

## CMHA Scholarship Essay

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Since an early age of 8, I began taking lessons from Sandra Sanche who is a trainer, owner/operator of Sanche Performance Horses located in Alberta. I have progressively increased my involvement with horses to this day in which I am currently training my 5 year old Morgan.

Starting with Sandra, I learned to appreciate the heart, loyalty and willingness of Morgan horses to work with their human companions. From there, I have been taking lessons to further my knowledge and abilities.

At the age of 10, my Dad purchased my first Morgan, Josh who I still go back to because of his working knowledge. Josh and I became involved with the local 4-H club and participated in many demonstrations and gymkhanas. When I turned 12, my Dad then purchased my first real show horse, TL Dancing Shadow (Frankie) who is now a 21 year old mare. This dedicated little horse was so patient with my mistakes in learning how to ride. She and I enjoyed many shows together, placing first and second in local and Class A shows. Frankie can be pulled from the pasture with very little work and put straight into competition and still win firsts and seconds. In the spring of 2007 we bred Frankie to RR Gar-Sun which produced Sweet Talkin' Tucker (Tucker) who is now a three year old gelding, work in progress.

In 2007 my Dad leased Wizard's Xanadu, a little brown Morgan mare who I rode in western competition. Xanadu and I ended off the show season in the top 5 in Open Western Pleasure class at the Western Canadian Championship show.

2008 was a big year for me as I had the opportunity to ride GVA Captiva Command (Tiva) for Connie Manning-McNichol owner and operator of Tamrac Ranch in Alberta. The highlight of that year with Tiva, was placing 3/9 in a very competitive GN Classic Pleasure Mares class during the World Championships in Oklahoma. I spent 2009 with Connie at her ranch and gained valuable knowledge about working with young horses. Later that year, Whitemud Blue Diamond (Gem) came into my life who is now a 5 year Morgan purchased from Indiana, USA. We knew only by videos provided, that she had some training in English (saddleseat) and driving. I stabled her at Cedar Crest Farms with Rhonda and Gilbert Thompson for the latter part of 2009 to August of 2010 and spent numerous hours training and getting to know this young mare. My Dad and I then hired trainer Jacqui Hugill-Girard, owner and operator of Showstopper Performance Horses in Alberta to assist me in finishing her training. At the recent 2010 Alberta Morgan Awards Banquet, Gem and I received Reserve Championship in Park Pleasure, English Pleasure 14-17, and English Pleasure Novice Horse. After finishing a very successful year, Gem and I are now working toward competing in the 2011 Morgan World Championships in Oklahoma City.

Currently I am the Treasurer of the Alberta Morgan Horse Youth Club. Over the last two years I have been involved in the organization of a pancake breakfast, cookie bake and a youth show in which the proceeds were turned back to our club. A fun gymkhana, cattle sorting clinic and an entertaining afternoon of pond hockey and wiener roast were also enjoyed by our club. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 5 years competing on the Morgan circuit and I am excited for what the future holds.

I am looking forward to hearing from you,  
Thank you,  
Kayshia Langille

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