



Georgia Driver's Education Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE: GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Georgia Driver's Education Commission will conduct its third quarter Commission meeting on June 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive SE, Suite 370, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting documents and public access information will be posted on <https://www.gahighwaysafety.org/gdec-resources/> by 5:00 pm on June 6, 2025.

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MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 17, 2025

Meeting location:

Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety
2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Suite 370, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Chairman Allen Poole called the March 17, 2025, meeting of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members not in Attendance
Mr. Allen Poole, Chairman	Dr. Andrea D. Daniel
Mr. Spencer R. Moore, Vice Chairman	Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins
Mr. J. Barry Schrenk	
Ms. Kathy L. Watts	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Driver's Education Commission
Ms. Kisha Bell, Georgia Driver's Education Commission
Ms. Amy Radley, Georgia Attorney General's Office
Mr. Robert Hydrick, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Lisa Owens, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Laura Bohlander, Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Allen Poole welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Poole presented the agenda. Vice Chairman Spencer R. Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. J. Barry Schrenk seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Poole presented the September 19, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Schrenk made a motion to adopt the minutes. Chairman Poole seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairman Poole offered a time for Public Comment. There was no response.

Staff Report

Chairman Poole called on Mr. Josh Turner to present the staff report. Before presenting the report, Mr. Turner reminded the board that Tier 1 represents first priority scholarship applications given to grant scholarship applicants who are a child or dependent children or of a Georgia first responder disabled or

killed in the line of duty or member of the United States military killed in action, and to applicants who are in State custody under the care of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. and that Tier 2 represents scholarship applicants who demonstrate a financial need based on 175% of the free and reduced-price meal eligibility set forth by the Georgia Department of Education.

Mr. Turner presented the Scholarship Reports for the months of October 2024, November 2024, December 2024, January 2025, February 2025, and March 2025, and the Scholarship Redemption and Customer Service Reports for September 2024, October 2024, November 2024, December 2024, January 2025, and February 2025. A copy of these reports is attached to these minutes. *(Please note that due to the cancelled December 2024 Commission meeting, reports for the last six months are presented.)*

Mr. Turner presented the Georgia Department of Transportation's Daily Fatality Report statistics from March 10, 2025. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Additionally, Mr. Turner provided an update on the State's Amended Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Mr. Turner noted that the Amended Fiscal Year 2025 budget has passed the House and the Senate and has been signed by the Governor and resulted in an additional \$522,437 to the Commission due to the difference of the estimated collections amount being less than the actual collections of the Driver's Education surcharge on traffic citations. Mr. Turner then highlighted the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and explained that the base-line estimated budget recommended by the Governor was increased from the \$2.9 million from the last several years to \$3.452 million to account for the increased collections and to assist the Commission in more accurately budgeting scholarship awards throughout the fiscal year.

Mr. Turner reminded the Commission that, in the previous meeting, the Board suggested a draft resolution for consideration to request legislation that would allow the Commission to reserve any leftover funds in each fiscal year for the following fiscal year. After conversations with the Office of Planning Budget and the Governor's recommendation to increase the base-line estimated budget, Mr. Turner recommended assessing the situation in the next fiscal year before proceeding with the requested legislation.

Chairman Poole made a motion to approve the staff report. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Changes to Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements

Mr. Turner presented proposed changes to the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements.

The proposed changes would:

1. Amend Section B, Paragraph 8, by
 - a. Clarifying that remote synchronous classroom instruction is allowed,
 - b. Prohibiting providers from providing "free" third party road test to scholarship providers students,
 - c. Clarifying that providers may offer third party testing to scholarship recipients for the same fee charged to the public, and
 - d. Prohibiting providers from requiring scholarship recipients from purchasing third party road tests.
2. Amend Section B, Paragraph 9, by
 - a. Increasing the allowable reimbursement fee for 30/6 training from \$500 to \$650, and
 - b. Allowing providers to charge students a "no-show" fee not to exceed ten percent of the contracted rate for the 30/6 training

3. Amend Section B, Paragraph 11, by
 - a. Increasing the hourly rate from \$4.00 to \$5.25 for classroom instruction for students who do not complete the course,
 - b. Increasing the hourly rate from \$62.50 to \$82.00 for behind the wheel instruction for students who do not complete the course, and
 - c. Increasing the “not to exceed” formula to \$649.50 from \$491.00.

