

Return to Dirt Trip Guidelines

Eligibility:

Return to Dirt is a program service of the High Fives Foundation.

Trips are primarily need-based, awarded in fulfillment of the Return to Dirt's mission - to provide equipment and instruction for individuals with disabilities to pilot off-road vehicles in backcountry areas otherwise impossible to access because of mobility impairment.

If this is not your first time applying, applications that are revised are more likely to receive a trip. Feel free to tell us about your past DIRT experiences and why they were positive.

All are welcome to apply, provided the applicant meets the criteria below:

General Requirements:

1. Applicants must reside in the United States or Canada, and they must complete the trip application in the United States or Canada. The accident/injury does not need to have occurred in the United States or Canada.
2. Effective January 1, 2014, to stay in compliance with the U.S. Government's Affordable Health Care Act, applicants must have current and up-to-date health care coverage.

Eligibility and Evaluation:

1. Any applicant who has significant limits accessing outdoor/nature locations caused by inaccessibility and demonstrates passion for outdoor experiences can be granted a trip.
2. A valid Driver's License must be held by participants to be considered as a potential driver of the Return to Dirt equipment. Participants with a valid license are still only granted driving privileges by Return to Dirt staff discretion.
 - a. Athletes that don't have a Driver's License can still be considered to receive a trip, but they will participate as passengers.
3. Trips are granted to those whose goals and dreams can be delivered upon by Return to Dirt, so make sure to include those in your application.
4. Return to Dirt is based in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and most, if not all, trips will be in that area. This means that participants must be able to travel and stay in the Glenwood Springs area in order to be eligible.

In order to be granted experience(s) with Return to Dirt, the athlete must:

1. Demonstrate need for accessible equipment in order to access and enjoy recreational opportunities. For example: “my disability limits me from traveling to an outdoor location because _____. Return to Dirt’s equipment and team could help me get to _____.”
2. Have goals and dreams in the outdoors that align with the Return to Dirt’s program mission/vision and can be accomplished with Return to Dirt equipment and team.
3. Provide a detailed description of his/her respective physical ability including date of injury or explanation of diagnosis.

Additional Considerations:

1. Trip applications will be open from 01/01/26 to 03/31/26 for the 2026 season. If you don't receive a trip during the initial application period, you will be automatically added to the waitlist and may still be contacted for a trip in 2026.

Cancellation Policy:

1. Return to Dirt reserves the right to cancel/postpone awarded trips. Affected athletes will be notified as soon as possible if their trip status changes.
2. I understand that any cancellation of my attendance for an awarded trip less than fourteen calendar days prior to the start date will result in a \$100 cancellation fee. This fee will be used to compensate for administration and cancellation fees that will follow my absence. In the case of illness or emergency, I must provide documentation.