NB, recipient for the Environment & Healthy Living Pillar
Courtney Taylor, AB, recipient for the Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security Pillar

Each L.E.A.D. recipient will receive a \$20,000 scholarship towards their four-year post-secondary studies, an all-expenses-paid trip to attend the 4-H Canada Leadership Awards taking place on February 10, 2020 in Ottawa, and ongoing mentorship from an expert in their field of study.

"The L.E.A.D. scholarship is unique in that it matches recipients with dream mentors, thus supporting youth as they move forward in their careers," said Shannon Benner, CEO of 4-H Canada. "We are very proud of this year's recipients and fortunate to be working with CN to recognize these four responsible, caring and contributing leaders who affect positive change in the world around them."

"Congratulations to the four 2019 L.E.A.D. scholarship recipients," said Sean Finn, Executive Vice-President of Corporate Services and Chief Legal Officer. "CN and 4-H Canada share a similar vision of building safe, strong, and vibrant communities across Canada. We are very proud to continue our partnership with 4-H Canada and to help cultivate the next generation of responsible, thoughtful and contributing leaders."

To learn more about the L.E.A.D. Scholarship and its recipients visit 4-h-canada.ca/lead.



About 4-H Canada

For over 100 years, 4-H Canada has been one of the most highly respected positive youth development organizations in Canada. 4-H Canada has close to 25,000 members and more than 7,700 volunteer leaders. Our goal is to help young Canadians “Learn To Do By Doing” in a safe, inclusive and fun environment. We believe in nurturing responsible, caring and contributing youth leaders who are committed to positively impacting their communities across Canada and around the world. To learn more about 4-H Canada, please visit 4-h-canada.ca and follow our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

About CN

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