Mr. Turner explained the reasoning behind the proposed changes. He explained that remote synchronous classroom instruction, as defined in the Department of Driver Services rules and regulations, qualifies for eligibility in this grant scholarship program. However, online asynchronous self-paced classroom instruction does not qualify for this program. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the Commission has allowed remote synchronous training by resolution and this change would clarify and permanently allow remote synchronous classroom instruction.

Additionally, Mr. Turner explained that some providers are implementing additional fee structures including a “free or complimentary” third party road test solely for scholarship recipients thereby charging the Commission higher rates than those charged to the public which conflicts with the scholarship requirements for providers. Additionally, one provider was requiring scholarship recipients to purchase a third party road test to use the scholarship. Consequently, the provider is no longer in the Commission’s network of authorized providers.

Mr. Turner then discussed increasing the fees that providers may charge to the Commission for the 30/6 training. He explained that the maximum reimbursement allowed for the 30/6 driver’s education course was \$500 and implemented in 2017. Since 2017, the maximum reimbursement rate has not been adjusted. Mr. Turner stated that according to the CPI Inflation Calculator from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$500 in January of 2017, when the program was established, had the same buying power as \$654 in January of 2025. Mr. Turner recounted several conversations with providers about increased costs for insurance, vehicles, and labor and told of one provider who chose not to renew the contract to be an authorized provider in the scholarship program due not being able to cross the break-even point at the \$500 reimbursement rate. Additionally, numerous authorized providers have given feedback regarding students who fail to appear for scheduled driving lessons. Most driver’s education providers charge a no-show fee for students who fail to appear for scheduled behind the wheel driving lessons for non-scholarship recipients. However, the scholarship program rules prohibit any additional fees being assessed to scholarship recipients. To help ease the labor costs associated with no-show appointments and to encourage students and parents to keep scheduled appointments, Mr. Turner proposed allowing providers to charge a “no-show” fee to students who fail to appear for behind the wheel driving lessons without canceling the appointment 24 hours in advance of the scheduled appointment time, in an amount not to exceed ten percent of the rate the provider charges for the 30/6 course. Mr. Turner then explained that if the maximum reimbursement rates are increased, the Commission should also adjust the formula for the hourly reimbursement rates for students who fail to complete the driver’s education course.

Mr. Turner explained that the last changes to the Driver’s Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements were made in 2022. At that time, the Commission chose to follow the formal procedures for amending a Rule and Regulation due to increased legislative scrutiny on the topics being amended. Mr. Turner said that because Driver’s Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements are grant terms and conditions, the Commission is not required to follow the formal procedures for amending a Rule and Regulation, including conducting three public hearings and notifying the legislature of the changes. He additionally stated that the proposals presented are not controversial and he does not expect any negative feedback. Mr. Turner gave the Commission the options of implementing the changes at this meeting,

implementing the changes at a future meeting after following the formal procedures for amending a Rule and Regulation, or taking no action.

There was discussion among the Board and Mr. Turner answered questions for the members.

Chairman Poole made a motion to adopt the proposed changes to the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements with an effective date of April 1, 2025, to waive the final sentence of Section B-9 prohibiting a rate increase, to allow providers to increase fees in accordance with the allowed fee increases set forth in the eligibility requirements, and to authorize the GDEC Director to establish procedures to accommodate increases in fees. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the proposed changes to the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment

Mr. Schrenk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Poole seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kischa Bell
Business Operations Analyst
Georgia Driver's Education Commission



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: October 2024	Monthly Allocation: 443	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	468	0
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	0	0
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	468	0

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	554	443	111	\$ 55,500.00
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	468
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	20	0
2	0	0	0	0	36	0
3	0	0	0	0	32	0
4	0	0	0	0	37	0
5	0	0	0	0	31	0
6	0	0	0	0	18	0
7	0	0	0	0	38	0
8	0	0	0	0	32	0
9	0	0	0	0	19	0
10	0	0	0	0	38	0
11	0	0	0	0	38	0
12	0	0	0	0	28	0
13	0	0	0	0	38	0
14	0	0	0	0	38	0
Total	0	0	0	0	443	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$221,500.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: November 2024	Monthly Allocation: 400	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	412	17
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	17	17
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	395	0

