

Hello,

My name is Claudia Arnold "CC" and I was very lucky and am very grateful to have received a scholarship to attend the Youth Dressage Festival in New York this summer.

I am 10 and have been riding practically my whole life and this was my second summer being able to go to this festival. It is my absolute favorite event of my year! I started riding dressage with my trainer Pam Maloof in 2021 and I have found my passion. I love to learn new skills with my riding and have been working very hard with my D4K pony Kona. This year we showed in Intro C and came in 3rd place, it was awesome! I got so much great feedback from the judges, it's my favorite part of testing.

Lendons Youth Dressage Festival is such an amazing experience. We learn so much while we are there. I love being able to ride in 3 different classes, trail class is so funny! I also loved this year's demo and lesson with Lendon, I learned so much about contact, it really made sense! It was great watching such an amazing rider riding her young horse and to know that it's not always perfect.

I hope as I get older I can ride with Lendon more in either the summer or winter training programs. I am so grateful for all of the learning opportunities the D4K program gives us. I am so thankful I get to be part of this amazing program. Being awarded this scholarship helped my family be able to afford to send me. I work as much as I can to help pay for my riding, but because I am only 10 there is only so much I can do and this scholarship was a huge help!

I can't wait for next summer so I can do this again!

Thank you again,



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