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2009 NTEA Scholarship Program Application

Name: Kim Kerby-Dickman

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Watauga, Texas 76148

Phone#: 817-371-4349

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NTEA #: 1429

Years of Membership: approx. 5 # Years Eventing: approx. 8 # Years of Equestrian Activities: 10+

Names of two individuals who are not family members who are providing your letters of recommendation, and their relationship to you:

Name: Relationship:

1. Peggy Friauf Trainer and Coach/Instructor

2. Gabrielle Gordon Friend and riding companion

Please attach a roughly 750 word description of your eventing past and present and your goals for the future including information about instruction, competition and horsemanship.

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Signature:



Date: 11-05-2009

Signature of Parent if under 18 years of age:

Date:

Eventing Past

I came into eventing later in life. My mother grew up on a ranch with horses. She imparted her love and respect of the animal and riding. So it was natural that as I grew up, I did the typical riding. I grew up in New Mexico in a big ranching/rodeo area. When I moved to Fort Worth as an adult, I looked into opportunities to continue riding. I discovered an English program offered to adults in the Keller area. Though the style was vastly different than I anything I had previously experienced, I was hooked immediately.

The class started with a group of about ten women, all of us very interested, very eager and very supportive of each other. Looking back, I realize that over the span of 10 years, we became more than a class of riders together. During those years I have been with at least one of my family of riders every time I have ridden an event, taken a lesson, taken a trail ride or watched a show. I literally started at the first step and have continued to move upward and onward with each experience. I am proud to be part of the large bottom portion of the pyramid that supports all the top riders. I know I am going forward and learning as much as I can from as many people as I can while doing the best I can on the way.

My eventing past is all learning, experiencing and being elated when I do well. My present is recognizing what I need to do and trying to do it. My eventing future involves implementation of the skills I learn and continued, measurable progress and improvement. I will continue to do schoolings, camps, 3 – 4 Area V HT a year, lessons, riding/practicing on my own and related riding events (hunting/jumpers/trail rides).

My past eventing consisted of only schoolings and getting my feet wet (or my horse's feet wet). I have participated in beginning novice and novice events. The horse that I ride has been ridden at training level. I have schooled training level fences but have never competed at this level in any competition. My present level of competition is novice. I believe as a result of my riding career, I have developed a more competitive nature. I have entered more recognized shows and more schoolings and clinics. Because my future competitions will demand more from me in terms of our dressage and consistency, I am seeking to be more prepared. I feel that solid preparation and firm skill base will render me a better rider and I will naturally be better at directing my horse. Additionally, because I am an older rider with a mature horse, I eventually will need to be ready for another mount. I want to be up to that task when it comes. I want to know that I am giving the best and most correct instruction I can to the horse I ride now and the horse(s) I will ride in the future.

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Training, Education Plan, Scholarship Funds

I plan on using the scholarship to attend the Team Fredricks Event College clinic in February at Denton Creek. The clinicians are outstanding and I would like to be able to attend a clinic of this caliber that is so close to our area. I love the idea that they will be here in Area V and that local riders will be able to take advantage of that. Primarily my riding plans include local offerings, since that is where I ride and I feel it is important to support local ridership, that in turn supports me and my local riding family. The continued and continual support of this area is one of the main reasons that I ride. I love how I am always wished a "good ride" prior to my ride and then congratulated after my ride (even if I feel I didn't do well). It is this spirit of support and camaraderie that make riding such a positive, uplifting sport. Plus, the positive far outweighs the negative and helps me seek the best way to accomplish my goals. Area offerings (of all kinds) are always of the highest quality, safety, and provide excellent information and instruction.

Service to Organization

Last spring, I helped the ICP at QRF. It was exciting to be both a volunteer rider and a helper to the clinicians. There were many things presented and more opportunities to watch than I was aware of. I also provided (with Susan Gwynn-Collins) jumps to be sold at the auction for the banquet last year. This year I hope to be part of the banquet again, providing more items to be sold and purchasing several things as well. I contribute to the spirit horse and as many local events as I can during the year. I feel that local support is one of the most important things we contribute. They are always supportive of us, regardless of level or ability.

November 2, 2009

KKD

To: North Texas Eventing Association
Scholarship Committee

From: Gabrielle Gordon
112

Re: Scholarship Application
Kim Kerby Dickman # 1429

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I am writing to recommend Kim Kerby-Dickman for a NTEA scholarship. Kim has been a member for several years. She competes in both Category II and Category I competitions and audits clinics in Area V. Kim has donated to and purchased from the NTEA auction.

Whatever Kim commitment makes for receiving a scholarship, I believe she will fulfill in spades. She wishes to participate in the Fredericks clinic and will apply her entire scholarship for tuition.

Please consider Kim's scholarship application. Contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Gabrielle Gordon
817-431-8775
gaby@ggzoo.net

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Centerline Stables
10160 FM 156
Fort Worth, TX 76131

Re: NTEA Scholarship – Kim Kerby Dickman

To Whom It May Concern:

Kim is a lady that I have much respect for. She is an athletics' teacher, plays competitive tennis (I've heard she's quite formidable!) , and does the 3 day walk for breast cancer every year. These are just a few of the things that I'm kept abreast of.

I wouldn't say that riding is what comes as naturally to Kim as some of her other athletic endeavors. On the other hand, she is dedicated and diligent and has really impressed me with her stick-to-it attitude. She has worked hard to find balance and rhythm and she has really found it! She takes away from every lesson a little more about how to ride well, and goes home and PRACTICES!

Kim would not only get great information on her riding from taking a clinic but would also be thoughtful about how the information was delivered. She not only is a good rider but she is also a good teacher! I know that when I take or audit a clinic I'm as interested in the delivery as in the information. I'm sure Kim is as well.

Peggy Friauf

SP

2009 NTEA Scholarship Program Application

Name: Shelley Peters

Address: 2004 Whitebridge Rd, Argyle, Texas 76226

Phone#: 940-455-2974

e-mail:shelleyqpeters@yahoo.com

NTEA #: 1045

Years of Membership: 8-10? # Years Eventing: 12 # Years of Equestrian Activities: Since I was 8 years old - 31!

Names of two individuals who are not family members who are providing your letters of recommendation and their relationship to you:

Name:

Relationship:

- 1. Siobhan O'Brien Friend
- 2. Samantha Garbari no Friend

Please attach a roughly 750 word description of your eventing past and present and your goals for the future including information about instruction, competition and horsemanship.

