

## **2009 LEG UP AWARD WINNER**

### **T. Daniel Odum – Hanover County**

This year's Leg Up Award recipient has been involved with 4-H for several years. As a young rider, in exchange for getting a horse, Daniel agreed to be responsible for the horse, keep his grades up, and take on more chores at home. After riding other people's horses for a year, he found his dream horse in a green, unbroken mare. Working with a trainer, he gained the horse's trust and began developing a true partnership while exploring several different disciplines.

Shortly after find the horse, it was discovered that Daniel's mother had cancer. Daniel stepped up his promise and took on even more responsibilities at home, along with taking care of his horse, working off board, and keeping his grades up, achieving a 4.0 average. With never a complaint about the work, Daniel viewed his horse as a true blessing, and also understood what his mother had given herself to make his dream a reality. His mother continues to receive treatment for the cancer and is always there for his horse and rider team.

Daniel's helpful attitude, inquisitive nature and willingness to work hard have led him to volunteer for any task and to help with local clinics in his county. He is also active at 4-H camp, serving this past summer as a counselor in training, with plans to continue as a teen counselor to help ensure that the campers have a wonderful and safe time at camp. This 4-Her is always striving to do his best, and lives up to the 4-H Motto: "To Make the Best Better."

For all of these reasons – Dedication, Leadership, High Standards, Outstanding Character and Courage, Hanover County's T. Daniel Odum is the 2009 Leg Up Award Recipient.