

April 30, 2025

Dear 4-H Council,

As coach of the Mountrail County Horse Judging team, (along with Katie Woodbury), I would like to request your help in supporting our team by helping them fund their travels to the West River Stock Show in Denver CO in January 2026 for the National Horse Judging Contest. For several years these girls have worked hard together to be competitive. This year, they achieved their goal of being first in the state for horse judging. Not only did they receive first, but they also grew together as a team, in communication, and confidence which are all qualities that we strive to instill in our kids through 4-H.

In January, the team will travel to Denver in order to spend a day in the Nationals Horse Judging Contest to compete against the top teams in the country. Any funding received from this council will be used for travel expenses such as plane tickets, hotel rooms, gas, food, and any other incidentals not mentioned here. The funds may also be used to prepare the girls. We may be traveling to shows around the country in order to give the girls as many opportunities as possible to practice their judging. Any funds received may also assist in these travels. The participants plan to do as much fundraising as possible in order to raise any other funds needed. Our goal, as coaches, is to eliminate as many financial obligations from the parents and/or students as possible.

I will leave the amount requested open as you have a better understanding as to how much can be allotted due to your budget and what you, as a committee, feel this team is deserving of.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter!

Kind Regards,

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