

Grand Rapids Community College  
Motorcycle Rider Education Program  
**RIDERCOACH APPLICATION – 2024**

**TRAINING DATES:**

**RiderCoach Preparation 1-** April 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11, 12, 13, 14-Caledonia, MI –  
**Application deadline is March 4, 2024**

**Or**

**RiderCoach Preparation 2-** July 25, 26, 27, 28 and August 1, 2, 3, 4 – Caledonia, MI –  
**Application deadline is June 25, 2024**

**Total 8 days**-8:00am to 5:00pm + **Online meetings** scheduled on Thursday Weeknights and weekends prior to your onsite class dates In March and July. (Bookwork and homework prior to class) (Scheduled when you sign up for class and verify your availability)

**About the training**

Successful completion of this training will result in a RiderCoach Certification through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). The MSF is a nationally recognized program that has provided the curriculum followed by all motorcycle safety training providers in the State of Michigan.

This training is 64-88 hours in length. We are limited to 8 hours a day. You will learn to teach the MSF's Basic Rider Course (BRC) using adult learning principles. The course will begin with a compressive pre-course assignment which **MUST** be completed prior to the first IN PERSON class meeting. The RiderCoach Trainers will lead instruction and assignments. Once the material has been covered, you will practice teaching in the classroom and on the range exercises with your fellow RiderCoach Candidates. At the end of the training, you will be student-teaching a BRC class with novice students.

**RiderCoach Requirements**

- To become a certified RiderCoach, you must: Be 18 years or older.
- Have a commitment from a current sponsor to hire you if you are accepted and successful.
- Possess a valid driver's license, **including a motorcycle endorsement** to operate a motorcycle for a minimum of one (1) year.
- Have a personal driving record with not more than six (6) points for moving violations during the 12 consecutive months applying for approval as a RiderCoach.
- Successfully complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) RiderCoach Preparation Course.
- Candidates **must be physically capable of standing on pavement in various weather conditions for extended periods of time**. This includes rain, snow, direct sun and extreme heat/cold. (Sometimes all in the same class)

***Other aspects taken into consideration:***

- The candidate is an active motorcyclist with considerable street riding miles each year.
- The candidate is **committed to all aspects of motorcycle rider and safety education** and the MSF RiderCoach Rules of Professional Conduct.
- The candidate shows evidence of strong presentation skills.
- The candidate has committed to the sponsoring program with a willingness to work a minimum of four (4) classes per season for a minimum of three years, meets the needs of the recommending sponsor and represents the program in a courteous and professional manner.

**Additional licensing requirements may be necessary for coaches teaching in the private sector.**

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**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### Acceptance

To apply, **you must have had successful completion of the MSF Basic Rider course within one year of application**, Have the application signed by the sponsor that will hire you if you are successful, fill out the RiderCoach Preparation application form (this document) and return it to the contact person at the training provider you will be working for and have them submit it to the person listed at the end of this application. Once received, you will be contacted for a brief phone interview. Participants for the Rider Coach Preparation Course are determined by **Selective Admission**. If you are accepted into the program, you will receive written notification approximately six weeks prior to the start of the training.

### *If you are selected and accept this opportunity:*

- You will be asked to register and pay a **\$75 course fee**.
- Upon the receipt of your course fee, you will be provided with the course materials and pre-course assignments which must be completed prior to the first in person class.
- We highly-recommend you volunteer to assist in a Motorcycle Safety Foundation BRC or RRC class prior to starting the RiderCoach Prep program. This opportunity will allow you to work alongside certified RiderCoaches to gain a better understanding of the class flow and physical demands of the position.
- Contact your sponsor program manager for opportunities. Class schedules are available upon request.

### Preparation

You will receive pre-course assignments along with your RiderCoach Guide prior to the start of your training - these assignments must be completed before you arrive for your first in-class session. This is an intensive training that covers a lot of material in a short period of time-it is both physically and mentally demanding. Please be prepared to ride training motorcycle every day (provided for training) and study in your *off-class* hours.

**Required riding gear includes:** a 3/4 or full-face helmet (DOT approved); eye protection; boots that cover your ankle; long pants; long-sleeved shirt or jacket; and full-fingered gloves. (Rain or snow gear may also be desirable in Michigan.)

