



Driver's Education Scholarship

The purpose of the Blue Skies for Children Driver's Education Scholarship Program is to provide an opportunity for students to participate in a professionally licensed Drivers Education Program that may otherwise be unaffordable. Many applications are received annually and there is no guarantee that your scholarship application will be awarded.

To be eligible for consideration by the Blue Skies for Children Scholarship Committee, an applicant must meet all the minimum requirements listed below and submit documentation:

1. Must meet homeless, low-income, or foster eligibility requirements and provide required documentation.
2. Must reside in Whatcom or Skagit County.
3. Must be a student or be a homeschool student in Whatcom or Skagit County.
4. Must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.
5. Must not be enrolled in a driver's education program prior to receiving notification of Scholarship.
6. Must be age 15, 16 or 17 years old at time of applying.
7. Must have access to a car during driver's training & after.
8. Must have car insurance.
9. 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 2 letters of recommendation
 - a. 1st Letter of Recommendation – **Required** by schoolteacher, counselor, or school staff
 - b. 2nd Letter of Recommendation – Can be a parent/guardian, schoolteacher/staff, mentor, or coach
 - d. Provide a copy of your school transcript
 - e. Provide copy of Income Eligibility documentation (see acceptable forms below)
 - f. Provide Parent/Guardian Driver's Education Agreement
 - g. Provide copy of Parent / Guardian identification
 - h. Provide copy of Student's identification. Student ID may be driver's permit, ASB card with picture, SS card, birth certificate or medical coupon.

To verify eligibility Please submit proof of ONE of the following:

- Employment Income (3 Pay Stubs)
- Unemployment Income
- SSI / SSD Letter
- TANF Assistance Letter
- Food Stamps Letter
- Foster Placement Paperwork or Proof of Guardianship
- Referral: School Liaison, Lydia Place, World Relief, Opportunity Council

Note: We do not need to keep a copy of this, a staff member just needs to verify the documentation

Policies:

- Only (1) Scholarship may be granted per student.
- Each scholarship will be granted in the amount of \$500.00. Note: Any cost over \$500 is family responsibility.
- Funding is limited to a maximum number of scholarships per year.
- An application and required documents must be complete and submitted before consideration.
- Scholarship expires after 3 months of being awarded.

**SUBMIT TO:**

1310 Broadway, Suite 2A
Bellingham, WA 98225
Enrichment@blueskiesforchildren.org

Drivers Education Scholarship Application

Date of Request: _____ Referred by: _____

Student's Name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Student's School: _____ G.P.A. _____

Are you currently working with a School Family Liaison? If yes, who? _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Type: Homeless Low-Income Foster

Primary Language: English Russian/Ukraine Spanish Other Foster Case # _____

Driver's Education Provider Requested:

Provider Name: _____ Phone: _____

Provider Address: _____ City: _____

Cost of Class: _____ How will the remaining balance of your class be paid? _____

Do you have a car available to you for use once you obtain your license? Yes No

What auto insurance company will you be using? _____

What is the cost for auto insurance for you? \$ _____ per month / year (circle one)

Who will be paying for your auto insurance once licensed? _____

Parent / Guardian Eligibility – We have the following:

Employment Income \$ _____ (Month / Week) Unemployment Income \$ _____ (Month / Week)

SSI / SSD \$ _____ (Month / Week) Child Support \$ _____ (Month / Week)

TANF Assistance \$ _____ (Per Month) Food Stamps \$ _____ (Month / Week)

Medical Coupons Yes No Foster Placement/Proof of Guardianship Yes No

I verify that all information I have submitted is accurate and current to the best of my knowledge as of signing this form. I understand that any falsification of the above information by me can cause loss of eligibility for this scholarship as well as to receive services from Blue Skies for Children.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____
Date_____
Student Signature_____
Date



Drivers Education Essay Questionnaire

Please respond to all questions, *an incomplete essay will not be considered*. Your response should be typed in **12pt font, double-spaced paragraph format**, and should not exceed two pages. Each answer should be numbered.

1. Please tell us about yourself – you may include information about your family, your grade level in school, favorite subject(s) and why. Include sports and extra-curricular activities, and any clubs you participate in. You may include employment, career goals, college aspirations and any other information you would like to share about yourself.
2. Please discuss why you are applying for this scholarship; why you believe you are eligible and merit this scholarship. Explain your need for this scholarship.
3. Please discuss if you will have a car available to you once you receive your license, and how you will support the costs associated with operating a vehicle, including the cost of gas, tabs, insurance.
4. Please discuss how you and/or your family will benefit from you obtaining your license.



Parent/Guardian Driver's Education Agreement

Please initial each of the following:

1. _____ I take responsibility to get my teenager to Driver's Education classes on time.
2. _____ I understand that each driver's education program has a strict attendance policy and will abide by it.
3. _____ I commit to ensuring my teenage can complete the 50 hours of supervised driving (10 hours at night) as required by Washington State with a licensed adult at least 21 years of age prior to completing the driver's education course.
4. _____ My teenager has access to a car during driver's training and after.
5. _____ I confirm that I have adequate auto insurance to cover myself and my teenage driver during and after driver's education.
6. _____ I understand that if awarded, my teenager must use their Driver's Education Scholarship within 3 months, or it will expire.
7. _____ I understand that the Driver's Education Scholarship is worth up to \$500.00, expenses exceeded \$500.00 must be covered independent of Blue Skies for Children.
8. _____ I agree to inform Blue Skies for Children immediately if my teenager can no longer participate.

As the Parent/Guardian, I hereby commit to this agreement with Blue Skies for Children.

Parent Signature

Blue Skies Authorized Signature

Date

Date



Required Applicant Attachments Checklist

Note: This form is for your use only and does not need to be submitted with your application.

Student to provide (REQUIRED):

- A. Completed & Signed Scholarship Application _____
- B. Essay - Complete answers; answered within format requirements _____
- C. 1st Letter of Recommendation – Required to be completed by a schoolteacher, counselor, or staff member _____
- D. 2nd Letter of Recommendation – Can be a parent/guardian, schoolteacher, school staff, mentor, or coach _____
- E. School GPA Transcript with min. cumulative 2.0 grade point information _____
- F. Show applicant’s ID (ASB Card with picture or WA State ID card, etc.) _____

Parent/Guardian to provide (REQUIRED):

- A. Parent / Guardian Driver’s Education Agreement _____
- B. Show Parent / Guardian CURRENT Income Eligibility documentation _____
- C. Show Parent / Guardian ID (Drivers License, WA State ID card, etc.) _____

Submit Completed Application In-Person or Online:

- **In-Person:** 1310 Broadway, Suite 2A, Bellingham, WA 98225
 - **Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday, 10:00A – 4:00P
- **Online:** Enrichment@Blueskiesforchildren.org