

# DRIVE SMART Weld County Driver's Education Scholarships

## General information for application

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### 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.

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 DRIVE SMART Weld County Driving School Drivers Education Scholarships:

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.

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. The student must reside in Weld County.
2. The student must presently be 14 years 6 months to apply. The earliest a student can take Driver's Ed. is 14 years 6 months, but they still have to wait until they're 15 to get their permit. The closer they are to being 15 the more they will remember when they do get their permit. 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.
4. Parents or guardians must certify in the application that their child could not take driver education classes without our financial aid.
5. Driver education classes must be started within 6 months of receiving notification of a scholarship and completed within 6 months of enrollment.
6. The student must agree to volunteer for a minimum of 6 hours at a DRIVE SMART Weld County event or relevant community activity. **These hours must be logged** and will be monitored closely.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete the entire application, and obtain two recommendations from persons who would recommend the applicant for a scholarship. (These should not be family members.)
2. The completed application (including the recommendations) must be mailed to: DRIVE SMART Weld County, 1555 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley, CO 80631

### SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Scholarships will be based on financial need and quality of application.
2. The selection committee will be composed of current DRIVE SMART Weld County Coalition members.
3. An individual interview of the applicant will be part of the selection process.

If you have any questions, call Kelly Campbell (970) 400-2325