### Successful Completion

To successfully complete the training, you must:

- **Attend 100%** of the time. Before applying, please check your personal calendar and verify you are available to attend all dates and times.
- Complete and submit all homework assignments prior to class beginning on the first day.
- Pass a pre-test over the provided materials during the first in person class session.
- You will be evaluated using objective criteria. Two (2) overall unsatisfactory scores will constitute dismissal from the program.
- Take a written final exam (50 multiple choice questions) and score 80% or better.

### Evaluations

- Pre-test over provided material.
- BRC Skills Test
- Peer Teaching
- Student Teaching
- Written Assignments/Quizzes
- Written Final Exam

### Minimum Skill Test Score Needed to Pass

- -8 points per Part 1 (No more than -12 points total)
- 1 overall Unsatisfactory (the 2<sup>nd</sup> constitutes dismissal) while student teaching.
- Satisfactory completion and submission of assignments
- 80% on the RCP End of Course Knowledge Evaluation



# RiderCourse® RiderCoach Preparation Candidate Application

Please complete the following information: (type or print)

## PERSONAL

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years of age or older?  Yes  No Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## MILITARY If active, complete the following:

Airforce  Army  Marines  Navy  Coast Guard  Duty Title \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization & Office Symbol \_\_\_\_\_ How long stationed here? \_\_\_\_\_

DSN Number \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Number \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

High School or GED  Yes  No

College/University Graduate  Yes  No If Yes, Major \_\_\_\_\_

List other educational institutions you attended or any specialized training you have received. Be sure to identify any certificates or advanced degrees.

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## MOTORCYCLE EXPERIENCE

Do you currently ride a motorcycle?  Yes  No

How many years have you had a motorcycle license or endorsement? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had your license revoked or suspended?  Yes  No

If yes, When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been a motorcyclist? \_\_\_\_\_ What type of motorcycle do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of riding do you currently do?  Dirt  Touring  Commuting  Other

Have you ever been involved in motorcycle racing?  Yes  No

If yes, what type:  Dirt Track  Enduro  Motocross  Road  Observed Trials

Are you familiar with the: Basic RiderCourse (BRC)?  Yes  No

Basic RiderCourse 2 (BRC2)?  Yes  No

Have you attended/completed any of the following motorcycle safety courses?

BRC  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

BRC2  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(describe)

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**PERSONAL**

Describe in detail why you want to become an MSF-certified *RiderCourse* RiderCoach. Use additional paper if necessary.

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Give a brief description of any other teaching experience. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHARACTER**

Have you ever been convicted of (including a plea of guilty or no contest) a felony, or serious misdemeanor, other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes  No

Are you now undergoing, or have you ever undergone treatment during the last five (5) years for the use of drugs, narcotics or excessive alcohol use?

Yes  No

Do you have any medical condition that requires accommodation or that would otherwise impair your ability to safely perform the duties of a RiderCoach?  Yes  No

If yes to any of the above, please state the facts fully: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPONSORSHIP** (Who will hire you to teach their classes (required))

Who is your sponsor for this course? \_\_\_\_\_

What assistance will your sponsor provide? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you teach rider training after graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

This application does not guarantee a position in a RiderCoach Preparation Course nor does it guarantee that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) will issue the applicant a RiderCoach Certification. If the applicant is offered a position in a RiderCoach Preparation Course and the applicant successfully completes the RiderCoach Preparation Course, the MSF may issue a RiderCoach Certification to the applicant. A RiderCoach Certification will only be issued upon acceptance by MSF of the MSF RiderCoach Rules of Conducted executed by the RiderCoach Candidate. Unless and until the MSF issues a RiderCoach Certification to the applicant, the applicant is not a certified MSF RiderCoach and may not make any representations, teach, or perform any acts as such.

I certify that I have read this *RiderCourse* RiderCoach Preparation Candidate Application in its entirety, and the information contained herein is true and correct and that I have not omitted any relevant information. I understand and agree that falsification of any information provided herein, or the omission of any relevant information, will result in immediate revocation of my MSF RiderCoach Certification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**The materials you are provided from MSF are for your training. If you are (for whatever reason) unable to successfully complete the RiderCoach Prep class, you will be required to return your RiderCoach Guide, DVD, and Range Cards. These remain the property of MSF and must be returned.**

**Indicate you understand with your Initials \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Return your application to:**  
Grand Rapids Community College  
RiderCoach Prep (Attn: Steve Lick)  
Steve.lick@gmail.com (269) 903-8388