

## **2018 Leg Up Award Winner**

### ***Maggie Kelley - Chesapeake***

This year as usual it was difficult to select the Leg Up Award recipient. We received four incredible nominations.

The Leg Up Award is given each year to an outstanding and inspirational 4-Her. Qualities looked for include dedication, leadership, high personal standards and the internal drive to make themselves and their horse to be the best they can be. Equally important is the demonstrated efforts to help others to “make the best better”.

This year’s recipient has only been in 4-H for 3 years. After suffering two broken arms from a fall from her horse- she recovered physically and also overcame her fears and shyness. Through her injury she became an inspiration to others. She reached out to her club members when they are in need and also cheers on others in competitions. One specific example of this was when a new club member who had also fallen off her pony struggled with getting back on and offered her horse for lessons and to even show her horse to boost the 4-Hers confidence. This recipient even coached her at the District 4-H Show- in showmanship to help her succeed.

Through organizing monthly service projects, she helps families in need, works at the local SPCA and local pet shelters and non-profit farms.

As you can see. This recipient shows an unwavering dedication to helping others. Therefore the 2018 Leg Up Award goes to Maggie Kelley from Chesapeake Counties- Hip Equine 4-H Club.

## **2018 Connie Collier Scholarship Winners**

***Katie Define – Albemarle - \$1000***

***Charlotte Manvell – Orange - \$1000***

*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.*

## **2018 New Comer Award**

***Peyton Brown – The Hip Equine 4-H Club***

Peyton has always dreamed of participating in the State horse show. She hasn't been able to participate in the show until this year due to multiple challenges.

She has come to the show in the past to cheer on her fellow 4-H members and throughout the year. Peyton's unselfishness shows in all that she does by always being cheerful and kind. This year, she has put in a lot of hard work and it has paid off. She has been dedicated to her riding and has been determined to succeed despite what has been going on.

Being here, this year she has learned what it is like to show at the state horse show. With pitfalls and hurdles she continues to smile every day and supports her peers and family. Even with all the challenges she continues to preserve.