

## Meet the 2022 USDF Youth Convention Scholarship Winners!

*The USDF Youth Convention Scholarships provide financial support to young dressage enthusiasts to help defray the expenses associated with attending the annual convention.*

### *Cheyenne Duncan*



**Cheyenne Duncan, Ocala, FL**, is 16 years old and has become more interested in being a part of the entirety of the dressage community. Having the chance to “take the reins” and learn about the inner workings of USDF would be the beginning of what she would like her involvement to look like.

Most importantly, she wants to contribute, and by attending the convention, she can learn more about where she can have the biggest impact. The opportunity to network with the volunteer leaders such as the committee members, delegates, and directors as well as her fellow peers would allow her to start associating with USDF in both a deep and wide way. She’d like to be a “whole” equestrian in giving back to the dressage community.

Cheyenne hopes her involvement will have a positive ripple effect throughout USDF and to her peers at the farm.

### *Dalton Furkis*

**Dalton Furkis, Berrien Center, MI**, has participated all over the country in recognized USDF shows from Michigan to Florida to Iowa and has competed up to FEI Juniors and 3<sup>rd</sup> Level. He has his USDF Bronze Medal and soon he plans to earn his Bronze Freestyle Bar.

By attending the convention, Dalton would utilize the gained knowledge by sharing it with his Pony Club and applying it to his own knowledge base. He’d like to meet other youth members that have the same interests and to experience a different side of USDF.



## Marley McCourt



**Marley McCourt, Atco, NJ**, is 15 years old and has been involved with dressage since she was 6. Recently she was awarded the FEI Pony Champion while competing at Dressage at Devon. One of her proudest achievements is earning her USDF Bronze Medal.

Marley would like to become more involved in expanding the youth memberships in her two GMOs (ESDCTA and ECRDA). She currently volunteers at both schooling and recognized shows and this was her second year volunteering for the Dressage4Kids Youth Dressage Festival. She would like to become more involved in putting together youth clinics in Region 1 and to help develop a larger social media following drawing youth to the sport.

By attending the convention, Marley would like to meet people from various regions and learn what works and doesn't work for their GMOs. She thinks this would be extremely beneficial and sharing ideas with others can help grow youth interest in USDF and dressage!