

The 2025 driving season saw the BC Carriage Driving Society award 4 youth driving bursaries (BCCDS Young Driver Bursary Program in Honor of Brian Jensen) and 3 of the youth complete their lessons with the respective coaches, and from the looks of it – with flying colors !

We would like to thank the coaches that come forward for this program, not all areas of the province have a coach but if youth are able to travel we can connect them with one of these coaches.

Ellen Hockley and Addison Reimer completed their lessons under the beautiful skies up at The Ranch outside of Pritchard, B.C. Addison had very successful lessons driving one of Ellen's lovely school master fjords, and I hope we will see Addison in the future. She will have a great base to carry on from, as she covered harnessing, preparing and of course the actual driving.

Kay Veinotte of Maple Ridge had two of the youth, Emily Bradbury and Claire McWhir. Emily says she enjoyed very much driving the variety of horses with Kay, and experiencing going thru cones courses and preparing for events. Emily has a pair of minis at home she drives and she has been able to harness up and prepare them now by herself. The girls also experienced navigating which is a wonderful experience and a different view of driving. I was camped next to Claire at the Wheels at Wildwood driving event where she drove, and did very well. I was very impressed with her constant care of the horse and the great support team she had.

I think the smile on Emily's face pretty much shows what we all feel about driving!

If you are interested in applying for the 2026 bursary program, please go the BC Carriage Driving Society website and look for the application process & deadlines, new information will be up early in the New Year. Coaches, please remember that you need to apply each year to be on the list for the bursary program.



