



New Kingdom Trailriders Scholarship Requirements

New Kingdom Trailriders (NKT) services the greater Quad City area and surrounding communities by empowering children, adults, and military veterans facing physical, mental, social and emotional challenges to create active healthier, and more fulfilling lives through equine-assisted activities.

NKT does everything possible to provide lessons to all individuals in need, including helping to find resources for payment as well as providing scholarships to qualifying participants.

For the 2025 Riding Season NKT will award roughly twelve (12) scholarships per riding session to individuals who have provided the proper completed paperwork and have proven financial need. Six (6) of those scholarships will be awarded directly to individuals who apply by the session one due date and are applying for all six sessions. The other six (6) scholarships will be awarded to individuals on a session-by-session basis.

To apply for a scholarship with New Kingdom Trailriders the following must be completed and returned to NKT **no later than the application due date listed below for each session.**

Rider Scholarship Packet

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Section A: Scholarship Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Section C: Include any assistance sought from other sources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Section B: Letter/Reason for Application submission | <input type="checkbox"/> Rider Scholarship Consent form |

All Rider Paperwork must be completed and turned in at the same time or before the Rider Scholarship Packet. Incomplete rider paperwork will result in an incomplete scholarship application.

Scholarship applications **MUST BE** turned in by the below date to be considered. Any application received after the required due date will not be accepted for the session applied for. However, scholarship packets may be carried over to the following session in the same riding year.

<u>Session</u>	<u>Application Due Date</u>
Session 1	February 3, 2025
Session 2	March 24, 2025
Session 3	May 12, 2025
Session 4	June 30, 2025
Session 5	August 18, 2025
Session 6	October 6, 2025

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@nktriders.org or 309-764-4220 for assistance.

New Kingdom Trailriders Scholarship Application

SECTION A: Applicant Information: *A completed packet of Rider paperwork must also be attached for the application to be complete. Including the physician signature page if completing the full rider packet.*

Name of Rider: _____

DOB: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Printed Name & Signature of Self/Parent/Guardian: _____

Brief Statement of Disability/Program Qualification: _____

SECTION B: Letter/Reason for Application Submission

In one page or less, [attach letter to application] please describe why you would like to become (or continue to be) a rider in NKT's therapeutic riding program. Please also include:

- Why you are requesting a scholarship
- What benefits you feel this scholarship would provide you or your rider
- Any additional information you feel would be beneficial for the scholarship committee to consider

Section C: Assistance Sought from Other Sources

Please list other funding sources: (ex:Autism Society)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Sessions Applying for:

_____1 _____2 _____3 _____4 _____5 _____6

Rider Scholarship Consent Form

By checking this box I agree my typed initials & signature serve as my signature:

_____ I consent to and authorize the release of my information to individuals on the NKT scholarship committee, members of the Hitchcock family (full year scholarship donor), and any other organization providing funding for scholarships.

_____ I consent to and am willing to provide interviews and/or photos to New Kingdom Trailriders and media outlets to be used as promotional material as well as aide in obtaining additional funding.

_____ I am willing to participate in the Join the Journey Celebration and Fundraising Event hosted by New Kingdom Trailriders.

_____ I understand that the scholarship committee will review my application and that I will be notified via email about the status of my application before the session I have applied for begins. If selected for a scholarship, the email will also include the Scholarship Recipient Requirements form that I will sign and return before the start of the session. (See below for what is included in the scholarship recipient requirements).

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Below is information for scholarship recipients:

Individual Session Scholarship recipient requirements:

Riders are still responsible for paying a fee of \$25 (per session for group lessons) or \$30 (per session for private lessons). All fees must be paid before the riders first lesson or they will not be considered for further scholarships in the 2025 riding season. If assistance is needed for these fees as well, please reach out to us at info@nktriders.org to review if additional assistance is available.

After completion of the session the rider will be required to submit a paragraph* with a photo*, explaining how this scholarship has positively impacted the rider's life. If a hand drawn picture showcases you or your rider's abilities better than written words, a drawing may be included with the paragraph written by the parent/guardian.

- Submissions can be made to info@nktriders.org

If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must submit a paragraph* with a photo*, explaining how this scholarship has positively impacted you or your rider's life. If a hand drawn picture showcases you or your rider's abilities better than written words, a drawing may be included with the paragraph written by the parent/guardian. Some submissions may need to be made after participating in only one lesson.

- Paragraph submission due dates:
 - Applying for Session 2 submit by March 25, 2024
 - Applying for Session 3 submit by April 29, 2024
 - Applying for Session 4 submit by June 24, 2024
 - Applying for Session 5 submit by August 19, 2024
 - Applying for Session 6 submit by September 23, 2024

If applying for multiple sessions, rider will not be considered for the next session without submission of the paragraph* and photo* submitted by the due date.

- Submissions can be made to info@nktriders.org or monika@nktriders.org

Full Year Scholarship recipient requirements:

Riders who receive a full year scholarship are still responsible for paying a fee of \$25 (group lessons) or \$30 (private lessons) for each session. All fees must be paid before the riders first lesson or they will not be considered for further scholarships in the 2025 riding season

Upon completion of each session riders are required to submit a paragraph* with a photo*, explaining how this scholarship has positively impacted you or your rider's life. If a hand drawn picture showcases you or your rider's abilities better than written words, a drawing may be included with the paragraph written by the parent/guardian.

- o Submissions can be made to info@nktriders.org

Rider/Parent/Guardian, understands that as a recipient of the full year scholarship, riders will be asked to contribute towards at least one of New Kingdom Trailriders events/fundraisers.

- o Contributions acceptable in the form of: time, goods, providing expertise etc.
- o Please select the event/fundraiser that you wish to assist with:

- Bingo (Spring)
- Horse of the Year fundraiser (Spring/Summer)
- Rider Horse Show (Fall)
- Join the Journey (Fall)
- Santa at the Barn (Early December)

(Ex: Experience in Marketing to help with social platforms. Photographer and willing to take free photos for barn use, Etc.)

*Adding the written paragraph on how this scholarship has positively impacted the rider's life will help us with future scholarship funding opportunities. You may choose to mention you or your rider's name in the paragraph. If you would prefer that we not use names when reaching out to donors, please do not include names of the riders in your paragraph. In addition, if you would prefer that photos are not shared outside of the organization, please let us know and we will honor that request.

Office Use Only

Approved for Session(s)

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