

2023 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 a Parent / Guardian letter of recommendation.
 - d. Include a schoolteacher/staff (or other pre-approved mentor) letter of recommendation.
 - e. Photo of yourself doing something you enjoy.
 - f. Provide a copy of your school transcript.
 - g. Provide copy of Income Eligibility documentation (see below acceptable forms)
 - h. Provide copy of Parent / Guardian identification
 - i. Provide copy of Student's identification. Student ID may be driver's permit, ASB card with picture, SS card, birth certificate or medical coupon.
 - j. AFTER: Please send photos to share with donors.

Accepted Forms of income documentation – Information must be current:

- Current two months of employment pay stubs – or
- Current unemployment insurance pay stubs – or
- Most recent year's tax return – or
- Current TANF award letter (call DSHS to request copy at 714-4000) - or
- Current Social Security Disability payment award letter – or

Policies:

- Only (1) Scholarship may be granted per student.
- Each scholarship will be granted in the amount of \$400.00. Note: Any cost over \$400 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.



SUBMIT TO: 2505 Cedarwood Ave, Suite 5
Bellingham, WA 98225

2023 Drivers Education Scholarship Application

Date of Request: _____ Referred by: _____

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

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

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 Free/Reduced School Lunch 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

2023 Drivers Education Letter

Please respond to all questions, an incomplete letter will not be considered. Your response should be typed in **12pt font, double-spaced paragraph format**, and should be **minimum** one full page but no longer than two.

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.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



2023 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

- A. Completed & Signed Scholarship Application _____
- B. Essay - Complete answers; answered within format requirements _____
- C. School teacher, counselor, or staff member Letter of Recommendation _____
- D. Photo of yourself (preferably doing something you enjoy OR practicing driving) _____
- E. School GPA Transcript with min. cumulative 2.0 grade point information _____
- F. Copy of applicant's ID (ASB Card with picture or WA State ID card, etc) _____

Parent/Guardian to provide

- A. Parent / Guardian Letter of Recommendation _____
- B. Copy of Parent / Guardian CURRENT Income Eligibility documentation _____
- C. Copy of Parent / Guardian ID (Drivers Lic, WA State ID card, etc) _____