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Signature:

Shelley Peters

Date:

11/11/09

Signature of Parent if under 18 years of age:

Date:

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November 2, 2009

Dear NTEA Scholarship Committee,

My name is Shelley Peters and I have been eventing for 12 years. I have been a loyal member of NTEA for at least 8 years, maybe longer? I served on the board as the public relations responsible for the newsletter.

I grew up on the east coast riding hunter/jumpers. When I moved to Texas, I searched and found the closest place to Dallas to ride, which was Las Colinas Equestrian Center. I was so fortunate to stumble into eventing.

My first event horse was an off the track TB, Cowboy, who had an enormous heart and allowed me to learn so much. Cowboy and I rode through training level and he needed to be retired. With a limited budget, I bought a 3 year old paint/TB cross. Again, I was incredibly lucky, Elvis is a fantastic horse who took me to my first one star.

In the last seven years, I have had three children and left a full time job to take care of them. My husband and I bought a horse property a few years ago, primarily so I can ride at home. When I had my third child I made the tough decision to sell Elvis and let someone else learn from him and enjoy the ride. Elvis has a wonderful owner who appreciates his talent and experience.

With limited budget I bought another 3 year old. This time an unbroken TB cross, Chablis. She has been under saddle one year and I am so anxious to get back into the sport again with such an amazingly talented mount.

I work regularly on dressage with Mary D'Arcy and take jump lessons with Mike Huber. My long-term goal is to do a two star, very long-term. Chablis will turn 5 this March and with training we should be ready to compete at Novice this spring.

I am applying for a scholarship to participate in the team Fredrick's Clinic.

If I am awarded a scholarship, I will write about my experience in the clinic and share what I learned with other NTEA members. I will also be available to help with the upcoming banquet. (I'll help out regardless of scholarship)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelley Peters



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter as a recommendation for Shelley Peters to be granted an NTEA scholarship for 2009. Shelley has been riding in the sport of eventing for over 15 years. She served as newsletter chair for NTEA when I was vice-president. She also assisted on a volunteer basis when I was Area Chair for Area V. Shelley is always there to help with clinics, fund raising, show volunteering etc.

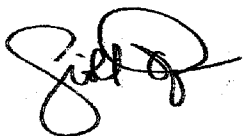
Shelley and I used to buy one horse a year and train/retrain to sell as a safe eventer. We've had over 10 young or new to eventing horses come through our system. She is fabulous with young horses, giving them the groundwork and basic training to be safe, calm horses in their future. All of the people we've sold horses to comment on their quiet mentality.

Shelley has her own young horse now (not a sales project). She has started the horse from unbroken, to completing her first recognized Horse Trial. The funds from the scholarship would be very helpful for her to invest in a clinic with her young horse. The feedback you get from 3rd parties in clinic situations is always incredibly helpful with the young horse.

I feel Shelley's volunteer efforts, long time involvement in the sport and dependability merit her receiving a scholarship from NTEA.

Please contact me for any further questions or feedback.

Thanks!



Siobhan O'Brien

4991 Lusk Lane

Flower Mound, TX 75028

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NTEA Scholarship Fund

Friday, November 6, 2009 12:01 PM

From: "Samantha Hunt-Garbarino" <shg@urbandesigngroup.com>
To: "Shelley cell" <shelleyqpeters@yahoo.com>

Hi Shelly,
Below is my letter of recommendation for the Scholarship.
See you soon
Sam

This letter is
from Sam
Garbarino
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10838 Hilltop Road,
Argyle,
Texas. 76226.
November 5th 2009
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STP

RE: NTEA Scholarship Fund-Shelly Peters.

Dear NTEA Board Members and Nominating Committee,

I would like to make a recommendation that Shelly Peters be considered for one of the annual scholarship award funds.

Shelly has stayed involved in eventing whether competing or volunteering in recognized shows or showing events over the several years I have known her.

She is always willing to offer help and be supportive where ever she can, although she has a busy schedule with three small children, a house hold and her own small barn with 3 horses.

Last year she brought a young horse that she has been diligently working on and competing in the schooling shows. Next year she is hoping to compete again in recognized events again after selling her Prelim horse. I know she wants to have the ability to attend clinics and training sessions to help bring her horse on to that level.

I fully support her in her efforts to achieve this goal and hope that the NTEA will grant her a scholarship to help fulfill the training opportunities she is hoping to take part in. With the full confidence that she will more than fulfill their requirements requested for this award as motivated horsewomen.

Yours sincerely,

Samantha Garbarino

Samantha Hunt-Garbarino, RIBA | Senior Associate
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2009 NTEA Scholarship Program Application

Name: Janet Taylor

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Fort Worth, TX 76137

Phone#: 682-286-1102

e-mail: jmtjxt@aol.com

NTEA #: 107

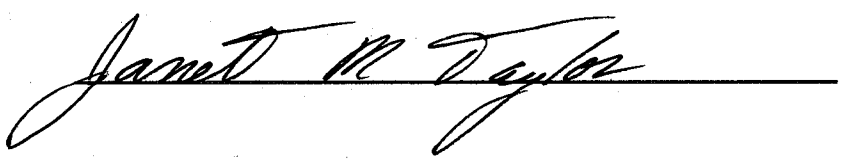
Years of Membership: 20 plus

Years Eventing: 20 plus

Years of Equestrian Activities: 50

Names of two individuals who are not family members who are providing your letters of recommendation, and their relationship to you:

- | Name: | Relationship: |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Peggy Friauf | trainer & close friend |
| 2. Jan Walling | friend |

Signature: 

Date: November 11, 2009

JS

I was introduced to eventing through the Pony Club of Canada. In junior high school at the time, I earned a rank of B. Over the years, education, work, and moves limited my opportunity to compete in eventing, so I switched to hunters and jumpers. A little over 20 years ago I moved back to the Texas/Oklahoma area, so I joined NTEA (then NTCTA) and switched back to eventing as my main equestrian activity. At that time, I was riding Frosted Brandy, a Thoroughbred gelding I had bred and trained myself. With Brandy, I represented Area V three times at the Chronicle of the Horse Adult team competition. When an injury led to Brandy's retirement from eventing, he went onto several months of re-hab and then started a new career as a beloved member of Equest Riding for the Handicapped.

