

## YOUTH AWARD



## AMBER JOANN FLETCHER

Amber JoAnn Fletcher is a passionate advocate for equality issues and social justice. Her academic background is in Women's Studies, and she has won several awards for academic excellence. She is currently completing her PhD on agricultural policy and farm women's work, at the University of Regina. In September 2011, Amber's research on gender and climate change was presented at an international conference in Italy and will contribute to the United Nations Framework Convention and Earth Summit 2012. Recognizing the vital link between research and social change, Ms. Fletcher conducted pro-bono

research on the needs of low-income single mothers. She dedicates countless volunteer hours to fund-raising and support for women's organizations and social activism. In 2005, Ms. Fletcher designed a curriculum to provide free English-as-a-second-language lessons to low-income community members in Tanzania, East Africa. In 2006, she founded the first feminist activist group at the University of Regina, addressing sexism and racism. A selfless volunteer, she serves on four boards of directors, all focused on women's issues. Ms. Fletcher lives in Regina, Saskatchewan.