

Anderson and horse competing against the best in the world

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Rebecca Anderson of Gothenburg has qualified to compete at the 2012 Built Ford Tough American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Aug. 3-11 in Oklahoma City.

Anderson and her 8-year-old mare, OK Shes Unzipped, will be among 196 contestants in the showmanship division of the world contest. It is the largest class of the youth competition with the most ever entrants.

This event is the pinnacle for American quarter horse exhibitors, who are all 18 or younger and must qualify by earning a predetermined number of points to compete in each of the classes representing halter, English and western disciplines.

The 2,407 entries at this year's event represent competitors from 49 of the 50 United States as well as Brazil, Canada, England, Germany, Mexico, Sweden and Venezuela who are vying for 34 world championships.

Anderson has been traveling to horse shows since school got out in May, earning points to qualify for the world contest.

She is the daughter of Andra Anderson and Dan Anderson of Gothenburg.