

Grant Gaschnitz Memorial Ag Knowledge Sponsorship

About Grant Gaschnitz:

Grant Gaschnitz was a respected leader in the Peace Region, significantly impacting the local agricultural community. He was dedicated to strengthening Peace Country farms and ranches, advocating for the region's recognition, and supporting young people in becoming successful farmers and ranchers.

About the Sponsorship:

The Grant Gaschnitz Memorial Ag Knowledge Sponsorship is administered by the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association (PCBFA), an organization that Grant actively supported as a long-time member, board director, and lifetime member. PCBFA is a non-profit, producer-led group committed to providing cutting-edge, credible, and locally relevant information to Peace Country producers through applied research and extension programs.

The Gaschnitz family established this sponsorship to continue Grant's legacy of supporting young producers. The sponsorship aims to assist a young Peace Country farmer or rancher in pursuing an endeavor that will enhance their farming operation, education, and management skills.

Application Criteria:

- **Residency:** Must be a resident of the Alberta Peace Region.
- **Occupation:** Must be an agricultural producer.
- **Age:** Applicants must be between 17 and 40 years old.
- **Purpose:** The application must request support for further education in an agriculture-related area.
 - This may include a producer course, conference, or post-secondary program (degree or diploma) that will enhance knowledge and management skills related to farming or ranching in the Peace Country.
 - Open to anyone interested in advancing agricultural knowledge; applicants need not be enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Sponsorship Details:

- **Proof of Enrollment:** Recipients must provide proof of enrollment/registration in the program, course, or conference before receiving funds (email along with application).

- **Usage Period:** Recipients have one year to use the funds. If the sponsorship is not utilized, the funds may be awarded to a runner-up or carried forward to the following year.
- **Award Amount:** One sponsorship of \$500 will be awarded annually.

How to Apply:

- **Submission:** Complete and submit the application form below.
 - **Mail to:**
Grant Gaschnitz Memorial Ag Knowledge Sponsorship
c/o PCBFA, Box 3000, Fairview, AB T0H 1L0
 - **Email to:** manager@pcbfa.ca
- **Deadline:** The deadline to apply is October 6, 2024.
- **Announcement:** The scholarship recipient will be publicly announced at the PCBFA Annual General Meeting on November 30, 2024, and a plaque will be presented by the Gaschnitz family.

Grant Gaschnitz Memorial Ag Knowledge Sponsorship Application Form

Applicant Information:

- Surname:
- Given Name:
- Address:
- City: Province: Postal Code:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:
- Date of Birth:

1. Personal Background:

Please provide a brief description of yourself, including your area of agricultural production, your passion for farming or ranching, and your future goals (about 200 words).

2. Program/Course/Conference Information:

- Post-Secondary Institution/Host Organization Name:
- Program of Study/Course/Conference Name:
- Overview: Please provide a brief description of the program, course, or conference you wish to attend.

Include a website link to the program/event or attach printed information.

3. Statement of Purpose:

Please describe how attending this program, course, or conference will assist you in achieving your future goals and positively impact your farm/ranch management skills and the agriculture industry in the Peace Country (about 200 words).

Applicant Signature:

Date: