

Denver Metro Teen Driver Driver's Education Scholarship

2023 Application Packet

Scholarships will be awarded until funds are gone

Thank you for your interest in the Denver Metro Teen Driver's Driving scholarship program. A group of local organizations is collaborating to offer scholarships for teen drivers to ensure they have access to comprehensive driver's training education. Our organizers have a common goal: to reduce the incidence of teen injuries and death caused by motor vehicle crashes, especially crashes related to distracted driving.

A limited number of scholarships are available, and the process is competitive. Each scholarship covers the cost of 30 hours of in-person class time (no virtual classes), 6 hours of behind the wheel driver training, and the written permit test. Each scholarship is valued at a maximum of \$475 each. If awarded, scholarships are paid directly to the driving school. **Once the scholarship is awarded, it is the recipient's responsibility to enroll in the training program and submit an invoice to our committee for payment within 30 days** of the date of the award notification. We will not reimburse students or parents directly.

Upon receiving a scholarship, a representative from Denver Metro Teen Drivers will require the completion of an evaluation form and an in-person meeting for a photo opportunity with Farmers Insurance.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact The Good Samaritan Medical Center Foundation at jan.bonner@imail.org

Please note: Farmers Insurance employees and their family members are not eligible for scholarships.

Thank you again for your interest and good luck on your submission!

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Denver Metro Teen Driver Driver's Education Scholarship

The Denver Metro Teen Driver (DMTD) Scholarship is an opportunity for future teen drivers to gain important driving skills through an approved Drivers Education training course. This scholarship is funded in part through grant funds received from the Farmers Insurance Group Foundation.

We believe all teen drivers benefit from completion of a formal driver's education training course, and that training improves their safety. Our goal in providing this scholarship is to ensure that all future drivers gain the knowledge and experience to keep them and their community safe. The scholarships, up to \$475.00, will be paid directly to the driver's education school of the student's choice (for example, Drive Safe, Top Cops, Affordable Driving School, etc.). The selected program must include 30 hours of in-person class time (no virtual classes), 6 hours of behind the wheel driver training, and the written permit test

The number of scholarships is limited, and the process is competitive. Judging will be based on each applicant's demonstrated ability to meet the application criteria. Applicants must live in the Denver Metro Area/Front Range in Colorado.

Scholarship applications are accepted throughout **May 2023 – January 2024**, and reviewed on a monthly basis until all scholarship funds are awarded. Your application will be reviewed within 60 days (about 2 months) of submission. Applications must be complete, and essays must be submitted in a Microsoft Word or pdf document. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Requirements:

Applicants must submit the attached application along with a written essay (500 words) answering the following question:

What are the dangers of distracted driving and what are some practical ways we can reduce distracted motor vehicle crashes caused by distracted driving? Please do not include drug and alcohol use as a distraction in your response.

Please consider the following when writing your essay:

- **Impact** – how does distracted driving impact you as an individual, your peers, your school and your community as a whole?
- **Data** – what data can you cite to support your statement on impact?
- **Change** – what changes do you think can be made to reduce the incidence of distracted driving? Please consider changes that you can make, and those that can be made by your peers, your school, and your community.

Helpful tips:

- Be creative, innovative and thoughtful in your answers.
- Consider new solutions to the problem of distracted driving that you don't think have been explored yet.
- Interview someone who has been impacted by distracted driving (for example, law enforcement or someone who has been impacted by a distracted driver) to learn their experience and perspective.

Employees of Farmers Insurance and their family members are not eligible for scholarships.

**Denver Metro Teen Driver
Driver's Education Scholarship Application**

Please complete this form and return it with your essay.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

High School name and location

Grade Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior HS Graduate

Name & Address of Driving School. DMTD is not a driving school.

How did you learn about the DMTD Scholarship? _____

- If I am selected as a scholarship recipient, I agree to respond to future DMTD communications and provide feedback about the program.*

Parent or Guardian Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

(If different than applicant's address)

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

- I certify that neither the student applicant's parents/guardians work for Farmers Insurance.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The DMTD Scholarship Committee does not discriminate against any person based on race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, religion, creed, ancestry, sexual orientation, and marital status in participation in its programs, services, and activities, or in employment.

Permissions

I have given my teen listed above permission to apply for this scholarship and support their participation in a driver's education course. I understand the maximum scholarship amount is \$475 and I will be responsible for any additional costs to complete the driver's training program.

Parent Signature

Date

Applicant Essay

Please write a 500 word essay that answers the following question:

What are the dangers of distracted driving and what are some practical ways we can reduce distracted motor vehicle crashes caused by distracted driving? Please do not include drug and alcohol use as a distraction in your response.

Please consider the following in your response:

- **Impact** – how does distracted driving impact you as an individual, your peers, your school and your community as a whole?
- **Data** – what data can you cite to support your statement on impact?
- **Change** – what changes do you think can be made to reduce the incidence of distracted driving? Please consider changes that you can make, and those that can be made by your peers, your school, and your community.

Please submit your application form and completed essay to the Good Samaritan Medical Center Foundation – jan.bonner@imail.org – with DMTD Scholarship Application in the subject line. If you have questions, please feel free to email as well.

Please note:

- *Applications are reviewed until all scholarship funds have been awarded.*
- *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
- *Maximum scholarship amount is \$475.00 to cover the cost of basic driver's education training which must include 30 hours of in-person training and 6 hours of on-road training and may include the cost of the driver's permit exam.*
- *Scholarship recipients are responsible for any costs exceeding the scholarship amount awarded.*
- *Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the driver's training program, not the scholarship recipient. The payment process may vary depending on the program selected.*
- ***Recipients must be registered for their driver's ed program within 45 days of award notification - even if the course begins later - or the scholarship will be rescinded.***

- *The Denver Metro Teen Driver's Program is generously sponsored by Farmers Insurance with support from The Medical Center of Aurora, North Suburban Medical Center, and Good Samaritan Medical Center/Foundation.*

