

Hi, I'm Katy Sooley, and I would like to apply for the NBEA youth bursary. I have been riding since 2018, and since then I have competed in several competitions, events, and pony club activities. During 2022 and 2023 I competed and won dressage pony club regionals in Sussex (training, and first level). This August, I will be representing NB/PEI at CPC dressage nationals. During the past years I have been to various jumping, and dressage shows and pony club jumping nationals (2022) to groom. I am also a youth rep at Hampton pony club, and I make sure the ideas of the club's members are represented. I am going to test my C pony club level and my English EC rider level 5. I have just started learning to coach, and for the past couple of years I've been doing barn chores at Hampton riding centre weekly. In the long term, I would like to coach my own lessons to help ensure young kids are learning how to ride correctly. As well as I would like to further pursue my dressage career and continue to test for my pony club and rider levels.

I would use the bursary towards my pony club and rider level testing. I would also use it for competition fees this summer, as well as to help pay for clinics (X country). It will help improve my riding skills and capabilities, as well as help me gain experience for my short term and long-term goals. This would greatly impact what I can do this summer/year, and the memories and experiences I can make.

My goals for 2024

- C pony club level
- English EC rider level 5
- Shows
- Clinics -

A photo of me riding: (I put 2 from regional dressage 2023)