

## INFORMATION: CENTERED RIDING® INSTRUCTOR DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP 2021

### OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the Centered Riding® Instructor Diversity Scholarship is to increase opportunities for Black, Indigenous and People of Color who are currently under-represented in the horse industry, to become riding instructors and industry professionals. The scholarship will consist of a sum that will cover the clinic fees for the initial qualifying Open Centered Riding Clinic and for the Centered Riding Instructor Certification Course (up to a total of \$1500.00.) In 2021 it will be awarded to a Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC) instructor in the USA who wishes to become a Certified Centered Riding Instructor, to be used for an Open CR Clinic and a CR Instructor Course in 2021.

### WHO MAY APPLY:

The Centered Riding® Instructor Diversity Scholarship is open to Black, Indigenous or People of Color applicants who meet the following qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years old and Black, Indigenous or a Person of Color.
- Must be a safe, experienced riding instructor in any riding discipline, with at least one year of experience in teaching riding. (Paid full-time employment as a riding instructor is not required.)
- Must read and accept the terms of the Centered Riding Instructor Course, and understand that attending the CR Instructor Course does not guarantee certification.
- Preference will be given to candidates who plan to use their Centered Riding Instructor training and qualifications to introduce under-represented BIPOC riders to horses and horsemanship, and/or help such riders advance in horsemanship and the horse industry.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The Scholarship Recipient must participate in a 2 or 3 day Open Centered Riding® Clinic (or participate as a Student Rider in a CR Instructor or Update Clinic, or take lessons from a CR Level III or Level IV Clinician) in order to qualify to take the CR Instructor Course. Clinic dates and information can be found on the Centered Riding website at <https://www.centeredriding.org>. (If a recipient has already taken a 2 or 3 day Open Centered Riding® clinic within the past 5 years, that meets the requirement.)
- The Scholarship covers clinic fees only—it does not cover travel, meals, lodging, horse transport, stabling or rental, extra lessons, or other expenses.

### HOW TO APPLY:

You may download the Scholarship information package and Application form from the Centered Riding website at <https://www.centeredriding.org>. Completed forms should be sent to:

Centered Riding Instructor Diversity Scholarship C/O  
Centered Riding, Inc.  
One Regency Drive  
PO Box 30  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

### DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR 2021 SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications must be received by the Centered Riding Office **no later than November 1, 2020**. The scholarship recipient will be notified during the first week of January, 2021.

## **ABOUT BECOMING A CERTIFIED CENTERED RIDING INSTRUCTOR:**

Become a Centered Riding Instructor and learn how to use Centered Riding techniques to help your students become effective riders more quickly - and the horses really love it!

### **Prerequisites**

- Must be 18 years old at the time of certification.
- Must have a minimum of one year experience in teaching riding (need not be employed as a full-time riding instructor.)
- First Aid and CPR Certificates are strongly recommended.
- Able to ride all 3 gaits (walk, trot and canter or lope) in balance in a group lesson
- Have participated in a minimum of one Open CR 2-3 day clinic or two or more 1-day Open CR clinics  
Or  
Have been a student rider at a CR Instructor Course or Update Clinic, with a recommendation from the Clinician to take the CR Instructor Course.  
Or  
Have taken a minimum of 6 lessons from a Centered Riding Level III Clinician or 4 lessons from a Level IV Apprentice or Level IV Clinician, with a written recommendation to take the CR Instructor Course.

### **CR Instructor Course Requirements**

- Must participate in all 7 days of the course and attend Parts 1 (3 days) and Part 2 (4 days) of the same course.
- No more than one half-day of the course may be missed.
- Centered Riding and Centered Riding 2: Further Exploration by Sally Swift are required texts for the CR Instructor Course. Instructor candidates are expected to have read them and be familiar with their content by the end of the course.
- At the end of the course, successful candidates must fill out and submit the New Instructor Membership Form to the clinician and pay Instructor Level I Membership Dues.

### **Upon successful completion of the course, new instructors**

- Receive a Certificate as a Certified Centered Riding Instructor (mailed from the Centered Riding office.)
- Receive a CR Instructor Record Book.
- Are listed on the Centered Riding international Instructor List as a Level I Centered Riding Instructor.
- May advertise as a Centered Riding Instructor and that they teach using Centered Riding techniques.
- May use the Centered Riding logo in advertising.
- To maintain standing as a Certified Centered Riding Instructor, CR Instructor dues must be paid annually and the Instructor must participate in an Instructor Update Clinic within two years of the completion of the course, and update periodically in accordance with Centered Riding's instructor update policies.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CENTERED RIDING®, CLINIC DATES, AND CR INSTRUCTOR COURSES,  
PLEASE VISIT**

**<https://www.centeredriding.org>**