



2026 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 | 20,345 or less | 28,953 or less |
| Family of 2 | 27,495 | 39,128 |
| Family of 3 | 34,645 | 49,303 |
| Family of 4 | 41,795 | 59,478 |
| Family of 5 | 48,945 | 69,653 |
| Family of 6 | 56,095 | 79,828 |
| Family of 7 | 63,245 | 90,003 |
| Family of 8 | 70,395 | 100,178 |

Please feel free to call us with any questions.

Thank you,

Loriann Dowell
Executive Director

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: _____