



NEW RIDER APPLICATION

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WHAT IS WORK TO RIDE (WTR)

Started in 1992 by Lezlie Hiner, Work to Ride utilizes horses and horseback riding in unique and innovative ways to engage youth in wholesome, constructive activities. This unique, Philadelphia-based program encourages riders to engage in experiences such as horse shows, training at specialty barns, trips outside of the local area, and attending horse related events. Riders expand their networks and meet other equine competitors, expanding social horizons and build relationships. The responsibilities of caring for horses and other animals and learning to ride sharpens problem-solving, teamwork, leadership and cooperation skills. Riders must attend school and do well. These multiple demands on their time increases confidence and hones competence and grit. Successful riders manage many demands on their time. The WTR culture fosters development of maturity, poise and communication with people from all walks of life.

FUNDING

WTR is a nonprofit, community-based intervention program designed for at-risk youth from low-income families residing in the City of Philadelphia. We do not receive support from any city, state, local or federal agency. It costs approximately \$10,000 for each rider to participate in the program including horse, barn and pasture upkeep, travel to competitions, support for entry fees and maintenance of equipment. Funds come from individual and organization donors and grants.

In addition, staff and volunteers provide essential services to care for the horses, tutor and mentor riders and organize fund raising efforts.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD: REQUIREMENTS

Parental support is extremely important for continuation of the program and strengthening your child's success. Assistance with driving riders to nearby competitions, fund-raisers, car pooling and help at barn are welcome.

Riders are involved in everything related to horses; barn cleaning, horse maintenance and care, barn management practices, nutrition, riding, field trips and opportunities to travel, learn and work.

Interested applicants apply to the program for a new rider slot on a rolling basis. Admission to the program is based upon financial need, residency requirements and parent/child commitment.

Applications are reviewed by the WTR staff on a rolling basis. In considering admissions to the program, WTR staff make every effort to ensure that program resources go to the children that need them most.

REQUIREMENTS

- Both parent and child must commit to the program for a *minimum* of one year. This includes attendance, completing weekly duties and responsibilities, adherence to program rules and school achievement.
- Attendance and timeliness: ***Every Thursday evening (4:00-6:00 p.m.) and Sunday afternoons (12-4 p.m.) throughout the year.*** Horses require care even if the weather is bad and travel inconvenient.
 - In any given quarter, if the child late two (2) times it will be counted as an absence.
 - Two (2) absences are allowed per quarter but must be accompanied by a letter of explanation signed by the parent or guardian. If the child misses two (2) consecutive weeks, WTR will assume that the child does not have the commitment required. The child will be expelled from the program.
 - a. If there is a family commitment or illness that does not allow the child to be at the program, the parent must notify WTR by Friday of that week. Failure to call will result in a suspension for the following weekend.

- School Performance. **Parents are responsible for making sure children submit their report cards to the WTR Program Director on a quarterly basis. THIS IS MANDATORY.**
 - a. Riders can not remain part of WTR if they do not to go to school. Non attendance will result in expulsion from the program.
 - b. Interscholastic team members may not miss more than 10 days in a school year.
- Violence of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in suspension or expulsion.
- Drugs of any kind are prohibited and, if found, child will be expelled or suspended.
- **1040 & W2 forms must be turned in annually no later than May 1st.** Failure to comply will put your child on temporary suspension until 1040 forms are received.

EXPLANATION OF GUIDELINES

WTR is a year round program. Your child's participation depends in what he/she puts into it. Thursday-Sunday participation is a minimum amount of time needed to participate in the program.

As riders gain skill and competence and are able to meet certain criteria, they can become involved in horseshows, parades, play outdoor polo, play interscholastic polo, participate in hunter paces, etc. These children will be required to put in more hours and parents or guardians more involved.

Children wishing to play Interscholastic and Outdoor polo have more rigorous guidelines which includes minimum grade average, minimum school absences, responsible attitude and above average participation. Schedules will be sent to parents on a quarterly basis for special events and field trips.

Report cards - WTR places a special emphasis on report cards. They must be turned in. Children will not be allowed to participate at the stable until the report card is turned in. WTR participants must have a grade C minimum to participate in Interscholastic and Outdoor polo.

WTR will make every effort to offer tutoring and assistance to help our participants maintain a grade C average. Youth are expected to raise their grades by the end of their first year of participation.

