



LifeSpan Farm – Therapeutic Riding Center

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Financial Assistance Information 2009-2010

LifeSpan Farm – Therapeutic Riding Center is committed to making our service of therapeutic horseback riding available to anyone who is interested in participating, regardless of financial circumstances. We understand the financial cost of caring for an individual with special needs. We offer financial assistance to help defray the cost of our service. These funds are limited, and we can only extend financial assistance when we have the available funds.

It is through generous donations from foundations and the community that we are able to offer financial assistance strictly on need, and we do take into consideration the rider's desire and dedication to the program (i.e. attendance and promptness). Due to the obligation we have to our donors, any individual who misses' more than one lesson in a session without a doctor's excuse will forfeit eligibility for future financial assistance for one year from time of forfeiture. If recipient chooses to withdraw from the program for a session they forfeit the remainder of their financial assistance and must wait two riding sessions before applying for financial assistance again. Once forfeiture takes place, LifeSpan Farm – Therapeutic Riding Center has the right to reward the remaining funds to another applicant.

All information provided on the *Financial Assistance Application* is kept in strict confidence. A Committee reviews the applications and may find it necessary to request additional information; this is arranged by the Committee Chair on a confidential basis.

All financial assistance applications must be turned in by their stated deadlines. Any financial assistance applications with missing information, or that are turned in past the stated deadline, will not be considered.

We only offer financial assistance towards the riding session fee only. Financial assistance is not awarded towards Registration Fees (\$20) or Evaluation Fees (\$30); these fees must be paid by the applicant.

Financial Assistance Details:

1. Applicants must have a completed Rider Registration Packet (this includes all medical information from the doctor) on file when applying for financial assistance.
2. Registration Fee must be paid at time Rider Registration Packet is submitted.
3. Must complete financial assistance application in its entirety.
4. Financial Assistance Application must be submitted by the following dates:
 - a. Friday, August 28, 2009
 - b. Friday, October 16, 2009
 - c. Friday, December 18, 2009
 - d. Friday, February 19, 2010
 - e. Friday, April 16, 2010
5. You must apply for each session you are asking for financial assistance.
6. Riders who receive financial assistance must have a family member that can give a set number of volunteer hours to the program. 75% financial assistance – 6 hours of service, 50% financial assistance – 4 hours of service, and 25% financial assistance – 2 hours of service per six week riding session.
7. Please note that the Program Director will not have access to any information pertaining to the *Financial Assistance Application*. The only information known to the Program Director will be the Rider Registration Packet and amount of financial assistance awarded.

If you have any questions regarding the application for financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Director at 704.393.0333 or via email at jfrey@lifespanservices.org.

LifeSpan does not discriminate based on race, sex, color, creed, religion, national origin, age or disability. It is our intention that all qualified applicants be given equal opportunity.