After Brandy's retirement, I finished breaking Brandy's nephew, an Anglo Arab my sister had bred. Named "Why?" because of the question mark on his face, he took me to the training level and the Area V Senior Training year end award. During that time, I met Peggy Friauf, who had just moved to Texas. I started riding with her, and have now been with her about 13 years. Teamed with Why?, I represented Area V twice at the Chronicle of the Horse Adult team competition. With the medical problems I have developed, Peggy has been just the right instructor for me.

When an injury forced a 2 year layoff for Why?, I purchased Kenos Beduino, a 4 year old paint and started him on his eventing career. Working with Peggy, I was able to develop Keno till he was ready to move up to training. By then, I developed a serious medical problem (polymyalgia) which was affecting my ability to help him as he moved up, so I turned Keno over to Peggy to train and show for me. Fortunately Why? had recovered and was sound, and able to serve as my therapy horse. With time, effort and medical support I was able to return to competition with Why?. At age 18 he re-injured his foot and was permanently retired. While Peggy and Keno continued into prelim, I got Zarpazo another 4 year old paint gelding and have brought him through the ranks up to the training level. As Zarpazo was developing Keno was injured in a pasture accident, forcing a 2 year layoff for him and slow comeback.

Since my retirement after a 30 year career with the US Public Health Service, I am able to ride both Keno & Zarpazo. My goal is to qualify myself & my horses to do a training level 3 day. Zarpazo & I did our first training level competition at Corona del Sol in June 2009. Keno & I will make our first recognized training start at the Nov. 2009, Corona del Sol horse trials after running training at Quail Run's fall schooling horse trials first.

JT

The scholarship will enable me to pursue my goal of qualifying and completing a training level 3 day, by allowing me to attending either a future Robin Walker clinic or the NTEA's eventing college at Denton Creek Farm next year.

I plan to volunteer to serve NTEA's category I points keeper for 2010 if Donna Struke does not want to serve again. If Donna wants to serve again I will help with the annual banquet.

JT

Centerline Stables
10160 FM 156
Fort Worth, TX 76131

Re: NTEA Scholarship – Janet Taylor

To Whom It May Concern:

Janet Taylor has been a member of the local eventing community for many years. Janet recently retired after 30 years of service in the Uniformed Health Services with the highest rank available in that branch. Janet has not only spent years helping and educating people about their health, but she can always be counted on to lend a hand or a piece of equipment at the shows. She can be found in the stabling area or volunteering if she has time between rides.

Before she started riding with me she had never competed above the Novice level. Now she is bring on her second horse to training level! Her first Training horse is now retired. Zarpazo is just starting out at Training.

Her other horse, Keno, is returning to competition after a serious injury. Janet started Keno but didn't get to take him through the levels the first time due to her own health issues. Not willing to sell such a nice horse, I had the privilege of competing him for her. When the need was there, she lent him to a young rider to get experience on.

One of the things I love and respect Janet for is that she always does what is right for her horses. She not only takes her time training a horse, but when they need the time to heal, she gives them that as well. Another thing that really hits home is that after they have served her well, she takes care of them to the bitter end. Currently in my barn is one of her early homebred competition horses. Easy will be 31 this spring. Also retired and doing well are Brandy (age 28) and Marcus (age 20).

Janet's life long goal has been to do a 3-day event. Her health issues led us to believe that would no longer be possible. With the new Training 3-day that dream is again alive. With this goal in mind, Janet would truly benefit from the additional instruction, different words, the new "eye", and the confidence that a good clinician would give her. She would also happily share her experience with anyone who asked.

Peggy Friauf

October 25, 2009

From: Gabrielle Gordon
NTEA #112

To: NTEA Scholarship Committee

Re: Scholarship Application for
Susan Gwynn-Collins
NTEA #180

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I fully recommend Susan Gwynn-Collins for a scholarship. She plans to use the funds for the upcoming NTEA sponsored Clayton and Lucinda Fredericks Clinic.

Susan has been a NTEA for over 15 years competing at both the Category I and Category II levels. She will fulfill the requirements and obligations promised if granted a scholarship.

Over the years Susan has donated items to the NTEA auction, and in the many years she has been a member this is the first time she has applied for a scholarship.

Please consider her application. Contact me at the number below with any questions.

Sincerely,


Gabrielle Gordon
817-431-8775

SGC

NTEA Scholarship Application

Name: Susan Guyon NTEA #: 180 # Years Member: 18?
 Address: 1012 Simmens Keller Tx 76248
Address City State Zip
 Telephone: 817 3795500 Email: _____

I agree to fulfill my service commitment to the NTEA by:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing an educational article for the newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with a fund raiser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soliciting donations for the annual tack auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with NTEA Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chairing a NTEA committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Selling Sponsors for Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jump Judge Minimum 3 Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving as a NTEA Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with the Annual Awards banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Selling Advertising for the Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering at a NTEA Schooling Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |

What dollar value scholarship are you applying for? 500

I plan on using the NTEA Scholarship Award for the following (please describe):

The Fredericks Clinic @ Denton Creek

I have been eventing for 19 years and participating in equestrian activities for 33 years.

I (do) (do not) compete in Combined Training Events. If a competitor, what level? Training & Novice

Do you have a regular instructor? Yes No If yes, whom? Peggy Frisul

Please write a brief paragraph on why you feel the NTEA Scholarship Committee should award a scholarship to you.

I have never been able to afford to go to a clinic would like the opportunity to do so. I have been an active member for a long time and I have never applied for a scholarship.

Letters of Recommendation (2 minimum and not from an immediate family member) are attached from:

- Name: Peggy Frisul relationship to you: instructor
- Name: Gabriele Gordon relationship to you: Friend

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/22/09

NTEA thanks you very much for your application and wish you success and safety in pursuit of your equestrian goals! The NTEA Scholarship Committee will review completed applications on a monthly basis.

Mail your completed application form and additional documents to:
 NTEA Scholarship
 2201 Long Prairie # 107-714
 Flower Mound, TX 75022

SGC

Centerline Stables
10160 FM 156
Fort Worth, TX 7131

Re: NTEA Scholarship – Susan Gwynn Collins

To Whom It May Concern:

Susan is a remarkable woman. Just some of the hats she wears are parent, daughter, small animal vet and wife in addition to caring for her animal family. How she balances her busy life is beyond me but she certainly seems to do all of it with a smile!

She has been riding with me for more then 10 years now. I've watched her mature as a rider during this time. Her current mount is one that she started as a unbroken youngster and has brought up the levels herself. Her most recent accomplishment was to not only have finished her first Training Level event at Greenwood with her mare, but to have finished in 3rd place!

