

Olivia Taylor

2023 4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction
Recipient, Community Engagement & Communications

Olivia Taylor hails from the small fishing community of Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove, NL, where she first joined the 4-H Challenging Pioneers Club at the age of nine.

Exploring her diverse interests, Olivia has completed 4-H projects related to everything from horse training to line dancing to vet sciences. She's also been an avid participant at a variety of conferences and exchange trips, as well as competing in the 4-H Canada Science Fair and landing a Careers on the Grow Internship. Her long list of 4-H achievements includes winning public speaking competitions at the provincial and national level.



The public speaking skills Olivia developed in 4-H have continued to serve her well in all aspects of her life. Since the age of nine, she has won over 25 public speaking competitions, participating through community speak offs, Rotary and Lions Club events, Skills Canada, and more. Plus, she is the reigning Miss Achievement in Newfoundland after winning the scholarship program, which is judged primarily on public speaking.

Olivia has also used her voice to effect positive change in her school, church, and community. She has led a school food and clothing drive in support of Hurricane Fiona victims, founded a green team to share her passion for agriculture with students, volunteered with Tidy Towns to install and maintain community flower boxes, and even teaches a Dale Carnegie course at her church.

Olivia will kick off her post-secondary education at the Memorial University of Newfoundland to pursue a degree in business with a focus in marketing and communications. She plans to follow up with a food and agricultural business degree from an out-of-province university to support her goal of entering a career that combines her passion for agriculture and public speaking. Olivia's dream is to become a subject matter expert on vital food and agriculture-related issues in the public and private sectors, supporting Canadian farmers and encouraging all Canadians to make healthy and sustainable food choices.