

# **RIDING TO THE TOP 2019 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**

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**THIS APPLICATION MUST ACCOMPANY COMPLETED CLIENT REGISTRATION FORM TO BE PROCESSED OR YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT REGISTRATION ON FILE AT RTT**

***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, please list names \_\_\_\_\_

**Information requested below applies to Parent/Guardian or Adult Client**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone-H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Phone-H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced/Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_ # of people used for tax exemptions \_\_\_\_\_

Client 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 pages 1 and 2 of your most recent income tax return or, if you do not file taxes, a copy of your recent Social Security Statement as required by Riding To The Top's Financial Aid Policies (see back).

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 Office Use Only**

**Amount Granted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# RIDING TO THE TOP 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 financial aid monies are well managed and appropriately spent. Thus, it is the policy of RTT's Board of Directors that the Financial Aid 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 the Financial Aid Committee to review application.
- **Renewal Requests:** Applications are required to be filed annually for the calendar year beginning January 1.
- Financial aid is provided on a financial NEED basis.
- Financial aid is provided on a first come, first served basis until all financial aid monies are allocated and/or spent.
- Riding To The Top determines financial eligibility using the U.S. government's "Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines" ([www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-08/pdf/2018-09679.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-08/pdf/2018-09679.pdf)). We award financial aid to individuals who have income up to 200% of the Reduced Lunch Rate. (Please see table below).
- We cannot award financial aid without receiving acceptable copies of proof of financial eligibility. Examples of reasonable proof would include a copy of page 1 and 2 of your most recent state or federal tax return or a recent Social Security Statement if you do not file taxes.
- RTT charges tuition for a session. Financial aid is applied against the session tuition as a percentage discount. Financial aid awards are limited based on available funding. This approach allows at least some access to services for all clients who qualify.
- RTT does not provide full (100%) financial aid for tuition. Every client must pay at least a minimal amount towards their session. All balances must be paid in full at the end of each session to continue riding in the next session.
- Riding To The Top reserves the right to rescind financial aid awards as it sees fit or waive specific requirements on a case by case basis.

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 Financial Aid Levels				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
Household Size	90% tuition reduction	75% tuition reduction	60% tuition reduction	45% tuition reduction
1	\$15,782	\$22,459	\$33,689	\$44,918
2	\$21,398	\$30,451	\$45,677	\$60,902
3	\$27,014	\$38,443	\$57,665	\$76,886
4	\$32,630	\$46,435	\$69,653	\$92,870
5	\$38,246	\$54,427	\$81,641	\$108,854
6	\$43,862	\$62,419	\$93,629	\$124,838
7	\$49,478	\$70,411	\$105,617	\$140,822
8	\$55,094	\$78,403	\$117,605	\$156,806
	Federal Free Lunch income	Federal Reduced Lunch income	150% of Fed. Reduced Lunch income	200% of Fed. Reduced Lunch income

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