

When I think about my future in the horse world, I always picture myself on the cross-country field with my horse, Odin. though we've never done it together, my now retired pony is who made me fall in love with the eventing world. I loved competing, from hunters, to jumpers, to dressage and then eventually landing on eventing. Though I only got the chance to do it for a couple seasons, I know that's where I plan to be again in the upcoming years. Since I got Odin a few years ago, my riding has gone back to the basics. That has been super beneficial pointing out the things I had missed or forgotten in my training, to thoroughly and clearly communicate with the horse I ride; to be the best rider I can be for them. I'm so excited for this upcoming season, to show off all the hard work we've done on the ground and in the saddle, that got us to the point of confidently being ready to join the LTED program.

This upcoming show season will be the first time my fairly new OTTB and I will be competing. I got him a few years ago now, but we have definitely had our ups and downs. He came to the Maritimes a very stressed boy, unsure of anything I asked of him. New places are scary to him, so this year I joined the LTED eventing program with him. Even if we don't end up jumping, the experience of just walking out onto a cross-country field will be more than what I dreamed possible when I first got him. I hope to make his confidence in me grow, so that eventing will not only be what I love to do, but for him too. I would love to say we competed this year, so the money from the bursary will go towards our first competition, whether it's a dressage test, a hunter show, or even a combined test! Hopefully, this will be the first competition of many in our future.