Application Required Items:

Application will not be processed without the following **4 items**:

1. Copies of 1040 income forms, **and/or proof of public assistance**
2. 300 Essay Completed by Applicant (Essay to cover topics such as why the youth wants to be in the program, goals, understanding what the program is about etc)
3. Copy of Child's Latest Report Card
4. Application

APPLICATION

Date submitted: __/__/__

APPLICANT INFORMATION										
First Name				Middle Name				Last Name		
Parent/Guardian Name							Child's Date of Birth			
Street Address										
Apt. #			City					State		
Zip				Email						
Home Phone						Other Phone				
Mobile Phone										
Have you applied for WTR before?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If so, when?						
Is child involved in any other youth program activities?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, explain						
Emergency Contact							Relationship to Applicant			
Emergency Phone(s)										
How did you hear about Work to Ride?										

EDUCATION

School Child Currently Attends						Teacher/Advisor				
Dates Attended	From		To		Current Grade Level					
Previous School						Teacher/Advisor				
Dates Attended	From		To		Reason for Leaving		Application Page 1			
Does child have any current or past academic problem areas in school, such as reading or math level, test grades, homework, etc? (Please list below):							YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Does child have any other current or past problem areas in school, such as fighting, poor attendance, distraction, learning disability, etc? (Please list below):							YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>		



YOUTH-AT-RISK ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION				PAGE 2	
<i>WTR is designed to serve children who qualify as low income and at-risk, who reside within Philadelphia city limits.</i>					
1. Does youth have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) at school due to a learning, emotional or behavioral disability? <i>(Please attach IEP documentation)</i>			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Has youth ever been suspended, expelled, been truant, or had his/her grades drop?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Does youth reside in a high crime or impoverished area within the City of Philadelphia?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Does youth currently attend a school now or previously qualified as "persistently dangerous" by the PA Dept. of Education?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Does youth attend English as a Second Language Classes?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Is youth at risk for problems with the law?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is youth currently a foster child?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Is youth currently homeless?	
				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
9. If the answer was "yes" to any of the above, please explain:					
10. Would you define this child as "at risk" for any reason <u>not</u> mentioned above? Please explain:					
INCOME ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION					
<i>Work to Ride is designed for children whose families qualify as low-income. Income qualification is evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and takes into account public assistance, combined household income, and number of household residents.</i>					
1. Does child and/or parent/guardian receive any of the following types of public assistance? <i>(If you answer "yes" to any part of question 1 (A-D), attach a copy of a public assistance check/record or printout.)</i>					
A. MN Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF)			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
B. General Assistance (GA)			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
C. Refugee Assistance			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
D. Food Stamps			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Does the child receive SSI?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Does the parent/guardian receive SSI?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. How many persons, including child, related to child by blood or adoption, have been living in child's residence for the last 6 months?			_____		
5. How many of members of the household are qualifying dependents (children or relatives who are supported by the head of household or married couple)?			_____		
6. What is the legal guardian or guardians' current annual income*?			Page 3		

<input type="checkbox"/> < \$1,800	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,001-\$6,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12,001-\$18,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24,001-\$40,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,800-\$3,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6,001-\$12,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18,001-\$24,000	<input type="checkbox"/> > \$40,000	
7. What is the total current annual income* of the entire household?				
<input type="checkbox"/> < \$1,800	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,001-\$6,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12,001-\$18,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24,001-\$40,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,800-\$3,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6,001-\$12,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18,001-\$24,000	<input type="checkbox"/> > \$40,000	
*Include as income: gross wages, net income from self-employment, unemployment compensation, rental property income, alimony, workers compensation, pensions, SSDI, OASI, interest, dividends, award letter of public assistance				
8. Please list all household residents residing with applicant, relationship to applicant, age, and whether resident earns any income. Please note that this application must include all income information and documentation for each household resident, regardless of legal guardianship of child.:				
Name	Relationship to Applicant	Age	Does this resident earn income?	
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Use of Your Data Information

Purpose: The purpose of this form is to tell you we may use the information from your application and participation in the program. It also tells with whom we might share this information and what will happen if you choose not to provide it.

- I. Program Information
 - a. We are asking for the information to help us decide whether you are eligible for the program and what other services you may need to participate.
 - b. We may use this information to prepare required reports, conduct audits, review eligibility, and to find out how the program is helping you.
 - c. We may share this information with staff for purposes of performing their official duties, and with federal, state, and local agencies.
 - d. You are not required to provide this information, however, if you choose not to provide this information we may not know whether you are eligible for the program and may not be able to accept you. Providing false information can lead to removal from the program.

I certify that I have read this application and that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to provide, if requested, any documentation necessary to verify the information on this form. I also give my permission to my child's school to release test results and other information to Work to Ride as required for acceptance into the program.

I understand that completing this application does not guarantee that my child will be accepted into the Work to Ride program.

If this application leads to program acceptance, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature		Date	
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Is application complete? Applications with missing information are not processed.