Montana DRIVE Teen Workshops

*Experience matters.* Advanced driver training can help young drivers develop skills to handle critical and emergency driving situations which cause the most types of crashes in Montana.

Our professional instructors guide teen drivers through off-road recovery, skid control, speed control, and evasive maneuvers. Teens only drive the sedans, pickup truck and Skid Monster using a specially designed teen curriculum.

One extra instructor is on hand to provide more individualized instruction. Teen drivers will receive a detailed evaluation of ten specific driving skills with recommendations for continued driving practice.

**Montana DRIVE Teen Week is scheduled for July 22-26, 2019, and registration begins in mid-March. Sign up for Montana DRIVE e-news to be the first to know when registration opens for the summer season and receive the latest updates.**

The workshop fee is $300, but is reduced to $100 when a State Farm application is submitted to the OPI Montana DRIVE Program.

Since 2009, State Farm Insurance has annually provided $200 scholarships to young drivers who complete a State Farm Scholarship application form and write a short essay. This special grant from State Farm Insurance enables us to reduce the teen workshop fee so it is affordable for everyone.

**Who can attend the Teen Workshop?**

Teen drivers with more than six months of driving experience will get the most out of this workshop. Teens must be at least 15 years old with a learner license or driver license to attend the Teen Workshop. *This advanced driving workshop is not a replacement for driver education.*

**Why should teens take this workshop?**

- Teen drivers benefit from Montana DRIVE advanced driver education because they can learn how to respond safely to typical driving risks.
- They can gain valuable driving experience and learn how to avoid a crash, and how to safely recover when a wheel drops off the edge of the road.
- They will learn how vision and targeting can prevent or quickly manage a skid.
- Professional traffic education instructors with years of experience working with teens provide hours of behind-the-wheel, one-on-one instruction, confidence-building exercises, and positive encouragement.
What do teens say about the Montana DRIVE Workshop?

“I want to thank you for the scholarship to attend the DRIVE conference. Without said scholarship I wouldn’t have gotten to take part in this amazing opportunity. I learned safe methods to handle emergency situations. In the workshop I was put into life-like scenarios like black ice, hydroplaning, off road recovery, and steering suddenly around an object in the road. I’m now a safer and more experienced driver, thanks to you.”

“It was an awesome experience. I learned many things and got to experience what an emergency situation was like.”

“Thank you for teaching excellent courses I was able to participate in. I enjoyed the teen course and learned loads. Your patience and kindness to each student was amazing and made the day so much better for all of us.”

Encourage your friends, cousins, and siblings to take this workshop with you!

HOW TO REGISTER: To register, the teen driver should choose one of the five dates during Teen Week 2019 (check availability on the website). Then, complete and submit the Montana DRIVE Teen Workshop Application, either online or download and print the application here and submit by mail, fax or email. When payment is received, a workshop confirmation will be emailed to you. Please read the payment/cancellation/refund policy below.

Space is very limited, so please register early to get the workshop day you want.

ABOUT PAYMENT: Teen Workshops cost $300, but are reduced to $100 when a State Farm scholarship application is submitted by the teen driver. Application for a State Farm scholarship is optional, but encouraged. Payment is due within 30 days from the invoice date. Invoices dated after July 1 are due immediately. Checks should be made out to OPI-Montana DRIVE. If you wish to pay by credit card, please check that box on the application form and a link to the credit card transaction site will be emailed to you.

Only fully paid workshops are confirmed. We reserve the right to release the workshop to another applicant if the invoice is overdue.

CANCELLATION POLICY: We must be notified no later than July 1 if you need to cancel, reschedule to an available date, or want to send someone else to take the reserved workshop. A $10 cancellation fee applies. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR TEEN WORKSHOPS THAT ARE CANCELLED AFTER JULY 1.

For more information, call (406) 444-4432 or email montanadrive@mt.gov.