## Essay 1

Hey, I'm Nathanael. Some of my favourite childhood memories come from bobsled rides with our team of Morgans. After they passed, I was fortunate to get my own horse, Cinnamon. Together, we enjoy trail riding, the occasional show, and skijoring. I hold my Pony Club C level in flat and am working toward higher testing this summer. Cinnamon has taught me responsibility through daily care, riding, and barn chores.

Beyond riding, I'm passionate about equestrian storytelling and advocacy. Using drones, I capture and share our trail rides to promote the joy of horses worldwide. I've also partnered with Parachute Canada to create horse road safety videos, raising awareness and reaching thousands of viewers to encourage safe, respectful encounters with horses on roads.

Pony Club Quiz is one of my favorite regional events. Attending quiz nationals last year and qualifying again this year sharpens my horse and veterinary knowledge and connects me with other passionate horse youth from across Canada. I also serve as our club's youth rep, representing our members and contributing ideas to the Region.

Ultimately, my journey with horses has shaped my responsibility, creativity, and dedication, and I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

## Essay 2

I am honored to represent the NB/Island Pony Club Region at the 2025 CPC National Quiz in Calgary, Alberta this coming October. This competition gathers top Pony Club members from across the country to test their knowledge in horsemanship, stable management, and equine science.

If awarded the \$500 NBEA Youth Bursary, I would allocate the funds to offset expenses associated with attending this national competition. These costs include travel to Calgary, accommodation, registration fees, study materials and learning sessions. Participation in the National Quiz not only allows me to deepen my horse knowledge, it is a chance to grow as a rider, teammate, and leader. It also reflects the values that both the Canadian Pony Club and NBEA stand for: loyalty, character, and sportsmanship.

This opportunity marks a significant achievement in my equestrian journey, and the support of the bursary would be invaluable in helping me take part in this national event.