

MARY FLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DRIVER EDUCATION

APPLICATION PACKET

General Information for Scholarship Applicants

WHY IS DRIVER EDUCATION NEEDED?

Teenagers have more traffic crashes, resulting in higher insurance, injuries and death. Research has shown the driving problems of teenagers to be the result of driving inexperience, lack of adequate driving skills, driving during high risk hours, risk taking, and poor driving judgment and decision-making. In the mountains areas, there are other contributing factors, including road conditions and weather.

Driver Education can help reduce traffic crashes by giving students a better understanding of how drivers interact with the driving environment, knowledge about the driving process, improved driving skills, and better risk perception and decision-making. While parents and guardians have an important role to play in teaching their children to drive, they can be assisted and supported through Driver Education.

THE MARY FLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

The “Mary Fly Memorial Scholarships for Driver Education” honor a valued and dedicated member of the DRIVE SMART Evergreen/Conifer Board of Directors who died tragically in April, 1996. **The scholarships are designed to offer driver education classes to students who, due to financial or other circumstances, would not otherwise have the opportunity to take them.** Up to 15 scholarships are available in this grant cycle from Master Drive and Excel Driver Services, and are made possible by the generosity of the driving schools, Drive Smart Evergreen-Conifer, and Evergreen Fire and Rescue.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The student must reside in the articulation area for either Evergreen or Conifer High School.
2. The student must presently be 14 years 10 months to apply. Older students of high school age who have not taken driver education will also be considered.
3. Parents or guardians of the student must commit to transporting the student to the driver education classes and to supplying a car for off-road instruction if necessary.
4. Parents or guardians must certify in the application that their child could not take driver education classes without our financial aid.
5. The student and parents or guardians must agree to accept scholarship awarded regardless of driving school assigned.
6. Driver education classes must be started within 6 months of receiving notification of a scholarship and completed within 6 months of enrollment.
7. The student must agree to volunteer for a minimum of 10 hours in a Drive Smart Club or relevant community activity. **These hours must be logged** and will be monitored closely.

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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:

Master Drive: (classroom and on-street driving in southeast or west Denver; skills weekend at 15659 E. Hinsdale, Englewood, CO or at Jefferson Stadium in Lakewood, CO) Three days of classroom instruction; twelve hours of on-street driving instruction and observation; and “Skills Weekend” – two full days of in-car training in basic driving maneuvers (backing, control dynamics, smoothness, accident avoidance, braking and handling, skid pad and driving dynamics), conducted at low speeds at a controlled facility. Student uses own vehicle for skills weekend only.

Excel Driver Services, LLC: (classroom, simulation, and live vehicle training at 11930 W. 44th Avenue, Suite 110, Wheat Ridge, CO) State-of-the-art simulation teaches students to handle all elements of driving in the safety of a virtual road, sharpening perception of hazardous conditions (such as fog, rain, snow, mountain passes, and evasive maneuvering), enabling correct decision-making in crisis situations, and developing safe execution of driving skills in a realistic environment. Instruction includes a minimum of 8 hours on the simulator, and 6 hours behind-the-wheel training (one-on-one on-street instruction and observation during three 2-hour sessions).

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete the entire application, and obtain the two recommendations.
2. The completed application (including the recommendation forms) must be postmarked no later than March 21st, 2009, and mailed to: DRIVE SMART Evergreen/Conifer, P.O. Box 2012, Evergreen, CO 80437-2012

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Scholarships will be based on financial need and quality of application.
2. The selection committee will be composed of current DRIVE SMART Evergreen/Conifer board members.
3. An individual interview of the applicant will be part of the selection process.
4. Winners will be notified on or before April 11, 2009.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, call MARY NELSON AT (720) 341-7748.
PLEASE RETAIN THIS SHEET AS A REFERENCE.