

**West Equestrian Application for Onsite Positions  
(Instructor, Working Student, Etc.)**



**Cheryl L. West**

**CHA Master Instructor and Clinician Instructor: English (Dressage), Western, Jumping  
Master CHA Therapeutic Instructor/Clinician and PATH Instructor**

Name:

Email:

Address:

City

State

Zip

Gender:

Height:

Weight:

Age (must be 13):

(Most Horses have a wt limit of 200 lbs)

Mobile Phone:

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Phone:

Education (High School/College):

Riding History: Experience with horses and/or working experience.

Goals: what are your goals with your riding and what would you like to accomplish at Westt:

Why do you want to work here and how would you benefit our program?:

***For outside applicants Please email me a recommendation from one or two people who are not related to you.  
(West Equestrian Students do not need this).***

WORKING STUDENTS: In addition to lessons. you must maintain your weekly lesson to qualify for this program unless you have been granted exemption.

Position duties: Feeding, care, mucking, and watering of horses. Assisting in maintenance and care of facilities. Training assistance including lunging horses, (will be instructed in the german style), bathing, warming up and cooling down of horses. Grooming, Saddling, bridling for lesson program and horses in training for Cheryl West. Education in horse management, riding styles, operations, lesson instructor program if desired.

This position is a privilege. We expect you to treat it like a job, as you will be compensated in lessons similarly. Time management, self initiative, hard work, promptness, and politeness are expected. You will be expected to work without supervision at times, and to be honest with your work and reports of it. There is usually an assigned instructor and a senior working student. You will be expected to respect them as you would Owner Cheryl West. Lack of honesty, tardiness, excessive failure to show, disrespect or lack ability to meet the above is cause for immediate dismissal from the program. There is often a waiting list, so please let us know if this is not for you so others can have the opportunity.

To participate in this program, it is required to be prepared for the riding every session.

**You will be expected to work a minimum of 5 up to 7 hours. This does not include preparing, riding, or caring for your lesson horse.**

- Boots with a half inch heel are required. Safety stirrups are provided.
- Full length pants are **required to ride**. No shorts. Shorts can be used for chores.
- No spaghetti straps or thin tank tops which create a safety hazard. Tank tops need to be 2 inch wide and allowed only when above 85 degrees.
- Helmets are required for **ALL** students and are provided. You may purchase your own but they must be ASTM-SEI (Safety Institute) approved for equestrian activities. They must be within the 5 year expiration of mfg date.
- Long hair must be tied back, with ties positioned low so as not to interfere with helmet fit and chores.
- You must present a professional image, so no rude tshirts etc.

Barn Rules:

1. **Be aware when walking directly behind the horse. Keep a hand on horse. Be aware of the horse's head in case of nipping.**
2. **Do not overtighten cinches, which leads to nipping.**
3. **Do not run, yell, scream or jump suddenly at a horse. Sudden and fast movements may cause a horse to startle and react causing injury.**
4. **Do not jerk on the reins. Jerking may cause rearing or movements that may cause loss of balance.**
5. **Do not allow the horse to run or trot without permission from instructor, or instructor's direction. Pay Attention**
6. **Keep all gates closed. If in doubt close it!**
7. **Tie only to designated poles. Do not tie to rails, fences etc.**
8. **Only go into horse pens with permission from instructor. We need to know where you are at all times.**
9. **No one under 18 may ride without an onsite designated instructor or adult. Property owner must be notified.**

***I have read and understand the above statements, and I am in agreement. (Parent please ensure student reads this).***

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Student name

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Signature of Participant

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Date

Parent signature if under 18

Date

### Participant Agreement

Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act Section 50.1 of Title 76 B. 1. The Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that persons who engage in livestock activities may incur injuries as a result of the risks involved in such activities even in the absence of any fault or negligence on the part of persons or entities who sponsor, participate or organize those activities.

