

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ella, I am a freshman at Western and am majoring in Natural Horsemanship and Business. I am looking forward to representing the student body on the ASUMW student senate.

I graduated high school with honors and have been involved in many clubs and activities throughout my education. Politically, I am a participating member of Young Americans for Liberty and have been involved with this organization for three years. YAL's goal is to reclaim direction of our government through a pro-liberty approach. Educating young Americans on politics and American legislation is the priority. I have also been involved in 4H since 2013, attending meetings until 2020, when I began participating in the running of the equestrian club and holding clinics and activities. Through 4h, I learned the values of record keeping, time management and the importance of organization and communication throughout the meetings.

I have been an American Quarter Horse Association member for five years and in 2019 was accepted into the Young Horse Development Program through the association. This was a nine month long competition between approximately sixty youth participants, culminating in scholarships or prizes awarded to top placed competitors. I had many assignments that required extensive record keeping and organization. After winning the program, I became more involved in AQHA by meeting with potential participants and putting on presentations regarding the program.

I have run a horseback riding program from my home for three years and managed about twenty kids throughout the summer months. I worked hard to schedule my time and handle my finances for the program responsibly. Working with parents and children of many ages gave me excellent communication and leadership skills. I have also volunteered at a local equine therapy facility, which uses lesson horses to help kids with disabilities learn to ride and gain strength and confidence in their bodies. I worked at my local ski hill for two seasons. I taught adults and kids how to ski and often taught groups of six or more people. Helping to run a lesson program and manage groups of people on the snow encouraged my leadership skills.

I am excited to engage in the inner workings of the school through student senate. I hope to continue this for the next three years of my time here. I bring a beneficial point of view to senate as I live on campus and hear about the issues and concerns at a very close level. I am looking forward to taking on the challenges which face the student body. I am a valuable asset to student senate because I am responsible, well spoken, open minded but steadfast in my decision making.