



Horse Heritage Educational Program

Therapeutic Riding Program

Application Process & Participation Policies

Application Process: Available on-line or upon request, Horse Heritage provides the required forms for participation, which must be fully completed and accepted by Horse Heritage. The following forms are mandatory prior to participation:

- **Participant Application and Questionnaire**
 - General Information**
 - Emergency Medical Treatment**
 - Waiver of Liability**
- **Medical History**

Each form must be signed by the appropriate party. We also ask that you please complete the Rider Questionnaire.

All application forms must be received by Horse Heritage staff at least 14 days prior to the start of any riding session.

Initial Evaluation: The initial evaluation includes a meeting between instructor, parent/guardian and rider. The personal goals of the rider are set, as well as any goal that the parents would like to have reached. Every attempt is made for the rider to then mount and ride. The instructor evaluates mobility, strength and equipment requirements. The cost of the initial evaluation is free of charge, as we feel that you will see the value in continuing to ride with us.

Attendance: Horse Heritage expects consistent attendance by all participants. If you are unable to attend a regularly schedule session, notification must be made by calling the Horse Heritage office at (509)844-2556 as soon as the absence is anticipated so we may provide sufficient notice to staff and volunteers. **Due to our busy schedule and limited resources, there are no make-up opportunities for missed lessons unless Horse Heritage needs to cancel classes due to some unforeseen circumstance such as inclement weather.** At that time, all reasonable attempts will be made to notify participants at least 2 hours prior to the change.

Attire: Participants should dress weather appropriate and always wear long pants (even during summer), with sturdy-soled boots or shoes with a ¼ heel. Jackets and gloves are required for cold weather.

Payment: Lessons are prepaid on a session basis, and cost a total of \$90. The tuition for each session is due by the first day of class unless a pre-arranged payment plan or ridership has been established through individual arrangement with our business office.

Ridership Application: Through fundraising, Horse Heritage is able to offer riderships up to the amount of funds available, in the form of adjusted fees to those who demonstrate need. Participants may apply by requesting a Ridership Application from the program or business office.



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Statement of Participant Eligibility or Dismissal

Horse Heritage Educational Program offers services to individuals with special needs. Eligibility for participation in Horse Heritage's program is based solely upon an individual's ability to participate meaningfully and safely, provided the necessary resources are available including: an instructor, horse, volunteers and class availability which meets an individual's needs. Financial consideration is not taken into account in determining the eligibility for participation.

As a PATH Intl center, Horse Heritage fully ascribes to the Precautions and Contraindications as recommended by the Medical Committee of PATH Intl as well as Professional Standards. Therefore, our professional staff provides initial and ongoing evaluations for all prospective and active participants.

Due to the nature of therapeutic riding and other equine related activities, there are individuals for whom Horse Heritages' programs are deemed inappropriate during the evaluation process and are not accepted for enrollment or not eligible to continue in Horse Heritages' program. This determination is made on the basis of physical, behavioral and other limitations.

Individuals accepted into Horse Heritage's program are required to take part in periodic progress reviews and follow Horse Heritage's rules and procedures. During these reviews, or as the result of unusual occurrences during a program session, the Horse Heritage professional staff may find that continuance in the program for a given individual is inappropriate. For this reason, Horse Heritage reserves the right to discontinue the participation of an individual in its programs when it is deemed that discontinuance is in the best interests of Horse Heritage and/or the individual concerned.

Horse Heritage reserves the right to decide we are unable to serve an applicant due to unavailable resource(s) and or/safety concerns including PATH Intl guidelines relating to contraindications for participation.