

# Driver Education Provider Application Fact Sheet

Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program
Driver Education Reimbursement Grant

## **Purpose:**

The Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) **Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program** (ELTP) established a pilot Driver Education Reimbursement Grant program beginning in state Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The intent of the program is to provide financial assistance to driver's education programs to help individuals who may otherwise not have been able to participate.

Driver education courses are intended to assist new drivers gain real life experience and classroom education time. These courses and educators provide experience and teach best practices by offering the basics of traffic laws, traffic signs and defensive driving strategies. The intended result of the program is to put better educated and more experienced drivers on our Kansas roads.

#### **How It Works:**

The driver education provider will receive reimbursement of actual program enrollment fees up to \$200 per eligible student following completion of the program and submission of KDOT's Qualification Voucher & Reimbursement Request (to be provided later). All fees and costs above the \$200 are strictly between the driver education provider and the individual student. Providers are required to eliminate the enrollment fee by the lesser of either the cost of the course or \$200 for each eligible student.

**NOTE:** Commercial Driver's License, Defensive Driving and Motorcycle training are NOT eligible under this program.

#### **Eligible Students:**

The purpose of the ELTP is to provide reimbursement grants of up to \$200 for qualified individuals to aid in offsetting the cost of attending a driver education program. Interested student participants should contact their driver education program instructor for additional details.

A qualified individual **must** meet all the following requirements:

a) is a student who demonstrates a financial need with a household income not exceeding 200 percent above the federal poverty level,

- b) is between 14 and 29 years of age and a legal resident of the State of Kansas,
- c) has not had their driving privilege suspended, revoked or restricted,
- d) can obtain a Certificate of Completion signed by the Certified Driver Education Instructor as defined by the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles.

### **Eligible Providers:**

The driver education provider shall maintain compliance with KSDE Driver Education Administrative Guidelines K.A.R. 91-5-3 through 91-5-14 <a href="https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/Content-Area-A-E/Driver-Education">https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/Content-Area-A-E/Driver-Education</a> or Commercial Driver Training Schools State Regulations K.A.R. 91-7-1 through 91-7-14.

\*To be eligible for reimbursement, the Driver Education Provider **must**:

- ✓ Provide either a driver education program, which is approved by KSDE Driver Education and by K.A.R. 91- 5-1 through K.A.R. 91-5-14; or provide a commercial driver training school "Class C only" licensed in compliance with State Regulations K.A.R. 91-7-1 through K.A.R. 91-7-15,
- ✓ All programs must certify all students listed meet the guidelines for the qualified individual (the Driver Education Program is responsible for verifying the information provided by the student is correct and valid),
- ✓ All programs must maintain records relating to eligible students who have completed driver education for a period of five years in case of audit by KDOT or its designee.

Please remember for purposes of this grant:

- An example of school year 2024-2025 includes Fall semester 2024, Spring semester 2025, and Summer semester 2025
- o An application must be submitted every school year
- The grant contract must be finalized by both parties (driver education provider and KDOT) prior to the driver education course beginning
- Only ONLINE Grant (Enrollment) Applications and Reimbursement Applications will be accepted
- When completing the Reimbursement Application for "# of eligible students", this
  number is the number of grant eligible students that completed the course and not
  the total number of students in the course

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

To apply for an upcoming school year, Grant Applications must be submitted in April. For example,

- For school year 2024-2025 applications must be submitted in April 2024
- o For school year 2025-2026 applications must be submitted in April 2025