

# RIDING TO THE TOP 2024 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).

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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, 2024 to December 31, 2024 Financial Aid Levels

|                | Level I                   | Level II                     | Level III                         | Level IV                          |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Household Size | 90% Tuition Reduction     | 75% Tuition Reduction        | 60% Tuition Reduction             | 45% Tuition Reductions            |
| 1              | \$18,954                  | \$26,973                     | \$40,460                          | \$53,946                          |
| 2              | \$25,636                  | \$36,482                     | \$54,723                          | \$72,964                          |
| 3              | \$32,318                  | \$45,991                     | \$68,987                          | \$91,982                          |
| 4              | \$39,000                  | \$55,500                     | \$83,250                          | \$111,000                         |
| 5              | \$45,682                  | \$65,009                     | \$97,514                          | \$130,018                         |
| 6              | \$52,364                  | \$74,518                     | \$111,777                         | \$149,036                         |
| 7              | \$59,046                  | \$84,027                     | \$126,041                         | \$168,054                         |
| 8              | \$65,728                  | \$93,536                     | \$140,304                         | \$187,072                         |
|                | Federal Free Lunch Income | Federal Reduced Lunch Income | 150% of Fed. Reduced Lunch income | 200% of Fed. Reduced Lunch Income |