

Therapeutic Equestrian Center (TEC) Scholarship Fund Application

Through the generosity of those who value the benefits of equine assisted activities a scholarship fund was established for participants of the Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

Limited scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, need for service and staff recommendations. An additional qualifying requirement of this scholarship fund is supplemental volunteer activity, either from the participant, their family or designated individual. All lessons require a minimum cash payment. Eligibility, reduced payment amount and number of volunteer hours required will be determined on a case by case basis.

Some suggested volunteer activities include helping with lessons (family members only), barn chores and projects, fundraising, tack cleaning, serving on committees, helping with special events, data entry and general office support.

A full application with financials must be submitted annually. Supporting documentation of need (1040 or equivalent), other sources of income such as Medicaid, Social Security, disability payments must be submitted. TEC realizes that there can be other considerations besides income that affects a family's ability to pay. We will take those into consideration. Our goal is to be fair to all that apply and give as many individuals the opportunity to participate. TEC understands that anyone with special needs does have expenses beyond what other families' experience. We also have limited funds available and must be fair to all our participants both scholarship and those not receiving a scholarship.

TEC has 2 types of lessons, group and semi-private. An instructor will determine how a rider's needs are best met. The decision is based upon attention span, age, fatigue and behavior needs. A group of 4 riders the lesson is 1.25 hours. A semi-private with 2 riders is for an hour. The lesson is shorter as each participant has more of the instructor's time. If a group class does not fill and has only 2-3 riders, they will be charged the group rate because TEC would fill the class if more riders register. Participants are required to pay the amount agreed upon each week regardless if they attend or if they cancel. A participant on a scholarship is responsible to pay and work their volunteer hours for the week(s) that they do not attend. If TEC has to cancel a class the participant on a scholarship will get a credit towards the next session.

If you have questions please call 269-429-0671 or email info@tecfarm.org.

To apply for a scholarship please complete the following and mail to:

Therapeutic Equestrian Center

PO Box 1250

Niles, MI 49120

Name of participant: _____ Date of birth _____

Parent's name(s): _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

School attending & grade: _____

Please describe the interest this participant has with horses and why he/she wishes to participate at TEC. Please ask the participant to write this if appropriate.

Please describe the financial need (supply supporting documentation)

Please describe how TEC can benefit this participant?

Please list unusual circumstances (debts, illness, etc.) that contribute to the need for assistance.

Any additional comments:

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

Signature, Date

For Office use only:

Staff/Instructor Recommendations:

_____ Recommend and approved Date: _____

Amount participant to pay per lesson _____

Number of volunteer hours to serve: _____

_____ Not recommended or approved Date: _____

I agree to pay and volunteer for the amount listed above.

Name: _____ Date: _____