



TEEN DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM AWARD

WHO is eligible?

Any teen who holds a valid Colorado Driver's Learning Permit and is at least 15 years old, or a Colorado Provisional Driving Permit and is no older than age 18, is eligible.

WHAT are defensive driving skills about?

Defensive driving is about learning car control – crash avoidance – skid recovery – crisis braking – complex weight dynamics – and how to handle emergency situations. The course provides two full days of total immersion in driving through in-car skills using your own vehicle. It's a high-touch, hands-on process taught by highly educated and trained coaches. The course cost of \$415 is covered by the award, plus an extra stipend of \$150.00 for expenses.

WHEN is this course offered?

The Program is available during the summer and early fall at your convenience – 2-day sessions are arranged for Monday – Tuesday; Thursday – Friday, or Saturday – Sunday. The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley will help you make arrangements with MasterDrive for your training. \$150.00 will also be awarded to help with expenses. (*Application deadline is Friday, April 22nd*, and completed paperwork can be dropped off at Gunnison or Crested Butte High Schools, Gunnison Valley School, at the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley at 805 West Tomichi – side entrance, or mailed to CFGV at P.O. Box 7057 in Gunnison.)

WHERE do I go for this driving skills course?

MasterDrive is a drivers training facility with three locations - Colorado Springs, Denver and Orange County, CA.

WHY would I want to take this course?

Motor vehicle accidents claim more teenagers than any other cause. Over 6,000 kids die in car crashes in this country every year – 48 died in Colorado in 2008. The program is a fun and exciting way of gaining vital driving skills that could save your life, or those of your friends.