She takes lessons when she can and has always made the most of them. For Susan to have the opportunity to take a clinic with a BNT that comes to the area would be wonderful. I know with her busy schedule that she'll have a bit more organizing to do then some people but I feel sure that not only will that happen, but it will happen with a smile and she'll continue to reference the clinic for years to come!

Peggy Friauf

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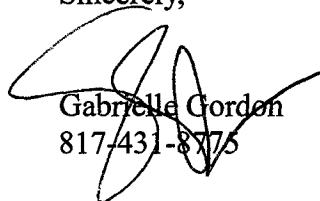
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Sincerely,



Gabrielle Gordon
817-431-8775

SAM

2009 NTEA Scholarship Program Application

Name: SAMANTHA BARBARINO

Address: 10838 HILTOP RD.
ARLYLE TEXAS 76226

Phone#: 817 919 8645

e-mail: shy@umandesign
group.com

NTEA #: 1012

Years of Membership:
12yrs

Years Eventing:
25yrs +

Years of Equestrian Activities:
35yrs +

Names of two individuals who are not family members who are providing your letters of recommendation, and their relationship to you:

Name:

Relationship:

1. JAN WALLING

Friend/Event Organizer

2. Siobhan O'Brien

Friend/Competitor

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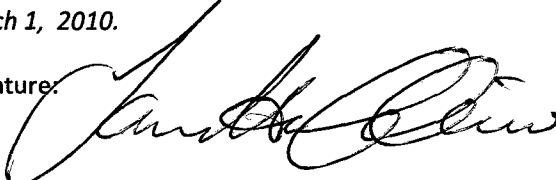
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Signature:



Date:

Oct 30th 2009

Signature of Parent if under 18 years of age:

Date:

SAM

Samantha Hunt-Garbarino

From: Peter Walling [peterwalling@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 6:13 PM
To: Samantha Hunt-Garbarino
Subject: Samantha.doc

Is there anything else that you would like for me to add?
Thanks as always for all your help in Area V.
Jan

**Quail Run Farm,
624 West Jeter Road,
Bartonville,
Texas. 76226.**

July 23 2009.

Re: NTEA Scholarship Fund Samantha Hunt Garbarino.

Dear NTEA Board Members and Nominating Committee.

We would like to suggest that Samantha be considered for an annual scholarship fund in order that Samantha may compete "Toby" Chasing Liberty out of state next year at Intermediate Level.

Samantha as we all know is one of our best volunteers in Area V. She is always the first to volunteer anytime we have an activity at Quail Run Farm and at other events.

Sam is always available to her friends to encourage and give free advice to help them through any difficulties that they may be experiencing.

Samantha has brought Toby along from a totally green horse through the ranks of Novice through Intermediate on a limited horse budget and has worked diligently to achieve success.

I can think of nobody more worthy of a generous scholarship fund. Sam is truly a great horsewoman and rider and deserves success through her own endeavor. We hope that NTEA can help her to achieve her goals at Intermediate.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan and Peter Walling.

SAM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Samantha Garbarino for the NTEA scholarship. Sam stays fully involved in eventing both at a recognized and unrecognized event level. She is active in volunteering for Jan Walling's Quail Run whenever she is around and always lends a helping hand to whomever she can.

She is currently riding chasing Liberty and has had solid results. I know she has goals of preparing for Intermediate and potentially competing out of area at championships. I think it would be great for her to receive a scholarship and be able to share her experiences with NTEA membership through article or story. She is a very motivated rider and would put the funds to very good use.

I've been competing with Sam for 7+ years and she is always a good sport, positive acting competitor. I think she exemplifies the type of competitor we'd all like to be.

If you need any additional information regarding Samantha and her qualifications, please don't hesitate to contact me at (972)467-4533.

Sincerely,

Siobhan O'Brien

Plan for Scholarship Funds.

My goal for next year is to move Toby up to Intermediate, after doing this already with Jeri I know how much extra training and time this will take to get him fit and ready to compete this move up in a the safest and successful way. My plan is to do this in the early spring in Florida with a Prelim event one weekend and move up the next and having a concentrated training week in between to make sure we are ready. With this in mind, we need schooling in intermediate level XC and Show Jumping questions and tune up in our collection work in dressage. So my use would be for the scholarship to help provide that extra training before leaving for Florida and while there at the two events and in the time between them. So that both I and Toby are ready for this move up with the best available tools and support.

I was very impressed with Heather Morris coaching and the support she gave me at Poplar Place CIC*and hope she would help me in Florida at the events. While before hand work with Mary and Mike to improve our Dressage and jumping abilities.

Plan to Fulfill Scholarship.

I had great feed back from my recent USEA Blog account of Poplar Place CIC and mine and Toby's journey to the event, I was asked if I would do more in the future.

This would be my plan for our move up to Intermediate in Florida next year, to write a blog account of the whole experience and the time leading up to it.

I'm always an active volunteer for the NTEA and have helped in the past and been a board member and would continue in the future in what ever capacity I can.

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October 27, 2009

North Texas Eventing Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
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Flower Mound, Texas 75022

Re: Formal Request to withdraw application for Scholarship of Kelsea Askew

Dear Scholarship Committee:

Since the application guidelines have been changed after Kelsea Askew's application was submitted and there appears to be a conflict of interest with my concerns as a board member of the new changes, we are withdrawing the submitted application.

Thanks to everyone on the committee for their time, efforts and input into this worthy program and good luck to all the remaining applicants.


Karen T. Askew
V.P. NTEA

KA



Sorry

Thursday, October 29, 2009 7:02 PM

From: "Askew & Associates" <k.askew@yahoo.com>
To: "Meg Johnson" <mjohnson@tbjbs.com>
Cc: "Nicole Scherer" <nikki.scherer@yahoo.com>, "Stacey Quarles" <staceytquarles@gmail.com>, bookworm711@msn.com, "Askew & Associates" <k.askew@yahoo.com>, "Cheryl (Member at large)" <lazydogranchtx@yahoo.com>, "Christie (YR)" <GreenwoodFarmInc@aol.com>, "Karen (VP)" <karista@airmail.net>, "Kim (Member at Large)" <kim@texasrosehorsepark.com>, dntcrkfrms@aol.com

Dear Board Members:

I did not ask Jan Walling to send this email. I must apologize for the inconvenience and emails over the last few days. I just sent a thank you email to Jan this morning explaining to her I didn't want any conflict of interest issues and had already pulled Kelsea's application. I told her I appreciated her willingness and time to write us a recommendation letter (same thing to Debra Dealcuaz who wrote a letter) and didn't want them to be upset. I still want to withdraw the application as previously mentioned and again apologize for this inconvenience and misunderstandings. Good grief!