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	467	272	195	\$ 97,500.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	111	111	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	395
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	15	0
2	0	0	2	0	20	0
3	0	0	1	0	21	0
4	0	0	2	6	21	0
5	0	0	0	0	17	0
6	0	0	0	0	13	0
7	0	0	1	6	21	0
8	0	0	2	0	20	0
9	0	0	1	0	19	0
10	0	0	0	30	21	0
11	0	0	5	11	21	0
12	0	0	1	0	21	0
13	0	0	2	41	21	0
14	0	0	0	17	21	0
Total	0	0	17	111	272	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$136,000.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: December 2024	Monthly Allocation: 400	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	348	7
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	7	7
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	341	0

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	395	199	196	\$ 98,000.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	194	194	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	341
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	1	1	12	0
2	0	0	3	2	14	0
3	0	0	0	15	14	0
4	0	0	0	1	15	0
5	0	0	0	2	14	0
6	0	0	0	41	15	0
7	0	0	0	5	14	0
8	0	0	0	0	14	0
9	0	0	0	5	14	0
10	0	0	2	14	14	0
11	0	0	1	39	15	0
12	0	0	0	6	14	0
13	0	0	0	23	15	0
14	0	0	0	40	15	0
Total	0	0	7	194	199	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 99,500.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: January 2025	Monthly Allocation: 655	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	356	119
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	6	6
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	350	113

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	341	341	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	195	195	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	237
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	9	8
2	0	0	0	21	30	8
3	0	0	0	8	23	9
4	0	0	0	1	17	8
5	0	0	0	2	17	9
6	0	0	0	24	40	8
7	0	0	1	3	11	2
8	0	0	1	5	10	8
9	0	0	1	12	21	9
10	0	0	1	40	23	9
11	0	0	1	19	38	9
12	0	0	0	2	16	8
13	0	0	0	36	50	9
14	0	0	1	22	36	9
Total	0	0	6	195	341	113
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 97,500.00	\$170,500.00	\$ 56,500.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: February 2025	Monthly Allocation: 675	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	568	438
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	560	430

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	237	237	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	130
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	1	17
2	0	0	0	0	25	36
3	0	0	0	0	18	37
4	0	0	0	0	5	28
5	0	0	0	0	7	22
6	0	0	2	0	31	36
7	0	0	0	0	0	19
8	0	0	0	0	19	17
9	0	0	1	0	10	36
10	0	0	0	0	19	36
11	0	0	1	0	32	36
12	0	0	2	0	13	36
13	0	0	1	0	34	37
14	0	0	1	0	23	37
Total	0	0	8	0	237	430
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$118,500.00	\$ 215,000.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: March 2025	Monthly Allocation: 636	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	506	506
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	498	498

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	130	130	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	0
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	0	17
2	0	0	0	0	14	49
3	0	0	1	0	6	25
4	0	0	0	0	0	29
5	0	0	0	0	0	15
6	0	0	2	0	21	57
7	0	0	0	0	0	20
8	0	0	0	0	0	20
9	0	0	0	0	14	43
10	0	0	0	0	6	31
11	0	0	2	0	8	62
12	0	0	1	0	0	22
13	0	0	0	0	36	55
14	0	0	2	0	25	53
Total	0	0	8	0	130	498
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 249,000.00

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for September 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	55		The Wiser Driver	5
West Metro Driving School	33		A Driving Advantage	5
New London School of Driving Inc.	22		Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	4
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	20		Central Georgia Technical College	4
AA Academy of Action Driving School	11		Kennesaw Driving School	4
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	11		Southern Regional Technical College	4
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	10		Georgia Piedmont Technical College	3
Albany Technical College	9		Lanier Technical College	3
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	9		North Georgia Technical College	3
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	8		Oconee County Board of Education	3
Savannah Technical College	8		Southern Crescent Technical College	3
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	7		Coastal Pines Technical College	2
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	7		DriveSmart Georgia	2
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	7		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	2
Augusta Technical College	6		Calhoun City BOE	1
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	6		Collins Driving School	1
Taggart's Driving School	6		Oconee Fall Line Technical College	1
Advance Driving Academy	5		South Georgia Technical College	1
Marietta City Board of Education	5		Total	296

