

Dear Zone 5 USHJA Committee,

Words cannot even begin to explain how grateful my family and I are for this reward. When Sarah Oelerich told me about it, I started writing my essay that day. The opportunity was perfect and gave me significant hope of finding and receiving a large scholarship. Sure enough my optimism and hope served me well, as well as my story. Knowing that I did not have to be a junior champion rider to receive this meant so much to my riding career. As well as being respected by so many respectable people in the horse world; people I look up to.

After getting through my first midterms, it is exciting and stressful, but it is a new stage in my life that I am grateful for and very optimistic for the future. Last week I won my first blue ribbon for the Miami University Equestrian Team in our season's first horse show.

Your belief in me only inspires me to work harder not only at school, but what I love, horses. Once again your scholarship has made a significant impact in my life and I could not be more thankful for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Sophie Wilson