

Kathryn Donnelly-Taylor

My name is Kathryn Donnelly-Taylor and I am a senior at Owego Free Academy in Owego, NY. I am a heavily active member in my school's FFA chapter, my 4-H club, and the Central NY Dressage & Combined Training Association. I have held an officer position every year in FFA, including President and Reporter. Under FFA I have had several community service opportunities, such as Ag Literacy Week, Festival Clean up, and much more. I have also been my 4-H club's President for the past two years, and at every meeting we donate to a food to a shelter in need. Over the past couple of years I have been working to establish a Club Lamb operation with a couple of Boer goats in addition to my Hampshire sheep. Although livestock has a huge influence in my life, I dedicate a lot of time to improving my horsemanship with my morgan horses. Twice a week I drive to my lessons which are an hour and a half away in LaFayette, NY at Tanglewood Riding Center. My horse, Impromptu (Romper), is a Western equitation and pleasure horse. I also half-lease another morgan gelding, Out of This World (Mogley) who I do hunt seat equitation with. With Romper, I also compete in Level 1 Western dressage and dressage equitation in the CNY Dressage and Combined Training Association. Last year, I was awarded the high point western dressage champion with Romper. Through this association I am also a Junior Member Ambassador where I focus on increasing younger member participation in our organization.