



## Drivers Education Scholarship Policies

The purpose of the Blue Skies for Children Driver's Education Scholarship Program is to provide an opportunity for six students per year to participate in a professionally licensed Drivers Education Program that may otherwise be unaffordable based on income eligibility.

Funding is limited to six scholarships per calendar year, (3) three scholarships are granted in Spring and (3) three are granted in Fall. Many applications are received each submission period and there is no guarantee that your scholarship application will be granted. To be eligible for consideration by the Blue Skies for Children Scholarship Committee, an applicant must meet all of the minimum requirements listed below as well as submit all of the required documents.

1. Must meet homeless, low-income or foster eligibility requirements and provide required documentation.
2. Primary residence must be in Whatcom or Skagit County.
3. Must be a student or home schooled student in a Whatcom or Skagit County School District.
4. Must hold a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.
5. Must be age 15.5, 16 or 17 years old at time of Application Submission Deadline.
6. Must have access to a car during driver's training & after, & have a plan as to how you will pay for insurance.
7. Must complete and submit all required forms and attachments listed below:
  - a) Driver's Education Scholarship Application.
  - b) Driver's Education Essay Questionnaire.
  - c) Include a Parent / Guardian letter of recommendation.
  - d) Include a School teacher/staff (or other pre-approved mentor) letter of recommendation.
  - e) Provide a copy of your school transcript showing your cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 or better.
  - f) Provide copy of Income Eligibility documentation (see below acceptable forms)
  - g) Provide copy of Parent / Guardian identification AND students identification.

### Application deadlines are as follows – must be received or postmarked by:

May 15  
November 15

### Submission:

Applications can be submitted in person, by fax to 360) 756-6732, or mailed to:  
**1901 N. State St., Ste.B, Bellingham, WA 98225**

### Policies:

- Only ONE Scholarship may be granted per student.
- Only ONE child per family may receive a Scholarship in a 24-month period.
- A Scholarship award will count as one Little Wish for that student and their family for that calendar year.
- Application and required documents must be complete and submitted by the deadline for consideration.

*Note: NO exceptions will be made for late applicants. Applications received after a deadline may be considered in the next application period upon request, and assuming the child is still eligible under above guidelines.*

### Forms of income documentation:

- Two months of employment pay stubs –or- unemployment insurance pay stubs
- If self employed, a copy of last year's tax return
- Copy of TANF award letter (call DSHS to request at 714-4000)
- Social Security Disability payment verification letter
- Divorce Decree Child Support Statement
- OSPI Free / reduced lunch documentation
- Medical Coupon award letter