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### **Summary of Qualifications**

#### **A Bachelor of Science Degree, in Agriculture Honours Major.**

Strong knowledge of agricultural related practices in crops, animals and communications, occupational health and safety, as well as policies and procedures of workplace health and safety. Capable of championing strategic initiatives, foster team synergy and health and safety awareness.

Creative thinker with effective human resources management, planning and objective setting abilities combined with strong leadership, team building, communication and presentation skills. Self motivated with the ability to excel in a fast-paced environment; communicate effectively at all levels; grasp and apply new procedures quickly; and adapt to changes in the workplace.

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### **Professional Skills and Knowledge Acquired Through Education**

#### Agriculture:

- Acquired skills in the concepts, principles and techniques of agricultural related practices
- Ability to provide guidance in the areas of land and nutrient use and cropping factors
- Familiar with Microsoft Office programs
- Comprehensive understanding of industry relations

#### Occupational Health and Safety:

- Capable of identifying and articulating health and safety practices into the workplace
- Knowledgeable on the Occupational Health and Safety Act

### **Employment Experience**

CUSHAT NOOK STABLE. Elora, Ontario

1999 to Present

Barn Manager

Responsibilities include performing the tasks of a stable manager

FARFIELD FARMS and KAT FARMS LTD. Elora, Ontario 2005 to Present  
Responsibilities include driving a tractor and grain buggy during harvest, assisting in general repairs and maintenance of equipment

GROWMARK, Inc. 2011 (summer)  
Marketing and Agronomy Intern  
Responsibilities include the planning and organizing of grower field days, researching material for grower days, travel to Pursuit of Maximum Yield sites, creating marketing materials to be used for promotional events and resources

GRAND RIVER OHS. Cambridge, Ontario 2010 (summer)  
Health and Safety Consultant (Student)  
Responsibilities include creating health and safety manual for businesses, advising on health and safety issues in the workplace, developing training matrixes and programs

ONTARIO LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE INC. St. Jacobs, Ontario 2010 (summer)  
Responsibilities include booking in stock, recording bids and buyers, assisting buyers and sellers

SHARPE FARM SUPPLIES. Guelph, Ontario 2007 to 2009  
Responsibilities include operating a retail feed store, balancing statements, assisting customers and scouting crops

FERGUS STARTER AND ALTERNATOR. Fergus, Ontario 2005 to 2007  
Responsibilities include parts organization, rebuilding starters and alternators, and computer tasks

### **Volunteer Experience**

WELLINGTON COUNTY 4-H.  
Assisting with charity events, fundraising and leading various clubs

ALMA OPTIMIST GROUP. Alma, Ontario  
Assisting with charity events, running pull back tractors at The Fergus Truck Show

### **Education**

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, Guelph, Ontario  
**Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Degree (Honours),**  
Graduation Date 2012 (in progress)

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, Ridgetown Campus, Ridgetown, Ontario  
**Diploma in Agriculture.** 2007-2009

### **Special Projects**

Recipient of the Grand River Agricultural Society Scholarship 2009, 2010  
Recipient of the Best Overall Student Award in Graduating Class at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus, 2009  
Graduated with Honours, 2009  
Ontario Farm Animal Council Young Ambassador Program, 2009  
Ontario Percheron Association Ambassador, 2008  
Recipient of the Ridgetown Campus Mike Miller Leadership and Responsibility Award, 2008  
Recipient of the OAC Campus Ken Ketchum Manufacturing Memorial Scholarship, 2008  
Gold medal winner at The Ontario Skills Competition. Gold medal winner at The Canadian Skills Competition for Workplace Safety, 2007  
Food Safety Handlers Certificate, 2007  
Recipient of the Wellington Federation of Agriculture Ray Baptie Memorial Scholarship, 2007  
Recipient of the 4-H Amber Underwood Memorial News Report, 2007  
48 4-H Club Completion Award  
G Driver's License

### **Activities**

4-H, horseback riding, showing cattle, curling, tractor pulling, square dancing, traveling, tractors and trucks

## References

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GROWMARK)

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