Karen

KA

NTEA Scholarship Application

Name: Kelsea Askew NTEA #: 1316 # Years Member: 6
 Address: 8235 Douglas Ave Hill D TX 75225
Address City State Zip
 Telephone: 214-373-4888 Email: Kavista@airmail.net
k.askew43@yahoo.com

I agree to fulfill my service commitment to the NTEA by:

- Writing an educational article for the newsletter
- Soliciting donations for the annual tack auction
- Chairing a NTEA committee
- Jump Judge Minimum 3 Events
- Helping with the Annual Awards banquet
- Volunteering at a NTEA Schooling Day

- Helping with a fund raiser
- Helping with NTEA Flyers
- Selling Sponsors for Activities
- Serving as a NTEA Board Member
- Selling Advertising for the Newsletter
- Other (please describe)

What dollar value scholarship are you applying for? \$500

I plan on using the NTEA Scholarship Award for the following (please describe):

2010 will Coleman Clinic, Fredericks clinic and upcoming show season for all the young horses I am riding. I also hope to go to World Equestrian Games

I have been eventing for 7 years and participating in equestrian activities for 8 years.

I (do) (do not) compete in Combined Training Events. If a competitor, what level? up to Prelim depending on which horse
 Do you have a regular instructor? Yes No If yes, whom? Becky Brown when I am able + Lori Catune

Please write a brief paragraph on why you feel the NTEA Scholarship Committee should award a scholarship to you.

I would like to bring some eventing prospects along in the spring season, as well as, work on my skills in clinics. Extra training would be very helpful & beneficial for me to move up from Training to Prelim safely & successfully.

Letters of Recommendation (2 minimum and not from an immediate family member) are attached from:

- 1.) Name: Debra Deal Diaz relationship to you: equestrian friend
- 2.) Name: Jan Walling relationship to you: equestrian friend

The purpose of the NTEA is to engage in educational activities to foster amateur equestrian sports with a particular emphasis on combined training. By completing and submitting this form, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the NTEA scholarship program guidelines.

Signature: Kelsea Askew Date: 10-19-09

NTEA thanks you very much for your application and wish you success and safety in pursuit of your equestrian goals! The NTEA Scholarship Committee will review completed applications on a monthly basis.

Mail your completed application form and additional documents to:
 NTEA Scholarship
 2201 Long Prairie # 107-714
 Flower Mound, TX 75022

KA

Debra Dealcuaz

6432 Connie Lane

Rockwall, Texas 75032

V 214-908-3369

F 972-564-3839

October 17, 2009

Re: Kelsea Askew

North Texas Eventing Association
Scholarship Committee


I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly support the application of Kelsea Askew for an educational scholarship! Kelsea has been an active member of NTEA for many years and has done much more than compete in horse trials.

Kelsea has competed, but when she was unable to ride she still came out to help. She has brought a horse along, and she's had the heart to change directions with a horse that was not destined to be an event horse. She has helped other members start their young horses and she has helped put on schooling horse trials.

Kelsea has volunteered at horse trials and at NTEA functions. She is a good student in school and she always has a smile on her face. Kelsea is interested in continuing her equestrian education and I'm sure she will put her scholarship funds to good use.

Please support Kelsea by awarding her a NTEA scholarship this year!

Thank you!!


Debra Dealcuaz

KA

**Quail Run Farm
624 W Jeter Road,
Bartonville,
Texas 76226.**

October 16 2009.

Dear NTEA Scholarship Selection Committee:

I would like to recommend Kelsea Askew for the opportunity to participate in the NTEA Scholarship fund.

Kelsea, a budding young event rider was sidelined from her dream when her new horse Wrosebud developed problems making her unsuitable to fulfill those eventing dreams. Undaunted, Kelsea concentrated on dressage and also helped Lori produce her homebreds.

Many riders can win on "made" horses but only true horsemen and women have the patience and skills to produce their own horses. Kelsea has done this with Gerty Two Shoes, with Wrosebud and with Lori's young horses. I truly believe that this lovely young lady deserves all the help she can get to fulfill her ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Walling.

KA

RE: Kelsea Recommendation.From: **Peter Walling** (peterwalling@gmail.com)

Sent: Thu 10/29/09 6:36 PM

To: Stacey Quarles (Stacey_Quarles@hotmail.com); Margaret Johnson (megandjared@hotmail.com); webmaster@nteventing.org; Mandy Kelly (mandy@justforfitness.com); Christie Tull (Greenwood Farm) (greenwoodfarminc@aol.com); Cheryl Oliver (NoRoomForDoubt@yahoo.com); Lori Calame (DntCrkFrms@aol.com)

Attachments:

Kelsea Askew.doc (23.0 KB)

Dear NTEA Board Members,

I had heard on the grapevine that Kelsea Askew's application for a scholarship has been withdrawn. I was indeed very sorry to hear this. I would love for you to re consider the application and I submit my recommendation once again.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Walling.

Hi Karen,

I am sorry that you withdrew Kelsea's application for an NTEA Scholarship. I am sure that Kelsea would have had no problem with 3 essays and understand your concern for the younger kids. I see no conflict of interest!

I would like to see an emphasis on "giving back" to the club and the local organizers and riders, PC etc. Too many riders take everything for granted. If riders had to volunteer to help run an event in order to apply for a scholarship it would teach them just how much work someone like Christie puts into providing our riders with the opportunity to event. When we ran our small one day USCTA/USEA events for anything from 50 to max 95 riders I would have to call upon as many as 90 volunteers to cover all the nit picking necessities of being recognized! I, like any other organizer bust my *** trying to get sponsorship. If lucky I would get \$1,500 max. By the time I had paid the last person-usually the secretary I was always in the RED! I had not even figured in MY time or the extra manpower that I had hired in order to prepare for the event.

With everyone working to support their hobby it is difficult for people to find extra time to volunteer, but I feel strongly that if our riders are not willing to give to the sport HOW can I ask outsiders to do so. Eventing is labor intensive and without educated riders who are willing to volunteer, our sport will end up as extinct as the Dodo.

