



3-DEER PHOTOS



Top: Amber receives her certificate from Sheryl Dunn Saturday evening at the convention. HARVEST PHOTOS COURTESY THE CHERNEY FAMILY

## Amber Cherney, C&K Harvesting

**Scholarships:** USCHI Scholarship, INSPRO Scholarship, Camiel Beert Memorial Scholarship

**Harvest crew:** C&K Harvesting, Cuba, Kansas

**Parents:** Chris and Karly Cherney

**School:** Republic County Junior/Senior High School, Belleville, Kansas

**College intentions:** Major in agricultural economics at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

**Essay:** My parents had a dream of becoming young entrepreneurs and established a custom harvesting service to fulfill their aspirations. I have now matured

in their dream that became a reality. As a fourth generation harvester, I experienced my first harvest run at the age of five months and have spent every summer chasing ripening wheat from Texas to Montana since. I have grown from a child who would fall asleep in a combine cab to the hypnotizing whirl of the combine reel to a teenager who now runs the combine or tractor and prepares meals for a large group of workers by myself. Harvest has been an intricate part of my life and helped me realize the most important things in my life are personal relationships,

agriculture, and traveling.

Each farmer for whom we harvest has grown to be family, and our summer neighbors at each stop have grown to be lifelong friends. Those connections have influenced me to pursue a career in agriculture. The discovery of differing farm methods, technological innovations, and agricultural professions have fascinated me.

I plan to study Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University following graduation. This course combines my interest in technology with my passion for agriculture and hopefully provides an opportunity for travel

and personal connections. I hope to find a career working with the same people with whom my admiration for agriculture began, custom harvesters. I have investigated positions that would allow me to travel with my profession and serve those who hold a special place in my heart, custom harvesters.

As a first-generation college student, my education is not only very important to me to achieve my goals, but also to set an example for my younger siblings. Thank you for your consideration. Any scholarship I receive would be greatly appreciated to me in my expenses.