

Shannon Burwash Awards

These awards were established to honor the legacy of Shannon's love for the horse and her contribution to the horse industry to benefit Canadian post-secondary students in any field of study, with a preference for those pursuing agriculture, agri-business or equine-oriented studies.



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Shannon's involvement with the horse industry, and more specifically the Quarter Horse industry, was extensive. She was an active director and treasurer for the Quarter Horse Association of Alberta and the Canadian Quarter Horse Association and an Alberta director for the American Quarter Horse Association. Shannon also was very active on Equine Canada committees. She loved riding and showing horses and promoted good horsemanship, sportsmanship and a love for their pursuits. She passed away suddenly in 2013, after returning from the Sun Circuit in Arizona with the three-year-old gelding, "Soo Good", she and Wayne raised.

"Besides her family, Shannon had two big passions in life," says Wayne. "First, she loved the horse and was devoted to enriching the horse industry. Her second passion was education. She felt strongly that all young people should pursue post-secondary education." Guided by these passions, Wayne knew that a scholarship supporting young people involved with horses and agriculture and pursuing advanced education in those fields was a fitting tribute to Shannon.