

## Overview

The mission of the Don't Drive Drowsy Foundation is to educate teens on the dangers of driving sleep impaired and the benefits of a good night's sleep, every night. According to NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) there are 1.2 million drowsy driving crashes each year.

A majority of these crashes are committed by teen drivers. Additionally, between 5,000-8,000 people are killed each year due to drowsy driving. 100% of these crashes and deaths are entirely preventable.

In 2025 we are offering a \$2000 College Scholarship. The scholarship recipient will be selected by the Don't Drive Drowsy Foundation Scholarship Committee.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in Tennessee from the Class of 2025
- Finalist(s) must be available to be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee
- Scholarship recipient can use the DDDF Scholarship at the college/trade school of his/her choice within 2 years of being named a recipient. The essay will be the primary factor in determining the scholarship recipient

### WHEN TO APPLY

- Scholarship packet (1 envelope) must be **postmarked by February 21, 2025**.
- Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

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**Mail all (5) submission documents no later than February 21, 2025 to:**

Don't Drive Drowsy Scholarship  
165 Boxwood Franklin, TN 37069

## Timeline

**March 3, 2025:** Scholarship Committee members will receive and review essays.

**March 24, 2025:** The scholarship recipient will be formally announced.

Funds will be distributed to the college of the recipient's choice when proof of enrollment is received.

## Submission Requirements

1. Cover letter including your contact information, why this scholarship interests you, and what your future plans include.
2. 400 word minimum essay (Times New Roman, font size 12) on one of the following topics:
  - Our society puts little value on sleep. Why do you think drowsy driving is such a major problem for teens? What can be done to change this?
  - Describe a drowsy driving crash experienced by you, a friend, or family member. What led up to this crash and how could it have been prevented?
  - If schools changed their start time to 8:30 or later, would this be beneficial or harmful to you? Why?

*\*Any use of plagiarism will be automatic grounds for elimination.*

3. Copy of Acceptance Letter from college/trade school.  
*You may apply if you have not received this, but must be presented before scholarship offer.*
4. One Letter of Recommendation stating why you would be a good choice for this award.
5. A list of your high school activities.