It was I who first proposed a scholarship fund and I made the first contribution. Education is so important for all riders. Some of the least educated I have found come from barns where everything is done for them and they have ready made horses. Those who are best prepared often come from PC. In PC the act of "giving back" and "service" is a given. They become excellent horsemen even if they do not always get to Preliminary due to financial restraints.

Anyway, that is my thinking on the scholarship fund for what it is worth!

I still think that you should re submit Kelsea's application, she has worked hard and deserves a scholarship. If she met with the criteria for the year in which she applied then she should be allowed to apply.

All the best,
Jan

November 20, 2009

Dear Committee Members;

I have been riding on and off for 20 years, but only eventing for a few of those years. Since I started eventing, I have been fortunate enough to meet some of the kindest, friendliest most helpful people I have ever known.

When I first shifted over from Hunters to Eventing... I was tacking up for dressage at my very first recognized show. I was terrified. In my panicked preparations for the show, I didn't take the time to make a checklist of all the things I would need. As I was getting ready to ride, I realized I had left my girth at home. As I was furiously digging through my tack trunk, a complete stranger and fellow competitor asked me if she could help me with something. I told her of my dilemma – and within 10 minutes I had 3 riders offering me 4 different sizes of girths, to make sure that I got on for my ride in time. I was overwhelmed by the kindness and selflessness of these women, and I thought perhaps I was just lucky to have been stabled near them (as, you may gather from my surprise, this would NEVER have happened at a Hunter show)! It wasn't long before I realized – this wasn't an isolated incident. These were EVENTERS, and after completing my first horse trial I knew that I had found my new home.

Since I started eventing that day, I have experienced joy and exhilaration mixed with some very humbling (and sometimes physically painful) moments... each one of those moments has made me a better rider, a better horsewoman and a better competitor. The spirit of eventing competition is, to me, what makes this sport great... and what makes me get up early in the mornings to ride before work, or to go out to the barn after a long day at the office and get some flatwork in, no matter how tired I might be.

This scholarship is important to me because my ultimate goal is one day to teach – to give back to this sport some of what it has given to me. In order to do so, however, I know that I have to continue to challenge myself and (hopefully) move up to Preliminary one day! This scholarship will enable Joy and myself to attend the Fredericks Eventing College in Denton this coming February. It is our goal to ride there with a solid Novice group and work towards our goal of competing Training by the spring of 2011.

I have served the NTEA board for the past two years. In 2009, I was asked to take on two positions on the board because of a shortage of volunteers, and I have been honored to be able to help in any way possible. I will of course continue to serve the board in the best way that I can, and in the best way that my skills can be most beneficial to NTEA. If I am nominated to continue on as Public Relations, I would like to return the gift of this scholarship by continuing to do the quarterly NTEA newsletter... however, I would like to go a step further and, with the Board's approval, start a chapter of the "Horsemasters Club" through the USPC for our area. Like many adult amateur riders, I did not grow up attending Pony Club, and I think a Pony Club for Adults would be a great thing to offer in our area!

Thank you so much for considering my application.

Mandy Kelly and My Joy Ride

October 1, 2008

North Texas Eventing Association Scholarship Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write this recommendation for Mandy Kelly to receive a North Texas Eventing Association scholarship. I have known Mandy for about two years and am impressed by her enthusiasm for the sport. She is a dedicated volunteer including managing the NTEA website and volunteering at events (i.e., dressage steward and jump crew at the Greenwood Horse Trials). Mandy always has a smile and is willing to lend a helping hand. She just recently bought a horse named "The Joy That Counts", aka "Joy" and I can't think of a more appropriately named horse for Mandy. They have just started competing at the beginner novice level and I know with Mandy's dedication and drive, they will advance quickly. Mandy had to spend several months overseas this summer for work, and I believe a scholarship would help jump start her participation in the sport. There are several upcoming events and clinics that she is considering (for example, MeadowCreek and the Gina Miles Clinic) and the NTEA scholarship would help her further develop her riding and her horse. It is always a challenge to balance professional responsibilities with riding and Mandy is lucky to live on the property with Joy so she is able to be truly dedicated to her horse's well-being. In the months Mandy leased him prior to buying him, you could really see his condition improve and now he is shiny and in good health. Mandy is an exemplary adult amateur.

I cannot think of anyone more deserving of an NTEA scholarship, or anyone who would be more appreciative. Please call or e-mail if you have questions or need any additional information (kaugenthaler@deloitte.com or 214-707-9204).

Sincerely,

Kelli Augenthaler

November 19, 2009

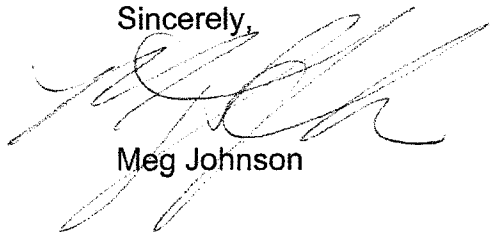
NTEA Board of Directors:

I met Mandy Kelly in 2004. We had so many common interests, including horses, that we were destined to be more than e-friends! In 2006, we took off with the truck and trailer to look at lease horses for Mandy and came across a gelding named Joy. Mandy, who was just coming back to riding after a long sabbatical, mounted up very timidly. After a few trips around the arena, she said that she liked Joy, but that he was just "too much horse," so we left empty-hearted and "empty-trailerred."

As her confidence in herself grew tremendously, so did her thoughts of the "boy horse named Joy." So, over a year later, she tried Joy again, and she fell in love. With time, bonding and partnership over the past two years, they've worked through their growing pains and formed a dynamic team. And, just a few short days ago, she and Joy successfully finished their first Novice USEA event together – and took home a ribbon!

Over the years, the one thing that has remained constant in Mandy's life is the love of horses that runs through her blood. Mandy is the epitome of the working adult amateur, a group at the heart of our membership, working hard at a demanding full time job and then training hard for competition. She is enthusiastic about the promotion of the sport and a dedicated NTEA volunteer. For these reasons, I recommend Mandy for the NTEA scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meg Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Meg Johnson

Sorry!
Had to fill out
with left hand

2009 NTEA Scholarship Program Application

Name: Cheryl Olivier

Address: 120 East FM 544
#72-362
Murphy, TX 75094

Phone#: 817-296-8725

e-mail: Cheryl@LazyDogRanchTX.com

NTEA #: 1203

Years of Membership: 10

Years Eventing: 10

Years of Equestrian Activities: life

Names of two individuals who are not family members who are providing your letters of recommendation, and their relationship to you:

Name:

Relationship:

1. Margaret Kitts

trainer

2. April Williams

friend

Please attach a roughly 750 word description of your eventing past and present and your goals for the future including information about instruction, competition and horsemanship.

