

## *Isabella Namiko Miles*



My name is Isabella Namiko Miles! I am a high school sophomore from Culver City, California with a profound passion for Morgan Horses. I discovered my love for horses at the historic Griffith Park pony rides, but when I devastatingly outgrew them, I begged for more. Since then, I have “solidified” my love for Morgan Horses, specifically saddleseat, and have been competing up and down the West Coast Circuit in sunny California. I recently achieved my dream of owning my very own Morgan Horse, Luke, a spirited goofball who I love more than anything. When not with my horse, I love playing music, especially guitar and violin. I have been in my school’s symphonic orchestra, having the amazing opportunity to play first chair for several years. Living in a coastal town, I also have a deep love of the ocean, participating in an open-ocean canoe racing sport and surfing, as well as involving myself in many beach clean-ups and environment restoration programs. Recently, I have also found a fondness of helping younger children working with Morgan Horses through a mentorship program at my barn. I have worked with a wide range of Morgan Horses, from yearlings to World Champions, and have loved getting to know each and every one of them. I come from a Mexican American family of the absolute best people who support all my wildest aspirations. They inspire me every day and have always encouraged me to strive for my dreams, no matter how out of reach they seem. It is that very message that I carry with me to the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show, and I cannot express my gratitude for this wonderful opportunity.