

NBEA Youth Bursary 2026

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Essay #1 - My Horse Experience and Interests

When I was 6 years old, I moved to New Brunswick and was lucky to move close to Cadence Stables in Charters Settlement. I loved visiting the stable and watching the horses in the fields. In 2018, I finally convinced my mom to let me try riding lessons, and this began my passion for riding. In 2020, I started riding more frequently, often riding Louis, a cremello Quarter Horse, that I instantly fell in love with. Over the last few years, Louis and I competed in both Hunter and Jumper divisions at local area shows, attended clinics, and were demonstration horse and rider at clinics with Jen Hamilton. These experiences really broadened my knowledge of riding and overall horsemanship. In November 2025, I decided that it was time for a new challenge and I started my journey with my new horse Vinnie, a bay Canadian Warmblood. Riding a new horse has taught me a lot of new skills and has pushed me outside of my comfort zone. I am working on finishing my Rider Level 4 and have a goal to complete my Rider Level 5 before the end of the summer. I also frequently give back to my stable by doing barn chores and assisting with camps and activities. Riding has helped me build confidence on and off the horse. It has taught me that with the right attitude, hard work, patience, and dedication you can overcome challenges, doubts, and fears to reach any goal.

Essay #2 - How I would spend the NBEA Bursary

If I won an NBEA youth bursary, I would spend the \$500 on lessons with my coach Nicole Beaulieu, attend a development clinic, purchase some new tack and horse care. Over the winter Vinnie and I have been consistently working hard on learning each other's communication, building a bond and learning new skills. The extra lessons would allow my coach and I to continue to focus on overcoming challenges so I can continue to build my confidence, develop a strong bond with Vinnie and improve our skills as a team to meet my goals for the summer season. The purchase of new tack and horse care items will keep me and my horse safe and healthy.