



# Lauren Grace Rekis

Hello! I am Lauren Grace Rekis, and I am excited to be participating in the 2023 Grand National Youth of the Year Contest. I am a senior, and attend three schools: Marshall High School, the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center (BCAMSC), and Kellogg Community College. I am the Vice President of BCAMSC's High School Climate Change Symposium planning committee, as well as a member of National Honor Society. I have achieved Highest Honors all years of high school, and I am a National Merit Scholar as well as a National Rural and Small-Town Recognition Awardee. My hobbies are cooking, gardening, crochet, and especially reading. I have been riding at Crystal Farms Equestrian Center for eight years. I am extremely grateful to be able to show my Morgan gelding, Mendon Twist of Fate GCH (Twister), in Hunter Pleasure and Hunt Seat Equitation. Twister gives his whole heart each and every ride, and together we have learned so much. I love spending time at the barn, and often help out during lesson nights. In the summer, I work as a senior counselor at Camp Crystal, the farm's horse camp. I am also the president of the farm's youth team, the Crystal Champions. I would love to be selected as the winner of this year's Youth Contest so I can continue to be a role model for young equestrians, both at my barn and in the greater Morgan community.