

Financial Assistance Guidelines

As scholarship money becomes available, Freedom Ride offers financial assistance in the form of scholarships for qualifying participants who would not otherwise be able to participate in our programs. Because funds are limited, the amount available to qualifying individuals may vary. All participants interested in a scholarship must fill out the required application, which will be reviewed by organizational leadership. If there are scholarship funds available, those who qualify for scholarship funds will be contacted with the details of their scholarship prior to the session start date.

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 Amanda at 407-293- 0411, ext. 105 or email amanda@freedomride.com.

- Financial assistance is awarded for the current semester and does not automatically renew for additional semesters.
- An application must be completed prior to the first scheduled session. All information is kept confidential.
- ALL applications MUST include the first page of the most recent IRS income tax return. If the participant 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 participants may vary from year to year; therefore, we cannot guarantee assistance for 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.
- Participants receiving scholarships who have more than one no-show will be subject to forfeiting the scholarship and becoming ineligible for future scholarships.
- Outstanding balances from a previous session MUST be paid in full in order to be considered for future funding.
- Participants will be asked to complete survey forms at the beginning and end of each session to gather data and will also be asked to write a letter of gratitude to our donors, foundations, and/or grantors. A link for these letters will be provided to the email on file.