



2025 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:

	1.3(Free lunch) \$10/lesson	1.85(Reduced lunch) \$15/lesson
Family of 1	19,578 or less	27,861 or less
Family of 2	26,572	37,814
Family of 3	33,566	47,767
Family of 4	40,560	57,720
Family of 5	47,554	67,673
Family of 6	54,548	77,626
Family of 7	61,542	87,579
Family of 8	68,536	97,532

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:_____