

## **2017 Leg Up Award Winner**

***Kacey Goodson***

*This year's leg up award goes to a 4-Her who was once described as a shy and quiet child.*

*She overcame her challenges and has flourished in the 4-H public speaking programs.*

*She has demonstrated her ability to be a natural leader and role model to her club and community including holding multiple offices in her club and regularly reaching out to her community in monthly service projects such as helping needy families, pet shelters, and farm chores at a local non-profit farm. Congratulations to Kacy Goodson from Chesapeake, VA.*

## **2017 Connie Collier Scholarship Winners**

***Chelsea Bickley – Albemarle - \$1000***

***Charlotte Manvell – Orange - \$750***

*This scholarship is made possible through contributions given in memory of Constance “Connie” Collier (1946-2010). Connie spent countless hours over her lifetime to improve and promote the equine industry in Virginia, but her biggest passion was supporting youth involved in the 4-H Horse Program. Among her good works, Connie served as a 4-H Horse Club leader in Henrico County, Treasurer of the Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show and also played a key role in the drill team division’s growth and improvement. Connie was also a Virginia 4-H alumnus and was an exhibitor in the early years of the Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show. Through this scholarship, we hope that Connie’s lifetime commitment to the 4-H Horse Program will live on and inspire current and past exhibitors to give back to the Virginia 4-H Horse Program.*

## **2017 New Comer Award**

***Samantha Hays – Spotsylvania***

*Samantha was a first year rider at the 2017 Virginia State 4-H Horse Show. She overcame many obstacles including family illnesses, horse sickness and rider nerves to show this year! We are so proud of her and the determination she showed! Way to go Samantha!*

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