

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 30 scholarships are available in this grant cycle from Master Drive and Drive Safe, 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 matriculation areas of Evergreen, Conifer, Platte Canyon, and Clear Creek High Schools.
2. The student must be 14 years 6 months by March 18, 2011 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 and parent must each agree to volunteer for a minimum of 10 hours for Drive Smart Evergreen-Conifer. **These hours must be logged** with Grace Gabrielli Drive Smart’s Volunteer Coordinator and will be monitored closely.

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GENERAL INFORMATION**

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. The student uses their own vehicle for the skills weekend only.

Drive Safe: 30 hours of classroom instruction at any of our class locations including Evergreen, Morrison, Wheat Ridge, Westminster, or Englewood. The classroom program contains 10 three hour sessions. Classes can be taken in any order as long as Session 10 is saved for last. Six hours of private Behind-the-Wheel training, plus the written permit test. Driving lessons are customized to the skill of each student but generally consist of a residential, downtown, and highway drive. Defensive Skills Day: a full day which teaches new drivers how to deal with hazards and other unanticipated situations. Skills covered include taking evasive action, sudden braking and maintaining car control at all times.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Complete the entire application, and obtain the two recommendations.

The completed application (including the recommendation forms) must be postmarked no later than **FEB 18, 2011**, and mailed to:

DRIVE SMART Evergreen/Conifer, P.O. Box 2012, Evergreen, CO 80437-2012

SELECTION PROCESS:

Scholarships will be based on financial need and quality of application.

The selection committee will be composed of current DRIVE SMART Evergreen/Conifer board members, staff and involved community members.

An individual interview of the applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be part of the selection process.

Winners will be notified in MARCH 2011.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL RENEE WIENS AT (303) 995-7989.
PLEASE RETAIN THIS SHEET AS A REFERENCE.**

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT:

Please read each statement and then initial that you have read and agree to each statement.

1. I understand that the Mary Fly Memorial Scholarship Fund has limited resources and that it is an honor to be a recipient of the scholarship. Initial_____
2. I agree to accept the scholarship awarded to me regardless of which driver's education school I have been awarded. Initial_____
3. I pledge to conscientiously attend the driver training classes and to complete the course within six (6) months of enrollment. Initial_____
4. I understand that my scholarship can be revoked for substandard or disruptive participation in the classes. Initial_____
5. **I agree to volunteer (both student and parent) in Drive Smart community activities for a minimum of 10 hours in the year that follows my selection, and only then will I receive my certificate of completion from the driving school.** Initial_____
6. Volunteering for the Triple Bypass on Saturday July 9, 2011 from approximately 4:00-7:30am (yes that's in the morning) and Skate the Lake on December 31, 2011 (usually a 2 hr shift from 8:00pm to Midnight), are a **required** part of your volunteering obligation. Initial _____
7. I agree to be courteous, respectful, and responsible while volunteering. I will show up on time and dress appropriately for the job I will be doing. This may include help with parades, safety fairs, helping in the Drive Smart office, or other community activities. Initial _____
8. I will not use my cell phone for calls or texting during the time I volunteer. Initial_____
9. I agree to log the hours I have volunteered and submit them to Drive Smart's Volunteer Coordinator for verification. This is the only payment I am being asked to make in for the scholarship and I will honor it. Initial _____
10. I give DRIVE SMART Evergreen/Conifer permission to publish my responses to questions 1 through 4 and to use my name and photo in publicity about the organization or this scholarship. I promise to abide by all state laws while driving and to wear a seat belt in any vehicle in which I am either driving or riding. When I am driving, I will ensure that other passengers wear their seat belts. Initial_____

By signing this application, I attest that all statements and information given are truthful and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) STATEMENT:

Please read each statement and then initial that you have read and agree to each statement.

1. I certify that my child would not be able financially to take driver education training without receiving this scholarship. Initial_____
2. I agree to accept the scholarship awarded to my child regardless of which driver's education program or school has been awarded. Initial_____
3. If my child is a recipient of this scholarship, I promise to provide transportation to and from the driver education classes and to provide a car, if necessary for my child's use during off-road driving instruction. Initial_____
4. I will provide my child with driving opportunities during this learning process. Initial_____
5. I understand that the driver education classes must be started within six (6) months of receiving a scholarship and must be completed within six (6) months of enrollment. Initial_____
6. I agree to volunteer with my child for a minimum of 10 hours with Drive Smart Evergreen-Conifer. This will include volunteering for the Triple Bypass on Saturday July 9, 2011 from approximately 4:00-7:00am (yes, that's in the morning), and Skate the Lake on December 31, 2011 usually a 2 hour shift within 8:00pm to Midnight). Initial_____
7. If there are any disciplinary issues, I agree to bring my child in for a meeting, if called. Initial_____
8. I understand that my child's scholarship can be revoked for substandard or disruptive participation in the classes or at Drive Smart activities. Initial_____
9. I agree to pay Drive Smart Evergreen-Conifer back \$40.00 for every volunteer hour not completed by myself or my child by February 1, 2012. Initial_____

By signing this application, I attest that all statements and information given are truthful and accurate.

Signature

Relationship

Date