Section 50.3 of Title 76 Except as provided in subsection B of this section, a livestock activity sponsor, a participant or a livestock professional acting in good faith and pursuant to the standards of the livestock industry shall not be liable for injuries to any person engaged in livestock activities when such injuries result from the inherent risks of livestock activities.

Explanation: "Engages in a livestock activity" includes training, racing, showing, riding, or driving livestock, and any person assisting a participant, livestock activity sponsor or livestock professional. The term "engages in a livestock activity" does not include being a spectator at a livestock activity, except in cases where the spectator places himself or herself in immediate proximity to livestock activity. "Livestock" means any cattle, sheep, goat, or equine. "Livestock activity" includes but is not limited to: shows, fairs, sales, competitions, performances, or parades that involve any or all breeds of livestock and any of the related disciplines, including, but not limited to, rodeos, auctions, driving, pulling, judging, cutting and showing, training and/or teaching activities, boarding or pasturing, inspecting or evaluating livestock; drives, rides, trips, hunts or other livestock activities of any type however informal or impromptu that are sponsored by a livestock activity sponsor, and placing or replacing horseshoes on an equine, or otherwise preparing livestock for show. "Livestock activity sponsor" means an individual, group, club, partnership or corporation, whether or not the sponsor is operating for profit or nonprofit, which sponsors, organizes, or provides the facilities for, a livestock activity, including but not limited to: clubs, classes, programs and activities, therapeutic riding programs, and operators, instructors, and promoters of livestock facilities, including, but not limited to, barns, stables, clubhouses, pony ride strings, fairs and arenas at which the activity is held. "Livestock professional" means a person engaged for compensation in: instructing a participant or renting to a participant livestock for the purpose of engaging in livestock activities, or renting equipment or tack to a participant. "Inherent risks of livestock activities" means those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of livestock activities, including but not limited to: the propensity of livestock to behave in ways that may result in injury to persons on or around them, the unpredictability of livestock's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals, certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions unknown to the livestock activity sponsor, collisions with other livestock or objects, and the potential of tack to become dislodged or move in ways that may result in injury to persons on or around livestock activities. "Participant" means any person, whether amateur or professional, who engages in a livestock activity, whether or not a fee is paid to participate in the livestock activity.

Horseback riding, care of, and exposure to horses, and the use of any horse or horseback riding equipment involves risk and danger, and/or injury. The behavior of the horse can be unpredictable, and at times based on instinct or fright, which may cause injury. Horses may bite, kick, buck, lie down, stumble, or fall. Saddles may slip, tack may loosen, and wear tear may cause tack problems. All efforts will be made to make sure equipment remains serviceable and safe, but unforeseeable events could occur. Terrain ridden is subject to change, due to weather and natural causes. Terrain, and obstacle variations could cause loss of control, and, or injury.

Signature of this form admits awareness that this activity entails risks of injury or death. I understand that the description of these risks is incomplete, and that unknown or unanticipated risks may occur. I agree to assume responsibility for all identified and unidentified risk factors. **My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate, despite the previously mentioned risks. I further agree not to hold West Equestrian Services and Training, Valley View Equestrian and other leased properties responsible for any accidents that may occur.**

I certify that the I am, or my minors are, fully capable of participating in this activity, and assumes full responsibility for myself, and minor children, for bodily injury, death, and loss of personal property, and all expenses thereof, as a result of those inherent risks and dangers, and of any negligence in participating in this activity.

I have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, estate, and for all members of my family, including minors accompanying me, or participating in anything involved with horses, events, or activities related to horses, and fund raising both on and off West Equestrian operation areas. This agreement will be effective until written notice by the participant of cancellation of lessons.

***I have read and understand the above statements, and I am in agreement.***

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Student name

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Signature of Participant or Guardian/Parent

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Date

Thank you and please email application to [westequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:westequestrian@gmail.com) or you may mail/drop off at WEST Equestrian 5716 S Dip Creek Rd Sand Springs OK Sand Springs OK 74063