

RIDING TO THE TOP 2026 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 return 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
MaineCare	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

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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 participants 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 ensure financial aid monies are well managed and appropriately spent. Thus, it is the policy of RTT's Board of Directors that all requests for financial aid are reviewed via the Financial Aid Application.
- All applicants must complete **the entire application** to be considered for assistance.
- **New Requests:** Initial application may be submitted at any time. Please allow 30 days for review of application.
- **Renewal Requests:** Applications are required to be filed annually for each calendar year.
- Riding To The Top determines financial eligibility using the U.S. government's "Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines" (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/income-eligibility-guidelines>). 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 income. 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 by the term. Financial aid is applied against the tuition as a percentage discount.
- Financial aid awards are allocated throughout the year based on available funding and are awarded for up to 14 weeks of services.
- RTT does not provide full (100%) financial aid for tuition. Every client must pay at least a minimal amount towards their lessons. All balances must be paid in full at the end of each term.
- 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, 2026 to December 31, 2026 Financial Aid Levels

Household Size	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
	90% Tuition Reduction	75% Tuition Reduction	60% Tuition Reduction	45% Tuition Reductions
1	\$20,345	\$28,953	\$43,430	\$57,906
2	\$27,495	\$39,128	\$58,692	\$78,256
3	\$34,645	\$49,303	\$73,955	\$98,606
4	\$41,795	\$59,478	\$89,217	\$118,956
5	\$48,945	\$69,653	\$104,480	\$139,306
6	\$56,095	\$79,828	\$119,742	\$159,656
7	\$63,245	\$90,003	\$135,005	\$180,006
8	\$70,395	\$100,178	\$150,267	\$200,356
	Federal Free Lunch Income	Federal Reduced Lunch Income	150% of Fed. Reduced Lunch income	200% of Fed. Reduced Lunch Income