

Youth bursary program

My experience as a rider

My mom used to ride horses, and for as long as I can remember I wanted to be just like her. In August of 2018, I had my first ever riding lesson in a real lesson program, and I was so excited. In the summer of 2022, I started getting more serious about riding and started participating in some of the shows around New Brunswick. Since then, I have competed every year on several different horses. Riding different horses has made my riding so much more versatile, and I love learning as much from each horse as I can. January of last year, I started riding a sweet pony named Polly, and as a result my riding has completely transformed, as she has made me so much more confident in the saddle.

What I would do with the money

First, if I was accepted for this bursary, I would use the money to help my parents with the expenses of off property showing. With stabling, entry fees, accommodations, and transportation, the cost of showing off property adds up quickly. Taking away some of that financial stress would give me an opportunity to attend more shows.

Second, I would use this money to help me achieve my goal of the rider level 6 by having extra lessons and attending more clinics to grow my skill and knowledge as a rider. I would use it to take more lessons on different horses because I think that is a very important part of improving.