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NBEA Youth Bursary 2024

For the last 15 years I have been surrounded by horses. Growing up my mom had a horse named JP and from my first time on him at the age of 18 months old I have loved horses with all my heart. From that day on I have tried multiple disciplines such as western pleasure on Jp to switching saddles as I began competing in English equitation classes which led my intrigue to the hunter/jumper ring. In 2020, I was gifted my curly pony Echo who gained me experience in the hunter/jumper ring and on the cross-country field until 2022. I started riding a 19-year-old gelding named Rebel at the start of the 2023 season. Rebel had been retired for a few years, so we had a few challenges that we overcame, and it led us to a deeper understanding and bond with each other. This season I am hoping to advance in the hunter/jumping ring as well as on the cross-country field. This sport has taught me a lot about myself along with patience and persistence.

If I were a recipient of the Youth Bursary it would go toward my love of jumping whether it be clinics, lessons, and/or shows. These things are not only a wonderful way to learn and thrive in this sport, but it is my happiness. This would be a major help to get me to as many shows and clinics as possible this season to get more experience and time in the hunter/jumper ring and on the cross-country field.