

**2020 State 4-H Show
Connie Collier Scholarship & Leg Up Award
Results**

2020 Connie Collier Recipients

The Connie Collier 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.

Both winners this year earn scholarships worth \$950.

The winners are:

Hannah Beaver, member of Hoof N Woof 4-H Club, Albemarle County

Kayla Dixon, member of Nokesville Equestrians 4-H Club, Prince William County

2020 Leg Up Recipient

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 winner is Lainey Butler, a member of the Hoof N Woof 4-H club in the Northern District.

Lainey has gone above and beyond especially during this Covid Pandemic. While she was not the president last spring, she arranged for Zoom meetings for the club so that the members could see each other and feel "normal" in the very uncertain times. She made the best better in this situation which was need when so many things were cancelled. As president, she has also put together events that are safe for the members but also educational and informative. While it is disappointing that it is not a normal year for 4-H, it is nice that members like Lainey are doing their part to make 4-H active and fun. Lainey has been involved in all aspects of 4-H. She not only has competed in public speaking and the educational contests but is an avid rider showing at a very competitive level. Her nomination comes without reservation. She is truly a leader and one who has helped others.