

2012 Leg Up Award Winner

Cortney McDonald – Shenandoah County

This Leg Up Award is for recognition of a dedicated 4-H member who shows exceptional leadership and an internal drive to better both themselves and their horse. This year's winner rose from the despair of saying goodbye to horse soul mate just two days prior to this year's state show. After the passing of two other prior horses, she has continued to train, ride, and develop bonds with new horses. She has persevered and continues to ride and show with enthusiasm and gusto – bringing her backup project out of retirement only two days prior to the 2012 State 4-H Championship Horse Show. She has also used the knowledge she has developed to train her sister and others to become better riders. Despite all the challenges she has overcome, she has continued to smile and encourage other 4-H members to do their very best. Please join me in congratulating this year's Leg Up Award winner...Cortney McDonald from Shenandoah County!