



## 2024 Rider Financial Assistance Application

Through fundraising efforts from events and grants from private foundations, Main Stay is pleased to offer assistance to qualifying riders. Main Stay offers a reduced sliding scale fee to those whose income levels fall within the income levels established by the Illinois Free and Reduced Lunch Program:

- Riders who meet the free lunch criteria based on income level will pay \$10 per lesson.
- Riders who meet the reduced lunch criteria based on income level will pay \$15 per lesson.

**Riders must complete the Financial Assistance Application and provide their most recent income tax return for review. Please include all income sources. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Riders will be eligible and must apply for funding each year however, funding may only be awarded to those eligible for up to three years. Please note that financial assistance is not guaranteed even if you meet the criteria. Funds are limited and are awarded at the sole discretion of Main Stay.

Main Stay requires that riders receiving financial assistance stay current with lesson fee payments or the rider will become ineligible for assistance.

Your documented income must fall within the Illinois Free and Reduced Lunch Program income levels listed below to qualify:

	<u>1.3(Free lunch)</u>	<u>1.85(Reduced lunch)</u>
	<u>\$10/lesson</u>	<u>\$15/lesson</u>
Family of 1	18,954 or less	26,973 or less
Family of 2	25,636	36,482
Family of 3	32,318	45,991
Family of 4	39,000	55,500
Family of 5	45,682	65,009
Family of 6	52,364	74,518
Family of 7	59,046	84,027
Family of 8	65,728	93,536

Please feel free to call us with any questions.

Thank you,

Loriann Dowell  
Executive Director



## Rider Financial Assistance Application

Rider name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider resides with:  Mother  Father  Both parents  Guardian  Self/Spouse

Rider's marital status:  Married  Single  Divorced/Separated  Widowed

Number of people in the household (including children): \_\_\_\_\_

Rider submits his/her own Federal and State taxes?  Yes  No

If no, who claims the rider for tax purposes: \_\_\_\_\_

**The rider or individual who claims the rider for tax purposes must submit a current income tax return along with the application.**

Please list the amount received from each of the following sources for all family members that apply:

____ Annual Gross Income:	\$ _____
____ Additional person(s) in family Annual Gross Income:	\$ _____
____ Public Aid	\$ _____
____ SSI/SSDI	\$ _____
____ Alimony	\$ _____
____ Child Support	\$ _____
____ Other, please explain	\$ _____
 Total Annual Gross Income from ALL sources	 \$ _____

Please describe any extenuating circumstances that contribute to your need for assistance:

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Which session(s) are you requesting financial assistance?

\_\_\_\_ Session #1(Winter)      \_\_\_\_ Session #2(Spring/Summer)      \_\_\_\_ Session #3(Fall)

The Mental Health Resource League is a large contributor to our Rider Assistance Fund. Volunteers are needed for their craft fairs and the funds given to Main Stay are directly related to the number of volunteers who assist at their events.

Please indicate if you will participate in the following fundraising activity:

Fall Diddley (October)\_\_\_\_\_

Information provided in this application will be kept confidential.

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Financial Assistance:      \_\_\_\_Approved      \_\_\_\_Denied      Date:\_\_\_\_\_

If denied, reason for denial:\_\_\_\_\_

Funds granted for \_\_\_\_ Session #1      \_\_\_\_ Session #2      \_\_\_\_ Session #3

Amount granted per lesson:\_\_\_\_\_

Notified rider on:\_\_\_\_\_