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Ontario Sheep Farmers add Emerging Leader recognition to annual awards offering

Guelph, ON - Five recognition awards and an undergraduate scholarship are available to provincial sheep farmers and industry representatives. The annual [Ontario Sheep Farmers](#) (OSF) awards program recognizes individuals who contribute to the Ontario sheep sector, and this year there is a new Emerging Leader Award.

“There are so many people in our industry doing great things that many of us don’t know about, or are too humble to share,” says Marc Carere, OSF Chair. “This awards program is a highlight of our year, providing us a chance to showcase the diversity, strength and faces of our industry.”

For the 2021 awards, OSF added the new Emerging Leader Award to celebrate and recognize younger producers who have taken a socially responsible approach to contributing to the industry. “From consumer education and agricultural advocacy to local leadership initiatives and building new market opportunities, we’ve got young and innovative members who are making a serious impact. And we want to recognize them and encourage because they are shaping the future of our industry today,” says Carere.

The [full lineup of OSF awards](#) includes the Emerging Leader Award, Outstanding Shepherd Award, Long Service Award, Mapleseed Pasture Award, and the Ontario Sheep Farmers Memorial Fund - Industry Leader Award.

The OSF Undergraduate Scholarship, valued at \$500, is available to anyone 21 years of age or younger enrolled in their first or second year at an accredited university, college or apprenticeship program. Applicants do not have to be enrolled in an agriculture program to be eligible for the award. Applicants must be affiliated with the Ontario sheep industry.

“It’s the people who make our sheep industry the success that it is,” says Carere. “I encourage everyone to take the time to nominate someone for these awards, there are so many who deserve recognition.”

All 2021 OSF awards and the undergraduate scholarship are open to nomination or individual applications, and applications close on September 14, 2021. Additional information is available at www.ontariosheep.org/Awards%20Scholarships.

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