2026 Kelly Graham Memorial Scholarship Award Winner:

Emma Matheson

Emma Matheson is a student at the University of Guelph studying Biological Science with a minor in Family and Children Studies. Growing up in Grey County, Emma developed a deep appreciation for the importance of strong, connected communities and accessible healthcare. Her long-term goal is to pursue a career in medicine and return to the Grey-Bruce region to serve the community she proudly calls home.

Emma's application reflected a genuine commitment to service, leadership, and community involvement. Whether coaching youth basketball, volunteering within her community, supporting local organizations, or leading teams in the workplace, she consistently demonstrates a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Her personal experiences with dementia have also given her a meaningful understanding of the challenges faced by individuals and families living with the disease.

The scholarship selection committee was particularly impressed by Emma's thoughtful and well-prepared application, her passion for helping others, and her clear commitment to building a future rooted in compassion, service, and community. Those who have had the opportunity to meet Emma quickly recognize her enthusiasm, optimism, and genuine joy for life, qualities that will undoubtedly serve her well as she pursues a career dedicated to caring for others.

"Receiving the Kelly Graham Memorial Scholarship is incredibly meaningful to me. It motivates me to continue working toward my goals and to give back to the community that has given me so much."

– Emma Matheson