



Front Range Exceptional Equestrians Financial Assistance Information

Financial Opportunities

An underlying mission of Front Range Exceptional Equestrians is to make its services available to all participants, regardless of income, whose application for participation is accepted. We are able to fulfill this mission through the generosity of our supporters and the administration of a financial assistance program based on financial need. We realize for many families, the cost of a program like therapeutic riding can be a burden on family finances, and we do not want cost to be a limiting factor for participation in our programs.

Application for Financial Assistance

New Participants to the program: Individuals applying for the first time to participate in a Front Range Exceptional Equestrian program or class may request a Financial Assistance Application and submit it with their application for participation. Financial Assistance is awarded only after the individual has been accepted into a class.

Current/ Continuing Participants: **All financial assistance requests must be renewed on an annual basis by submitting a newly completed Financial Assistance Application by March 10 each calendar year.** Financial Assistance Applications are due by March 10 for priority status even if participation is not planned until Summer Sessions. After March 10 we cannot guarantee funds will be available and applications will be considered on a first come/ first serve basis.

Financial Assistance Awards

All information provided on the Financial Assistance Application is kept strictly confidential. The Board of Directors will review requests at their monthly meeting and may find it necessary to request additional information for clarification. This will be arranged by the Executive Director and/or the Board President on a confidential basis. Assistance awards are based upon both the applicant's need including any extenuating circumstances and the amount of financial assistance funds available each year. Remember, that the earlier you submit your application, the better the chances are of receiving funding for all of your riding session(s).



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Financial Assistance is awarded in the form of credit toward the cost of classes and programs of the Front Range Exceptional Equestrians. Assistance can be used to help pay the cost of any of our classes but not for participation in special events like horse shows. The participant and their family will be notified in writing/email of the award. Consistent communication and attendance is required to continue to receive financial assistance support throughout the year. **All financial assistance recipients and/or a family member are required to volunteer at least two hours per session where assistance is received.** This volunteer time can be in Front Range Exceptional Equestrian’s classes, special events or outside the arena in the office, with the newsletter, cleaning tack or other tasks mutually agreed upon by the volunteer coordinator/ program manager and the family. **The volunteer coordinator will contact you to schedule this once financial assistance is awarded. Non-completion of volunteer time may result in revoking assistance funding.**

Financial Assistance Application Criteria

The following criteria will be used as a basis for scholarship considerations. For additional questions or comments please contact the program at 970-443-5124 or email us at jessie.butler@fronrangeexceptionalequestrians.org for more information.

- A. Financial Assistance is available for group lessons/ classes only.
- B. The maximum amount of financial assistance that will be awarded is based on the following income guidelines. The board may adjust these guidelines periodically based on cost of living and other considerations of the local economy.

Adjusted Gross Income	Financial Assistance Amount	Rider/ Family Pays
\$0-\$40,000	80%	20%
\$40,001-\$50,000	70%	30%
\$50,001-\$75,000	50%	50%
\$75,001-\$85,000	25%	75%
Greater than \$85,000	0	100%

C. Additional consideration in addition to Adjusted Gross Income is given for mitigating factors which could affect a family’s financial status and the financial assistance awarded. This may include but are not limited to five or more people in the family, more than one disabled family member, single parent family, unusual medical costs or other factors affecting income. The



more specific information provided on your application the better able we will be to consider your request.

D. All funds awarded is by decision of the Board of Directors. Once the Board makes a decision, the participant/ family will be notified in writing/ email as soon as possible prior to the beginning of the next session.

E. All financial assistance applications **must include a copy of the first page of the most recent IRS income tax return or a copy of an SSI or other government assistance check** with your application. If the applicant is a minor, then a copy of the tax return for the parent is required. **Applications not containing financial information with their application form will NOT be considered for financial assistance awards.**

F. **Any remaining payment for the session, after the financial assistance award, must be received no later than the first class.** Non-payment of the family portion of class fees may result in revoking the assistance.

G. Any changes in financial situation must be reported to the Program Manager or Executive Director within 30 days.

H. If financial assistance is not awarded or is awarded at a lower percentage and changes in financial status affect the family's income, notification of these changes to the Board/ Program Manager or Executive Director will allow additional consideration of the situation and may result in a higher assistance award for later classes.



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Financial Assistance Application

Rider's Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address if different: _____

Day/ Cell Phone: _____ Accept Text Messages? Yes or No _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following questions:

Mark the session(s) that you are applying for: (See yearly calendar for exact session dates)

____ Winter

____ Spring

____ Summer I

____ Summer II

____ Fall I

____ Fall II

Adjusted Gross Family Income (please include sources of income):

Where does the rider reside? At home with family? _____ Alone? _____

Other (please describe) _____

Total number of family members living in the household _____

Are any other family members disabled? _____

If you answered yes to this question, please provide details:

Have you received assistance from Front Range Exceptional Equestrians in the past? ___ Yes ___ No

How many years have you participated in our programs? _____



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Are there any unusual medical costs we should consider? Please describe.

Describe in detail any other mitigating factors that should be taken into consideration:

Please rank your volunteering preferences from 1-5:

Volunteer for classes Special Project Assistance Event Assistance
 Assist at the barn Fundraising/Grant Writing Office Work
 Website Design/Management Marketing/Public Relations Other _____

By submitting this information and signing below I _____ (please print first and last name) agree to all of the criteria outlined in this application; and I have read and understand the FREE Financial Assistance Criteria sheet. In addition, I have answered all questions to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature or Parent/Guardian

Date Signed

Enclosed is a copy of one of the following documents to support my application:

the first page ONLY of my most recent Federal tax return,
 a copy of my most recent SSI check,
 a copy of my most recent bank statement showing automatic deposits for my SSI check or other government assistance

Who is the party responsible for paying for the class fee and submitting this application?

Parent
 Guardian Other (please identify) _____

I have signed and submitted all rider registration forms

I understand that I will need to renew my application annually

Please return completed application to:
Front Range Exceptional Equestrians
P.O. Box 272452
Fort Collins, CO 80527
Attn: Financial Assistance Committee

For questions or concerns, please contact Jessie Butler at

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