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A recent $25,000 donation from The Great-West Life Assurance Company will boost the G. Clarence Elliott Fellowship so it continues to have a positive impact on students. Steve Demmings, one of the original founders of the Fellowship, and Natalie Laden of GWL Investment Management Ltd. are appealing to donors as they celebrate a milestone – the awarding of $111,500 to motivated students. Over the past 12 years, the University of Manitoba has handed out 39 of the fellowships ranging from $1,000 to $4,000.

Agricultural economics student Evelyn Froehlich was a 2006 recipient of the award. She used the award to purchase a laptop computer, enabling her to work on her thesis from any location. "I do a lot of computer modeling so this has definitely helped me in my work," she says, adding Elliott's reputation in business has been an inspiration to her.

Elliott was an instrumental real estate pioneer with Great-West Life during the 1940s. The G. Clarence Elliott Fellowship was established in his honour by his friends and colleagues, and it is open to students in various graduate programs.

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