



Dear Financial Assistant applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the financial assistance program offered through Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization. Financial assistance for our adaptive riding program is available to eligible families as determined by our financial assistance committee, and voted on by our board of directors, and dependent on funds available each fiscal year.

The maximum assistance awards offered cover 50% of the cost of adaptive riding session cost.

Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy recognizes the many financial challenges of our riders and families. However, decreases in the availability of grants and other funding, in addition to the steadily increasing demand on the Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy financial assistance fund, make it impossible to honor all of our applicants requests for financial assistance. **Therefore, it has become necessary for us to adjust the criteria for approval of scholarship funding, as well as the rules those who receive an award:**

- Families with incomes over \$100,000 who have 2 or fewer children are welcome to apply, but are not likely to receive funds
- Families with income \$50,000 or less will not automatically receive scholarship funding.
- We strongly recommend that all applicants explore alternative sources of financial assistance

**The following are rules that apply to families awarded a low cost program award:**

1. A family member or representative for the family are encouraged to volunteer. This may be in the form of volunteering for our Fall or Spring fundraising events, on the ranch throughout the year, or in our office with letters, phone calls, grant writing, and other fundraising activities. Please let us know if you have a special skill you would like to volunteer. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Saddle Up for Pediatric Therapy is scheduled for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 has ways for you to get involved!
2. All award applications are subject to review by our board of directors, and current income tax filing statements may be requested to determine eligibility.
3. Riders receiving financial assistance will be subject to the same AR policies as other riders. The Board reserves the right to cancel a rider's assistance at any time for failure to adhere to the program policies.
4. All participants who receive financial assistance will be in a group setting. Awards are not available for a private lesson.
5. Financial assistance is awarded on a 6 month basis. **A new application must be submitted every 6 months.**
6. Friends of Leaps & Bounds reserves the right to revoke financial assistance at any time the rules are not adhered to, and for any reason as determined by the Board.
7. Applicants for assistance must have clearance from a medical doctor to participate.
8. Participants may be limited to 2 consecutive awards.

Should your family wish to be considered for a low cost program award, please submit your low cost program award application.

We look forward to helping your child grow by Leaps & Bounds!!!

Dr. Jaime Gilliam PT, DPT  
Chair, Financial Assistance Committee