

Emily McConnell

Essay #1

My name is Emily McConnell. I am 15 years old and when I was younger, I always had an interest in horses and my parents thought it would just be a phase. I finally started taking riding lessons at Rohirrim Farm with Zoe Erichsen-Meesters in 2021 and have not looked back! I currently have my rider 1-3 and am looking to getting my level 4 and maybe 5 this year.

As of August 21st, 2023 I got my first horse! Zoe bought her off a meat truck in Ontario in the same year I started taking riding lessons, she bought her as a completely un-trained 3-year-old, and they named her Galaxy. I helped with training her from the beginning, we have had our ups and downs, and she has taught me so much. Some of our favorite things to do is practicing liberty and about a year ago I started doing bridless with her. Two years later my parents bought her as a gift for me. She is turning 6 this year and we both still have lots to learn, and I can't wait to make many more memories with Galaxy and see what the future has in store for us!

Essay #2

Earlier this year, I had a bad fall off a horse and had a collapsed lung. I could not do any physical activities for three weeks. Since my lung has a trauma to it, it can collapse again easily. Because of that unfortunate fall, I'm thinking of investing in a proper safety riding vest, I would also like to do some events this year.

I am also hoping to bring Galaxy to her first off property show this year! We have both worked really hard to get to where we are now with our relationship, our riding, and her confidence and I think we are ready this year to enter some off property shows, clinics, and events!