

Horses have always held an important role in my life, both within my family and amongst my friends. I have participated in reining competitions since I am 7 years old. The majority of my family are equine enthusiasts, and most attend NRHA reining competitions as well.

Since a very young age I committed the majority of my time to working on the family farm taking care of and riding the family horses.

Today, at 17, I remain very involved in horses. I help my friends with their two year old reining prospects, break Percherons to harness, get reining horses show ready, and assist our farrier.

Although I love all horses, reining has always been my passion. Thanks to the support of my parents, I have been quite successful with too many blue ribbons to count. Recently I have been accepted to the Three-Rivers collegial program called Alliance Sport Etudes. This sport/study program allows me to continue to train my horses, and compete in reining competitions, while furthering my education in mechanical engineering (The program allows me to devote a minimum of 20 hours a week to my horses)

I truly enjoy the family atmosphere at reining shows, and feel that competing in reining and being part of the reining community, sets me apart from my school mates, the majority of which are hockey players or motorized sport athletes.

My goal for the future is to work as a mechanical engineer while owning a breeding program for reiners. I feel that having horses in my life will allow me to fulfill myself and keep smiling! I am not in the reiners for the money, (obviously) but I hope to be involved in reiners my whole life, as the sport and the horses are truly what drives me to excel in all facets of my life.

I would like very much to be considered for the reining Canada Youth Scholarship program
Sincerely,
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