Please include a description of your training or education plan for using scholarship funds, and how you have fulfilled or plan to fulfill volunteer service to the organization.

The purpose of the North Texas Eventing Association is to engage in educational activities to foster amateur equestrian sports with a particular emphasis on combined training.

By completing and submitting this form I agree that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the scholarship program guidelines and will complete my mandatory volunteer commitment prior to March 1, 2010.

Signature:

Date:

11.16.09

Signature of Parent if under 18 years of age:

Date:

To the NTEA Scholarship Committee members and Board of Directors:

I am applying for one of the \$500 scholarships to be used at the NTEA sponsored Fredericks clinic in February 2010.

Growing up I was not fortunate enough to own a horse, or take formal lessons. However, from grade through high school, I seized every opportunity to be around the horses I loved by helping my friends care for theirs. Finally, after completing a four year degree and flight school; then becoming secure in a career as an airline pilot, I was able to resume my passion of riding.

I started training with local instructor Margaret Kitts about 12 years ago. Basically I was starting as a beginner again at age 31. Not nearly as easy as when I was young! Looking back I now appreciate how Maggie strongly advocates her students become true horsemen, not just riders. She has supported and instructed me through smiles, tears, frustration, and joy. I was encouraged to see the big picture when it comes not only to riding, but the horse and also myself. All the wonderful things we all gain by fulfilling our passion.

Riding has lead me down some unexpected paths. Most in the forefront is breeding and raising spotted donkeys! They have provided me with countless hours of laughter and joy. Taking care of our now 11 donks (plus a zedonk) and three horses has pushed me into formal education by taking veterinary classes at Purdue University.

I don't often have the opportunity to train with other coaches. When I heard about the eventing college it sounded like a fantastic chance to broaden my education and experience. I am attempting to make the leap from novice to training level competition; and the Fredericks would be an awesome way to help make that transition. I was especially excited when I found out it will be three days with two great riders!

As far as giving to NTEA and the eventing community; I can and have served in multiple ways. I have been an active board member for three years. I was VP of membership for two years, then a member at large for the past year. I plan on staying on as a member at large for the coming year. During those years I helped with not only the duties of the position, but also with other NTEA activities. I did a majority of the printing and mailing for the association; and even was able to save 30% on costs.

One other association activity I am most proud of was the planning and coordination of a very successful USEA Instructor Certification Program. Instructors from all over area V (and one from outside) were able to participate in two sessions toward their certification.

My fiancé and I have also tried very hard to start and operate an equestrian center. Our activities center almost exclusively on eventing schoolings, shows and clinics. Our primary emphasis is on education and safety; with lots of fun too!

Lastly, I have tried to give time by volunteering at area events. From small things like sharing forms, to more time consuming acts like jump judging, I have tried to give back to the sport I love.

Well, my life in 750 words has come to just over 500. So in conclusion; I thought I would share a little donkey humor (comes with the territory).

The Pastor's Ass.

The pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and it won again. The local paper read PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT. The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day, the local paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS. This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the pastor to get rid of the donkey. The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN. The bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10. The next day the paper read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10. This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

The bishop was buried the next day.

In all seriousness; I thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Olivier

November 17, 2009

To Scholarship Selection Committee:

I would like to give my recommendation that Cheryl Olivier receive the clinic scholarship. Since her introduction into the sport of eventing Cheryl has represented what this sport is all about. Learning to ride as an adult, committing many hours in the saddle wanting to learn the correct way to ride, Cheryl never cut any corners.

As a volunteer, she acted as jump judge and scribe both to give back to the sport she loves but also to learn from others. When she started Lazy Dog Ranch, she took the next step into supporting the future of eventing. Cheryl has served the NTEA and supported the instructor certification program with many hours of volunteer work. All of this while holding a full time job and running Lazy Dog Ranch. The combined tests she runs at her farm are offered to give young horses and riders a safe, inexpensive and fun taste of the sport...these shows are a result of many hours of labor.

Cheryl has certainly "paid it forward" in the sport of eventing in North Texas. Without people like her our sport would surely fizzle away. I think this is a great opportunity to let Cheryl know that all her efforts are appreciated. I can't think of a better way of doing this than by offering her a scholarship so that she may improve her own skills.

Sincerely,

April Williams

To the NTEA scholarship committee:

My name is Margaret Kitts, and I have been Cheryl's coach for about 10 years. I would like to recommend her for the scholarship you are offering.

Cheryl has always strived not only to improve her riding skills, but her horsemanship skills as well. She has consistently taken lessons to learn to ride correctly and safely. To improve her horsemanship skills she has even spent the last 3 years taking veterinary classes at Purdue University! She has strived to move up to new challenges; and I think the Fredericks clinic would help her in that endeavor.

Cheryl has volunteered many hours giving back to the sport of eventing. She has been an active NTEA board member for three years, and plans on continuing to serve. She has volunteered at a number of competitions, and spent more countless hours putting on the ICP clinic last year. She manages this while working full time, and running Lazy Dog Ranch. I know she will be actively giving back to our sport for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Kitts

2009 NTEA Scholarship Program Application

Name: Kimberly Gardner Taylor

Address: 4225 Kelly Rd
Atledo, TX 76008

Phone#: 817-637-4585

e-mail:

kjumpergirl@yahoo.com

NTEA #: 1331

Years of Membership: 4?

Years Eventing: 6

Years of Equestrian Activities: 38 (regularly) 16

Names of two individuals who are not family members who are providing your letters of recommendation, and their relationship to you:

Name:

Relationship:

1. Carol Roberts

Mother of student

2. Whitney Meintjes

Student ; Mother of 3 students

Please attach a roughly 750 word description of your eventing past and present and your goals for the future including information about instruction, competition and horsemanship.

Please attach a roughly 250 word description of your training or education plan for using scholarship funds.

Please attach a roughly 100 word description of how you have fulfilled or plan to fulfill volunteer service to the organization.

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By completing and submitting this form I agree that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the scholarship program guidelines and will complete my mandatory volunteer commitment prior to March 1, 2010.

