



# Financial Assistance Guidelines

Freedom Ride offers financial assistance in the form of scholarships. A Scholarship fund is available for riders who could not otherwise participate in our program. Because funds are limited we request that you pay as much of the weekly fee as possible, so there are available funds for all who need them.

Please review the guidelines below, complete the application and submit it along with the required documents. If you have any questions while completing the application call or email Linda @ 407-293-0411, ext 4 - linda.w@freedomride.com.

- Financial assistance is awarded for the current session and does not automatically renew to additional sessions.
- An application must be completed prior to the first scheduled riding session. All information is kept confidential.
- ALL applications MUST include the first page of the most recent IRS income tax return. If the rider is a minor, the return for the responsible party is required. **Applications not containing the financial information will not be considered.** *Please blackout social security numbers before submitting your financial document.*
- The amount of funding Freedom Ride has available for Ridership's may vary from year to year therefore we cannot guarantee assistance to every applicant. A sliding scale, based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines, will be used to help determine the amount awarded. Additional consideration may be given for mitigating factors.
- Riders who are receiving Riderships and miss more than 1/3 of a session will be subject to forfeiting the funding and becoming ineligible for future Riderships. Unexpected hospitalization or physician prescribed absences will not be counted as reasons for discontinuing funding.
- Outstanding balances from a previous session MUST be paid in full in order to be considered for future funding.
- Ridership funds are raised through various fundraising event, and/or grants and community donors. We request that parents of riders or adult riders themselves offer support by volunteering at various tasks (barn maintenance, office work, fundraising, etc) to assist Freedom Ride.
- You will be notified prior to the start of the session as to the Ridership amount you have been awarded.

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The lesson fee at Freedom Ride is \$35 per class for a group lesson and \$45 per class for a private lesson. However, this covers only a portion of the estimated operating cost for each rider. The remainder of the cost is covered by donations and fundraising.  
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