

RIDING TO THE TOP SCHOLARSHIP FUND FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

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ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

Name of Rider _____ DOB _____ Date of Request _____

Have you applied before? Yes ___ No ___

Are other members of your family applying for financial aid from RTT? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, who? _____

Information requested below applies to Parent/Guardian or Adult Rider

Name _____ Phone-Home _____ Work _____

Spouse _____ Phone-Home _____ Work _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Married ___ Single ___ Divorced/Separated ___ Widowed ___

Number of children _____ Ages _____ # of people used for tax exemptions _____

Rider resides with: Mother ___ Father ___ Both Parents ___ Guardian ___ Self ___

FINANCIAL INFORMATION—The following information is required for financial aid.

Please list all forms of income received on an annual basis. Mark N/A for any that do not apply to you. Also attach **PROOF OF INCOME** such as a copy of your most recent income tax return and any W-2's as required by Riding To The Top's Scholarship Policy.

Wages	Alimony/Spousal Support (income)
Interest from Savings	Welfare/General Assistance
Social Security Benefits	Pension/Retirement
VA Benefits	Insurance Benefits
Medicaid	Respite Care
Unemployment Benefits	Disability Payments/Workers' Comp
Child Support (Income)	Other

If you need to, please describe any unusual circumstances (debts, illness, unemployment etc.) that contribute to your need for assistance on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.

Signature

Date

For Official Use Only	
Amount Granted: _____	Date: _____

RIDING TO THE TOP SCHOLARSHIP FUND FINANCIAL AID POLICIES

- IT IS the Policy of the Board of Directors of Riding To The Top that all riders accepted into the program, regardless of ability to pay, have access to our services.
- The Board of Directors of Riding To The Top has an obligation to our donors to insure scholarship monies are well managed and appropriately spent. Thus, it is the policy of RTT's Board of Directors that the Scholarship Committee reviews all requests for financial aid via the Financial Aid Application.
- All applicants must complete ***the entire application*** to be considered for assistance.
- ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.
- New Requests: Initial application may be submitted at any time. Please allow 30 days for Scholarship Committee to review application.
- Renewal Requests: Applications are required to be filed annually and are due by June 30th.
- Scholarships are provided on a financial NEED basis.
- Scholarships are provided on a first come, first served basis until all scholarship monies are allocated and/or spent.
- Riding To The Top determines financial eligibility using the U.S. government's "The Federal Child Nutrition Programs" Guidelines (see <http://www.frac.org/pdf/rates.PDF>). We will award scholarships up to 200% of the Reduced Lunch Rate. (Please see table below).
- We cannot award scholarships without receiving acceptable copies of proof of financial eligibility. Examples of reasonable proof would include a copy of the payer's most recent state or federal tax return. W2's are welcome, but may not be considered sufficient proof of income by the Scholarship committee.
- RTT charges tuition for a term. Scholarships are applied against that term tuition as a percentage discount. Normally, scholarships are awarded for only two terms per year. This approach allows at least some access to services for all riders given our limited resources.
- RTT does not provide full (100%) scholarships for tuition. Every rider must pay at least a minimal amount towards their tuition.
- Riding To The Top reserves the right to rescind scholarship awards as it sees fit.
- Riding To The Top reserves the right to waive specific requirements on a case by case basis.

July 1 2009 to June 30 2010 Scholarship Levels				
Household Size	Level I 90%	Level II 75%	Level III 60%	Level IV 45%
1	\$ 14,079.00	\$ 20,036.00	\$ 30,054.00	\$ 40,072.00
2	\$ 18,941.00	\$ 26,995.00	\$ 40,492.50	\$ 53,990.00
3	\$ 23,803.00	\$ 33,874.00	\$ 50,811.00	\$ 67,748.00
4	\$ 28,665.00	\$ 40,793.00	\$ 61,189.50	\$ 81,586.00
5	\$ 33,527.00	\$ 47,712.00	\$ 71,568.00	\$ 95,424.00
6	\$ 38,389.00	\$ 54,631.00	\$ 81,946.50	\$109,262.00
7	\$ 43,251.00	\$ 61,550.00	\$ 92,325.00	\$123,100.00
8	\$ 48,113.00	\$ 68,469.00	\$102,703.50	\$136,938.00
Free Lunch		Reduced Lunch	1.50	2.00