

28th December 2015

Dear Lendon Gray and the DK4 committee,

Thank you so much for allowing me to benefit from the DK4 scholarship fund. I used this money to further increase my knowledge in horsemanship and to better my riding. With this money I took four private lessons from my instructor Allison Stai at Rocking M Stables in Dallas Texas.

During lesson one we worked on suppling my horse and we made sure that he remained supple and fluid throughout all of the exercises that we were doing. (Figure eight and three loop serpentines)

During my next lesson we worked on lateral movements (haunches in, shoulder in, and leg yields.) Also we worked on serpentines and voltes.

In lesson three I worked on my position and having more of an independent seat and hands. My instructor also played different music and I had to keep the rhythm or change the rhythm throughout parts of my ride. A great workout!

In my fourth and final lesson my instructor took a video to use for my application to the Jeremy Steinberg clinic. I was very happy to be accepted to the clinic. It was fun and I gained some more experience and knowledge in riding.

I really feel that these private lessons have been invaluable as I am able to work with my instructor on a one to one basis, allowing me to ask questions and make mistakes. But I feel that I can correct the mistakes more quickly and come away with a real improvement in my riding.

Thank you so much for giving me this amazing opportunity to better my riding and finishing strongly in my 2015 goals!

Sincerely,

Lauren Garcia

