

Cassandra Kohanski



Hello, my name is Cassandra Kohanski. I am a fifteen year old who lives in Larsen, WI. I am an only child, but don't let that fool you. My mom is a child of six, so aunts, uncles, and cousins are not in short supply. My family loves to spend time outdoors camping and hiking, as well as visiting our cabin to go fishing and boating. Marley and Jasmine are two amazing Carolina dogs that share our home. For a short time Marley and I even did agility competitions together until he got too old for it. I grew up with horses in my life, since my mother owns a Tennessee Walking Horse that is now 23 years old, and my Aunt has an American Quarter horse. When I turned 8 I had the privilege of riding a Morgan for the first time, and I never turned back. Now you can find me at the barn Monday through Thursday after school. It's a lot of hard work, but it is definitely worth it. From brushing, tacking, and working horses, I'm happy to help my boss/trainer, Sarah, with all of our Morgan training horses' needs. At the moment, I am happily leasing a Classic Pleasure horse, HPW First Crush, aka "Bash", whom I am blessed to show this year. My responsibilities do extend past the barns, however. I am involved in 4-H, where I show horses, as well as model horses, do horse photography and drawings. Overall, I have set my goals higher than the stars. As a Sophomore at Winneconne High school, grades, and school in general, is very important to me. Eventually, I hope to go off to medical school after graduating. I ended my freshman year with straight A's and a lot of experience. Next semester, I am taking an equine management class, which will be very exciting and interesting. I am planning on applying to the National Honor society this spring, with nearly 36 hours of community service under my belt so far. Even outside of school, I have some academic-related interests. It is a huge honor to say that I have successfully written, published, and released two books. The series will hopefully have six novels total, and I am diligently working on the third book, aiming to publish it soon. Although it is hard to balance my school, writing career & time at the barn, I love everything I do. I wouldn't give any of it up for the world. It has been amazing to show some of the Morgan circuit competitions this year, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to compete at the World championships. As a whole, I believe that these things set me apart, hopefully in a way that stands out to my upcoming judges. It is an honor to be here, and I cannot wait to be part of this year's youth of the year competition. Winning this would not only expand my horizons, but also help me to open new doors in the Morgan world, which is an opportunity I could never turn down.