Signature:

Kimberly Gardner Taylor

Date: 11-19-09

Signature of Parent if under 18 years of age:

Date:

To Whom It May Concern,

Kim Taylor has been our daughter's trainer and coach for the past 3 ½ years. Maggie was 9 years old when she arrived at Kim's facility and had been raised on ranch horses and had minimal English training. It has been tremendous to watch Kim work with Maggie during lessons several times a week, at horse trials and at USEA shows.

The love Kim has for teaching and sharing her passion is evident. She is an excellent instructor. She has the ability to take each rider and work with them to individualize a plan of action to achieve their goals. Whether someone is riding a schooling horse from her barn, their own horse or trying a new horse for purchase, we have seen her patience and expertise in full action. She is creative in her teaching and is committed to keep it fun for the riders! The girls LOVE to go to the barn.

Kim Taylor is a wonderful example to Maggie and all the girls at Star T. She is a serious competitor herself, always pushing to the next level with the utmost respect for the horse, the challenging courses and the issues surrounding the rider. She has taught Maggie to be confident and safe. She has demonstrated a desire to go the extra mile and work through difficult situations with our horses at different times. The encouragement she has provided has kept Maggie focused and allowed her to believe in herself as a rider.

We are forever grateful that we landed at Star T with Kim Taylor. She has given Maggie a gift for her lifetime as she has developed into a safe, confident rider!

Sincerely,



Carol Roberts

To Whom it may concern:

The most difficult part of writing this letter of recommendation for Kim Gardner Taylor is knowing where to begin. When she first began giving us, a family of 6 with 4 riders, instruction we knew very little about riding or horsemanship. Over the last 21 months Kim has supported, trained and encouraged us through many aspects involving horses. She walked us through successfully finding and purchasing three horses suited to our needs. Her knowledge was invaluable in vet checks, purchasing 5 saddles, multiple bridles, supplements and other gear. She patiently gave us riding instruction while grieving the loss of my father.

Kim is a gifted instructor. She has an intuitive ability to know our needs, emotionally and physically, before asking us (horse and rider) to perform any given task. She is encouraging and motivating without ever expressing frustration. I have never once heard Kim raise her voice with intensity or speak harshly. Kim's nurturing teaching style has provided the right environment for much growth in our family. My husband and I have seen our girls embrace responsibility and independence. We have seen good sportsmanship, perseverance and positive attitudes emphasized at horse shows. Our girls have enjoyed hard work and the thrill of winning blue ribbons. Kim has also encouraged us to lose gracefully and press on to do better. Kim is not only interested in their horsemanship skills, but who they are outside of the arena. Our second daughter has started a successful small business using many of the life skills that Kim has helped develop. Our oldest daughter has shown remarkable growth in performing in front of people and under pressure and remembering details. While our youngest daughter has persevered and blossomed as a young rider and competitor. Kim's maturity coupled with her youthful spirit has motivated me as an adult rider. How many times have I fearfully entered the arena for my lesson and then achieved more than I thought possible! Refreshed by my lessons with her I am ready to resume my domestic duties and conquer the inevitable obstacles of life.

My husband and I recommend Kim not only as a riding instructor, but as a role model. Whether the rider is ready to achieve higher level goals or conquer simple fears we cannot say enough about the quality of her instruction. Her lessons in the arena are lessons for life.

Sincerely,

Whitney Meintjes

To whom it may concern:

I am one of the girls blessed to be Kim's student, and I could not have a better instructor. Kim is one of the kindest, most understanding people I have met. She loves what she does and while taking her job as a trainer seriously, she also takes joy in it. Her enthusiasm is contagious! When I first started riding with Kim I had a large amount of fear and apprehension about many aspects of riding. Without Kim, I would still be this way. She never asked me to do anything I was not mentally capable of, even if I had the physical ability. Instead, she gently motivated and encouraged me, while moving me forward.

Even while she was teaching me to ride, Kim was also teaching me life lessons. When my lesson pony took off with me, Kim showed me how to be firm and determined, and to not give up when it gets rough. When my horse refused the jump, she taught me to be a leader, and to be gentle at the same time. When I want to jump a jump that is too high for me, Kim explains that I need to be patient and keep working at my level until I can do it safely.

Kim is also caring. My grandfather died of cancer two years ago, and Kim was so understanding and patient with us. She truly sympathized with us and it blessed me more than she'll ever know.

Besides being a wonderful mentor and role model, Kim is a talented rider! I love to watch her train a green horse or perform a dressage test. The treat of watching Kim jump is enough to fire fresh enthusiasm into the heart of each student she teaches. She has the gift of constructive criticism, encouragement, and motivation. When I come out of the show ring, the smile I know awaits me is better reward than any ribbon of any color. Kim really cares about her students and not only does she teach them how to ride a horse, but also determination, leadership, patience, and true sympathy. These are not all of Kim's attributes by any stretch and I am fortunate to be able to call her my instructor.

Sophie Meintjes 13yrs

To whom it may concern:

I am one of Kim's students and I highly recommend her. She is very gentle and encouraging. She is willing to listen to all of our horse riding problems (which we have many of) and explains what to do very clearly. Kim helped us find and try out the three horses that we now own. One of the many things that I find important in her way of teaching is that she can do everything that she teaches. She is not afraid to get on an unruly horse and make him obey and she will do so in her lesson. She pushes you to do the best of your ability while still being safe. She will work on in your lesson what you want\ need to do. As an example, if you are having a hard day she can take you on a relaxing trail ride or if you need to conquer something she can give you a fun, but not so easy jumping lesson (my personal favorite). If your horse is not being safe she will make him behave and ride him a day a week or so and let you ride another horse for a little while to build up your confidence. Kim has ridden in many disciplines and can conform comfortably to them depending on what the rider wants to do. Kim is very good at putting the movement or feeling into words so that the rider understands. When the student is having a very hard ride she will make sure that you end on a good note so that you feel a sense of accomplishment after each ride with her. If you are having a problem that needs attention she will go a little overtime to help you fix it. Kim will help you and give you advice even when it is not your lesson time. If the lesson is canceled due to rain or she will be unavailable she will make sure that you know. She will not force a student to go to any shows or competitions although she offers many different shows. She will help you if you do not know what size saddle or if this horse needs a front riser or back riser etc. She will go with you to the vet if you are not sure you will understand him. She is very engaging and will let you know that she understands how you feel when you are discouraged. She will teach you how to trim your horse and groom. She is very good with children. I would very highly recommend Kim for many reasons more than what I have put in this letter.

Roni Meintjes Age:10