

### Essay #1:

My interest in horses started when I was 5. Which was weird because no one in my family at the time had any interest in horses, So I started riding when I was six years old. All my life I have tried different sports and never caught on with them besides horseback riding. Since I can remember I have been playing horse games, reading about them, and playing with horse figurines. When I was ten years old, I changed barns and started showing horses, before that I would go into fun shows, but this was another level. The first year I started showing it was ruff. The horse I was leasing was sick, and I was just not ready for that to happen. Instead of giving up at the end of the year I kept going, because I never felt like I was going though it alone, everyone was kind and was helping me more than ever. I find that horse showing really brings a different bond. At my barn, we are as close as family as you can get even though we are all different ages, and that makes me proud to be a part of it. Now I am still at this barn and own a three-year-old. It has been different and a long training journey (which I could not have been able to do without my couch) but I don't think I would change a thing about it.

### Essay #2:

Right now, I own a three-year-old horse who is in training. We have gotten quite far in it, but my coach always tells us that learning from other people is always better, so we add to what she has done for us. So, what I would spend with the 500\$ is clinics to teach my baby horse more. If there is still more money left over from the bursary, I would spend it on competition fees, as I am trying this year to go to Region 6 which is a big horse show, and it cost a lot so this bursary would help, this would be the first time I get to go to it with my three-year-old and it will be a level up in in his and my experience. This will all help with the big goal I have which is to go to AQHYA world show or even qualify for one of the classes there.