

## Allison Hall

My name is Allison Hall, I am 21 years old, and this will be my fourth year competing in the Grand National Youth of the Year contest! I am currently a student at Green River College, where I am studying Criminal Justice and Forensic Technology. I have two Morgan horses; Manchester Once N Again, more commonly known as Bailey and Home Free, also known as Freedom. Freedom and I show in Western Pleasure Amateur classes as well as Western Pleasure Youth and the AMHA Western Seat Medal. I am the proud leader of the Evergreen Morgans youth team, which combines multiple barns from Washington and Oregon. I am also actively involved in the AMHA Youth Council as Secretary as well as the Morgan Horse Club of Washington State as the Youth Liaison. With this, I would like to help get more youth involved in the AMHA programs. So far, I have been able to encourage a large group of people to join our local Youth of the Year contests. In 2022, I was honored to receive the Tristanne Weber Childress Memorial AMHA Youth of the Year Sportsmanship Award. This award was voted on by the contestants of last year's Youth of the Year contest. I am in awe at the support this group of youth has for everyone in the contest. Even though we are all competing, we are willing to help each other, which shows how strong the sense of community is in the Morgan breed. One thing that sets me apart is my dedication to the promotion of the AMHA programs. The AMHA youth programs, such as the Youth Council, have changed my life for the better. I have gained confidence and a great group of friends that will be with me for the rest of my life. I love encouraging others to get involved in youth programs. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had and am excited to see where else the American Morgan Horse Association takes me. Goodluck to all of the contestants. Have a great time and go do great things!