

Shreya R. Dixit Memorial Foundation Driver-Ed Grant Award Program Guidelines

As a leading advocate for distraction-free driving Shreya R. Dixit Memorial Foundation invites applications for a \$200 grant to defray Driver-Ed tuition costs.

Eligibility

The program is open for residents of Minnesota and Connecticut. The foundation's Grant Program Committee will evaluate entries and select awardees. There is no age restriction for the applicants.

Applicants must:

- Enroll in or have completed a driver-ed program at a state approved Driving School to obtain the Drivers' License.
- Sign up for BOTH classroom and behind the wheel training.

Award and Obligations

- The \$200 check will be remitted directly to the driver education provider to defray the cost of driver education program tuition.
- Preference to applicants with a financial need will be given to 50% of scholarship awards.
- Awardees are encouraged to attend the Shreya R. Dixit Memorial Foundation 5K-10K walk/run for distraction-free driving. The event takes place on the first Saturday in August.

Application

Required documents to be submitted with the application:

1. A document (200 words) describing the new and unique responsibilities that accompany becoming a licensed driver.
2. A creative/innovative/compelling artifact or a team activity. Examples include: an essay (300-500 words), poem, audio, video, graphic art, team project to address the following:
 - a. Driving is a responsibility.
 - b. It requires decisions that can seriously impact the driver, passengers, and other drivers on the road.
 - c. Always make the right decision behind the wheel.
 - d. Identify and make effort to avoid any distractions while driving.
 - e. A number of factors affect a driver's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.
 - f. Things that can be done to influence peers, co-workers, parents, seniors to avoid risky driving behaviors due to:
 - i. Physical and visual distractions inside and/or outside of the vehicle
 - ii. Alcohol
 - iii. Fatigue
3. One letter of recommendation from your teacher or driver-ed instructor.
4. List any academic honors, memberships, offices held, extra-curricular activities, volunteer work, community service, etc.
5. Describe special justification due to financial needs.

Sessions

Application Deadlines	May 1	November 1
Selection Date	May 15	November 15
Course Duration	July 1 - December 31	January 1 - June 30

Your Personal Information

Name	
e-mail	
Phone No	
Street Address	
Town, State & Zip Code	
Your Driving School Name	
Driving School Street Address	
Driving School Town, State & Zip Code	
Your Signature	Date

By signing this application, I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge and agree that any misrepresentations or omissions may result in withdrawal or retraction of any scholarship award offer made by the Shreya R. Dixit Memorial Foundation. Furthermore, I hereby authorize Shreya R. Dixit Memorial Foundation to publish my name and likeness, for use in any print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other affiliated publications.

Please submit the application by mail to:

**Shreya R. Dixit Memorial Foundation
17535 Alcove Circle
Eden Prairie, MN 55347**

Please enclose the following:

- Completed application
- Artifact/Essay etc.
- Letter of recommendation
- Special Honors
- Financial Need Justification

For additional information please call Aspen Cooper at 952-484-9361
Or you can send your question by e-mail to: shreyadixitfoundation@gmail.com