

To other people money is just money, but to me money is something that you can earn a great experience with and change something. The money that I was gifted was the only reason I was able to attend the Youth Festival. The Dressage4Kids Youth Festival was my first big show I have even been to. When it comes to showing I get anxious and going to the festival, there was so many supportive people and people guiding me in the right direction for my next big step in the showing world.

I have only been doing dressage riding for 5 months, thankful to be riding a schoolmaster. But even then the show was scary. But at the youth dressage festival I learned so many things and had so much fun. I even was able to make friends with the same passion I have. The first day there was Thursday which was an easy day for me. Getting set up and getting to know the people around me, and the place. That day I had so much fun schooling which gave me confidence. Friday was a rush day for me, I had my schooling test, a trail ride, and written test. I had a good day with placing well and getting a good score on my written test. With the books I had to read for the written test, I learned a lot from and was able to take many notes that will help me learn for days to come.

Saturday was the most educational day for me and the best. I did great for the important riding test and made me feel like an amazing rider. I learned how to correctly judge sport horse conformation, and say hi and bye to the amazing team we had. I want to say a huge THANK YOU to Lendon Grey for creating an amazing festival to learn at. And the amazing group that gifted me the Scholarship, there was no chance of going if I was not gifted it. I will say, "I will Definitely be back in the years to come!"

Thank you, Micaela Kostyk