

Each FSS rider is eligible for eight lessons at no cost to the family. They will have the choice to ride in one of our 8-week sessions, offered in the spring, summer and fall. Please see registration packet for dates and times.

We have availability for up to ten students on each of the Finger Lakes and Western New York regions.

The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for FSS funding:

- The applicant must be registered with the OPWDD, school-aged (under 21), reside in a private home environment (not a group home setting) and reside in Erie, Cattaraugus counties for Western New York, and Wyoming County for Finger Lakes.
- The applicant must submit a letter of eligibility from the OPWDD with their TABS ID# for their eligibility to be determined. This information will need to be submitted yearly for ongoing consideration in the program.

Useful items: Copy of most recent IEP or copy of most recent Behavior Plan.

Regarding Self-Direction:

1. If the individual is not self-directed, eligibility will need to be determined prior to registration.
2. Once the individual is determined to be eligible, a registration packet may be submitted.

OR

1. If the individual is self-directed, funding for the High Hurdles Therapeutic Horseback Riding/High Hurdles Behavioral program will need to be allocated in their budget. In the Finger Lakes region (Wyoming Co), the unit cost is \$113.70, to total \$909.60 per session. In the Western New York region (Cattaraugus and Erie Co), the unit cost is \$112.65, to total \$901.20 per session.
2. Assuming it is, and the rider has been determined as eligible then the registration packet may be submitted.
3. If it's not, then the family will need to work with their SD team to get the funding allocated prior to service.
4. If families choose to pay themselves, then that will be the sole responsibility of the family. The family will not receive reimbursement from another FSS program.

Your Care Coordinator or team may be able to help you with this process if you are unsure.

You will be contacted after the determination of eligibility is made and at that point can submit registration paperwork including schedule options.

QUESTIONS: Call Shelby Dytschkowskyj, Equine Program Manager at (716) 496-5551 or email shelby.dytschkowskyj@sasinc.org