Scholarship Policy

Renew TRC exists to serve those in our community through the physical, cognitive, and emotional benefits of equine-assisted services. We believe in the incredible experiences offered at the barn and its life-changing impact. As a result, we aim to make our services accessible.

We are passionate about offering scholarship opportunities for families who may not otherwise be able to participate. Although the $40 TR lesson price for our participants is already significantly reduced compared to the full $220 cost to Renew TRC per lesson, Renew strives to keep costs to families reasonable. As Renew TRC is not state-funded, nor are therapeutic riding services reimbursable through general Michigan insurance coverage, we are unable to provide fully free services.

Applications for scholarship assistance are available through this link. We offer two scholarship* options:

1) **Partial Scholarship** - You pay $20 out of the $40 per single lesson price.
    a) If you participate in the full 34 weeks of annual therapeutic riding programming, you pay $680 out of the $1,360.
2) **Maximum Scholarship** - You pay $10 out of the $40 per single lesson price.
    a) If you participate in the full 34 weeks of annual therapeutic riding programming, you pay $340 out of the $1,360.

**Please note that scholarship coverage can be applied towards participation in therapeutic riding sessions, but is not applicable towards coverage of Renew TRC camps or other special programming.*

***All scholarship applications are reviewed and designated by a team made up of Renew staff. Unfortunately, Renew is unable to grant requested scholarships to every person who applies due to our limited funding. You may not receive the full amount of scholarship requested based on the timing of the application and the amount of remaining scholarship funds.*

Scholarship applications will happen twice a year. Once before semester 1 (sessions 1, 2, & 3), and a second time before semester 2 (Sessions 4, 5, & 6). If you are awarded first semester scholarship, you will need to complete an extension request in order to be considered for second semester scholarship. If you receive first semester scholarship, there is no guarantee that you will be awarded second semester scholarship. If you are new to Renew during the second semester, you will need to complete the initial application. Scholarship awards are only valid within the calendar year they are awarded.

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We encourage Renew participants to apply for external scholarship opportunities *before* applying for Renew Scholarship, such as coverage through the Family Hope Foundation or CMH respite funding. If you are successful in securing external scholarship funding towards Renew TRC services, Renew Scholarship coverage will end in order for the external coverage to begin. This supports Renew TRC in our ability to offer more individuals within the Renew community scholarship support.

We also ask that families who receive scholarship assistance maintain at least 80% attendance in an effort to make the best use of donated scholarship funds. If your participant has less than 80% attendance, scholarship coverage will be reevaluated and will most likely end. Lesson credits are not offered for scholarship students to ensure donated funding is available to support students in need throughout the entire year.

We get that accidents happen, and life throws hard things at you! Because of this, we have a grace period of 1 session. **Please note that if your full balance is not paid by the end of the session, you will be asked to hold off on riding until your balance is paid in full.**

If you would like more information on how to apply, or if you have further questions, please contact Kennedy at programs@renewtrc.org. We also encourage you to review our Participant Handbook. We'd be happy to discuss what may be the best fit for your circumstances in order to join us at the barn this year! We look forward to hearing from you.

Frequently Asked Questions

We are more than happy to help you with any questions you might have!

Under the old (June 2026 and before) policy, "full" scholarship covered the full cost for 4 of 6 sessions; how does that compare in price to the new maximum scholarship?

- Under the new (2026 Nov.) policy, you are saving money! There are 34 lessons in sessions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 combined. With the **new policy**, you will pay **$340** total for the whole year of TR lessons (34 lessons x $10/lesson). Under the **old policy**, you would pay **$400** for the whole year of TR (Session 1, 2, 3, & 5: $0 + Session 4: $160 + Session 6: $240). **This saves you $60** and ensures you have scholarship coverage for the entire year!

Does partial scholarship change?

- No, partial scholarship will remain at the reduced price of $20 per lesson for the whole year.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email Kennedy, Program Coordinator, at programs@renewtrc.org or give us a call at (616) 227-3639, option 3.

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