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### Pony Club Members Earn Top Scores in Emerson Burr Horsemanship Test

**August 17, 2017** – Two United States Pony Clubs, Inc. members earned top scores in the Emerson Burr Horsemanship Test during the USEF Pony Finals presented by Collecting Gaits Farm August 8-13, 2017. Genevieve Munson (C-2, Northwest Arkansas Pony Club/Midwest Region) received a \$500 grant for educational related expenses by winning the 12-14 age division. Munson competed at the USEF Pony Finals in Lexington, KY on the USPC Pony Jumper Team riding Bluebelle and finished in fourth place individually.

Megan All (H-B, Wekiva Basin Pony Club/Sunshine Region) produced the top score in the 14-17 age division earning her a \$500 educational grant. Megan attended the USEF Pony Finals in the Medium Green Pony division and placed in the top half of the jumping classes. Megan and her pony Minnie were also members of the winning Lemonheads Mounted Games team at the President's Cup held during USPC Festival 2017.

The Emerson Burr Horsemanship Fund was created in 2002 by friends and family of the late Emerson Burr to promote and perpetuate proper horsemanship in equestrian youth. The Emerson Burr Horsemanship Grants are awarded by US Equestrian based on tests held at competitions throughout the year at the National and Zone levels. At the USEF Pony Finals, participants took a written test, followed by hands-on testing for the top four from each age group (9-11, 12-14, and 15-17). Munson, and All, demonstrated excellent horsemanship skills and knowledge learned in Pony Club to win their respective age divisions.

**About Pony Club** - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit national youth organization to teach riding and horsemanship through a formal educational program. There are approximately 9,000 Pony Club members in over 600 clubs and riding centers throughout the country. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, business professionals, government leaders and career military officers, have roots in Pony Club. Youth members range in age from as young as 4 through age 25. Pony Club also offers educational opportunities to a growing number of adults through Horsemasters membership. [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org).