

Driving Skills FOR LIFE™

2008 Oregon Driver Excellence Scholarship Challenge

The 2008 Oregon Driver Excellence Scholarship Challenge seeks to prevent crashes and recognize outstanding teen drivers.

Eligible students will compete for scholarships valued between \$500 and \$2,000

The Oregon Driver Excellence Scholarship Challenge coincides with National Teen Driver Safety Week Oct. 19 – 25.

Driving Skills for Life was established in 2003 by Ford Motor Company Fund, the Governors Highway Safety Association, and a panel of safety experts to teach newly licensed teens the necessary skills for safe driving beyond what they learn in standard driver education programs.

The Challenge

The competition includes four parts:

- **Written test** – similar to Oregon driver license knowledge test.
- **Perception test** – a multi-media assessment asking students to determine best practices.
- **Skill test** – examines students' driving ability including backing, parallel parking and steering through obstacles.
- **Simulator (Auto control)** – evaluate students' reaction to simulated situations.

The 2008 Oregon Driver Excellence Scholarship Challenge will be held in two locations:

- **Oct. 18 at Linn-Benton Community College** in Albany
- **Oct. 19 at Redmond High School** in Redmond

Sponsored by the Oregon Department of Transportation Safety Division, Western Oregon University, Oregon Traffic Safety Education Association, Governors Highway Safety Association and funded through a grant from the Ford Motor Company's Driving Skills for Life program.

Qualifications

Participants must:

- be **between 16 and 18** years old;
- be **enrolled in an Oregon secondary school**;
- have **completed an ODOT-approved traffic safety education course**;
- have **had an Oregon driver license for at least six months**; and
- have a **3.0 grade point average** and a **clean driving record** among other criteria.

Applications must be submitted by Oct. 10

For a full list of eligibility criteria and Challenge guidelines, please visit
www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/drivers_ed.shtml

Applications due Oct. 10