



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION
2025 REGION 9 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS

MK Connatser, Dallas, TX –MK is 15 years old and in the 10th grade. She earned a team bronze medal at NAYC in 2024 and a team silver in 2025 in the Junior division. Her goals for 2026 include qualifying for both NAYC and Festival of Champions.

MK will be riding her own Schnell's Highlight. Schnell's Highlight is a 16-year-old Hanoverian Cross gelding.

Charlotte Garver, Franklinton, LA – Charlotte is 12 years old and recently competed at the inaugural Children division at NAYC this year. She earned a silver medal in the Children Team test. She rides two home bred mares and looks forward to competing at the Junior division when she turns 14 years old.

Charlotte will be riding her own Parisiane. Parisiane is an 11-year-old Danish Warmblood mare.

Mallory Macomber, Benbrook, TX– Mallory is 15 years old and working towards her USDF Silver medal. In 2024, she received the bronze medal in the Junior Team test at NAYC. She currently is competing at Third and Fourth level.

Mallory will be riding her own Atterupgaards Belafonte. Atterupgaards Belafonte is an 11-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding.

Sloane Macomber, Benbrook, TX– Sloane is currently competing FEI Young Riders and Intermediare 1. Her goals for 2026 include continuing with Young Rider divisions and progressing to Intermediare II. She virtually trains with Hans Jurgen Boone.

Sloane will be riding her own Elburg T. Elburg T is a 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

Eloise Poupart, Dallas, TX– Eloise is 12 years old and would like to attend NAYC and Festival of Champions with her pony. She is currently competing at Training Level.

Eloise will be riding Beth Ann Blackwood's Larino. Larino is a 12-year-old Dutch Riding Pony gelding.

Catherine Schmidt, Houston, TX – Cate is 17 years old and has shown with her partner Fontainebleau JCD at NAYC Young Riders and hopes to compete at U25 next year. She is also an active Dressage4Kids member.

Cate will be riding Kelly Battle's Fontainebleau JCD. Fontainebleau JCD is a 12-year-old Westfalen gelding.

Sage Smith, Crescent, OK –Sage recently won a silver medal at NAYC in the Junior Team test and placed 6th in the Junior Freestyle as well. She'd like to compete at NAYC again in 2026 with improved scores with relaxed rides.

Sage will be riding her own Journey C. Journey C is an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare.

Aubrey Welch, Fulshear, TX –Aubrey is 12 years old and has been riding for 4 years. She is currently competing at Training Level. She'd like to attend the Dressage4Kids Summer Intensive Program and qualify for the Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships at First Level.

Aubrey will be riding her own Worth Every Penny. Worth Every Penny is an 11-year-old American Warmblood mare.