Jessica Butler
2025 Recipient of the Ava Boyce-Bender Memorial Grant



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Jessica Butler of Wisconsin was awarded the 2025 Ava Boyce-Bender Memorial Grant to aid in her pursuit of a career in equine massage therapy. And, on June 26, 2026, Jessica graduated as a Certified Equine Massage Therapist through Therasage EMC. Congratulations, Jessica!



The Therasage EMC curriculum includes everything from anatomy and massage through professional ethics and business marketing. During her training, Jessica learned valuable stretching, therapeutic and trigger point massage techniques on multiple horses.

“I am so thankful to the Ava Boyce-Bender Memorial Grant for giving me the opportunity to pursue a new career,” said Jessica. “I am working on launching my LLC, Blue Ribbon Equine Therapy, with the goal of improving mobility, enhancing performance and supporting overall wellness for Morgan horses at farms and shows.”



Jessica plans to return to the show ring soon and offer her therapeutic services and preventative care at various locations and events in Missouri, Kansas, and northeastern Wisconsin.

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