



2022 \$1,000 ARHPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Ella Reagan

Her love for Hackney Ponies began at the age of 5 when she was gifted her first pony Flash from Betsy Boone. Ella says, “Flash lived at our barn and my mother would take him to local shows for me to show, with the guidance of Betsy.” Then came Charmed Masterpiece (“Fred”) and Ella, with reserve world’s champion and reserve world’s champion of champions titles to their credit. Later came Game (“Tater”) before Ella was gifted the opportunity by Elisabeth Goth to show Sugarland for the 2018 show season. “It was a monumental show season for me as I would go on to win the roadster pony under saddle 13-and-under world’s championship and reserve world’s championship of champions with Game, and also the roadster pony to bike 13-and-under world’s champion and world’s champion of champions titles with Sugarland.” No stranger to the winner’s circle, Ella later guided Gilcrest’s Billy Doux, Midnite Princess, and Anticipation’s Rhapsody LF to reserve world’s championships and top-three ties. “Hackney Ponies have always played an instrumental part in my life. I enjoy being able to bring my ponies home at the end of each show season to spend one-on-one time with them and let them go out in the pasture everyday. I often help my mother, who is a veterinarian, with horse shows and work at home so I get to spend lots of time with many Hackney Ponies. I enjoy how each one has their own unique personality, and I especially enjoy spoiling them with peppermints!”



Saddle Horse Report photo

Matthew C. Schuckert

Matthew’s first showing experience on his own was the 18-year-old mare Picture Perfect; he recalls she had bundles of personality and quirks, and would always prance while being hooked to the cart. Some favorite memories happened during several years attending roadster pony camp at Shelby County Horse Show, when his peers would attend and cheer him on. He says, “It was a great week in the summer with Julie Wilson being such a generous and gracious host.” Roadster pony camp and participating as counselor there would lead the way into his show career, with catch drives with Jimmy Stewart and Set the Stage, competing in 14-to-17 roadster pony to bike division. The year 2021 would bring about considerable changes in an even bigger upgrade with Shut Up and Dance (“Mikey”). He would only show him twice: Lexington Junior League and the World’s Championship Horse Show, earning blue ribbons at both shows. Matthew says he won’t forget the wonderful memories that roadsters have made for him while he attends University of Kentucky, where he plans to major in neuroscience.

