



## **Looking to a meat industry career in finance or trade agreements**

Dominic Morrison is in the first year of his B.Com economics and law degree at the University of Otago, with an eye on an eventual career in the red meat sector.

“My dad works in finance and banking and I’ve always been interested in that side of things,” says Dominic, from Queenstown, a 2021 MIA Undergraduate Scholar.

“I attended John McGlashan College in Dunedin and agriculture and agribusiness were among the subjects I studied. That increased my interest in combining economics and law with working in the primary sector.

“I’d like to work in the meat industry – it’s so important to the New Zealand economy and there are a lot of career opportunities. Studying law and economics keeps my options open, to perhaps work on the finance side or in trade agreements.”

The MIA awards six undergraduate scholarships providing \$5,000 a year for each year of study and four post-graduate scholarships of \$10,000 for each year of study annually. They are aimed at students considering a future in New Zealand’s red meat sector. The MIA also runs a mentoring programme for its scholars, including a networking and educational event each year in Wellington.

Dominic says he is really looking forward to the mentoring and networking aspects of the scholarship.

“I’m keen to meet other scholars. sharing ideas and knowledge with them and meeting senior figures in the sector. I haven’t had any first-hand experience of the sector yet but I’m hoping I will have opportunities to gain that through the scholarship – so I can learn more about the career opportunities in the sector to help me make career decisions for the future.”