

Youth Bursary Program

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Essay #1 – Describe your horse interests and experiences (100 – 200 words)

Hi, I'm Lexie and I've been riding for 11 years, first at camps when I was 4 and then lessons when I turned 8. In 2022, the owner of the barn I was at moved away and gave my family one of her horses, an older gelding by the name of Eddie. We took really good care of him and loved him until he passed in 2025. My family has also been leasing miniature horses since 2019. In 2022, we bred one of them and she gave us a filly by the name of Flurry, who became our second horse. While I had mostly ridden western when I was younger, in 2023, I moved to a new barn and there were other riders about my age who rode English and jumped so I gave it a try and loved it. I've jumped up to three feet with a pony named Gunner. I don't jump as much anymore but I still ride Gunner, and we do a lot of tack-less riding and I even plan on doing my first ever show on him this summer. In the last couple of years, I have become involved in training horses and find this to be very rewarding. I hope to be able to make a career of training horses in the future.

Essay #2 – Describe how you would spend \$500 (100 – 200 words)

If I should be lucky enough to win the New Brunswick Equestrian Association Youth Bursary, I would use the money for lessons to get my rider levels both English (level 4 and up) and Western (level 2 and up), as well as to just generally improve my riding skills and training abilities to fulfill my dreams of becoming a horse trainer in the future. I would also like to use the money for clinics to further my skills and knowledge as an equestrian and hopefully for future horse shows, both western and jumping with my favorite horse, the awesome and talented Gunner.