Customer Service Report for September 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	44	Individual Staff Email Contacts	840
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	114	Invoices Processed: 168 invoices totaling \$194,782.52 accounting for 420 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for October 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	73		Central Georgia Technical College	5
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	31		Coastal Pines Technical College	5
West Metro Driving School	24		AA Academy of Action Driving	4
New London School of Driving Inc.	22		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	4
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	19		Kennesaw Driving School	4
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	19		Calhoun City BOE	3
Advance Driving Academy	16		DriveSmart Georgia	3
Augusta Technical College	11		Georgia Piedmont Technical College	3
Duluth DUI and Driving School	11		Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	3
Marietta City Board of Education	11		Southern Crescent Technical College	3
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	11		West Georgia Technical College	3
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	10		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	3
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	10		A+ Driving Services, Inc.	2
Taggart's Driving School	10		Collins Driving School	2
Savannah Technical College	10		Southern Defensive Driving School	2
A Driving Advantage	9		Lanier Technical College	2
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	8		Oconee Fall Line Technical College	2
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	7		Southern Regional Technical College	2
The Wiser Driver	7		Columbus Technical College	1
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	6		FB Driving, Inc.	1
Albany Technical College	6		South Georgia Technical College	1
			Total	389

Customer Service Report for October 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	41	Individual Staff Email Contacts	901
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	96	Invoices Processed: 187 invoices totaling \$201,721.00 accounting for 436 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for November 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	63		Augusta Technical College	3
West Metro Driving School	29		Coastal Pines Technical College	3
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	18		Southern Regional Technical College	3
New London School of Driving Inc.	16		Calhoun City BOE	2
Advance Driving Academy	15		Central Georgia Technical College	2
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	12		FB Driving, Inc.	2
The Wiser Driver	11		Southern Defensive Driving School	2
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	9		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	2
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	8		A Driving Advantage	2
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	8		West Georgia Technical College	2
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	6		Albany Technical College	1
Taggart's Driving School	6		DriveSmart Georgia	1
North Georgia Technical College	6		Duluth DUI and Driving School	1
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	6		Just Driver Training	1
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	6		Lanier Technical College	1
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	5		Oconee County Board of Education	1
Savannah Technical College	5		Oconee Fall Line Technical College	1
Collins Driving School	4		Safe America Foundation, Inc.	1
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	4		Kennesaw Driving School	1
Marietta City Board of Education	4		South Georgia Technical College	1
Ogeechee Technical College	4		Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	1
AA Academy of Action Driving School	3		Total	282

Customer Service Report for November 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	66	Individual Staff Email Contacts	968
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	206	Invoices Processed: 156 invoices totaling \$196,795.56.00 accounting for 431 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for December 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	73		Ogeechee Technical College	6
West Metro Driving School	30		Savannah Technical College	6
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	19		Augusta Technical College	5
Marietta City Board of Education	18		Central Georgia Technical College	5
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	15		Southern Crescent Technical College	4
Shead Capital Group, LLC	13		Coastal Pines Technical College	3
Taggart's Driving School	12		FB Driving, Inc.	3
Advance Driving Academy	10		Georgia Driving School, Inc.	3
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	9		North Georgia Technical College	3
New London School of Driving Inc.	9		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	3
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	9		Athens Technical College	2
DriveSmart Georgia	8		Columbus Technical College	2
Taggart's Driving School	8		Lanier Technical College	2
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	7		Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	2
AA Academy of Action Driving School	7		Albany Technical College	1
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	7		Collins Driving School	1
Just Driver Training	7		Duluth DUI and Driving School	1
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	7		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	1
A Driving Advantage	7		Oconee County Board of Education	1
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	6		Southern Regional Technical College	1
Calhoun City BOE	6		Total	342

Customer Service Report for December 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	67	Individual Staff Email Contacts	932
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	182	Invoices Processed: 135 invoices totaling \$169,892.00 accounting for 372 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for January 2025

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	134		Lanier Technical College	7
West Metro Driving School	42		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	7
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	41		AA Academy of Action Driving	6
New London School of Driving Inc.	38		Albany Technical College	6
Advance Driving Academy	30		Georgia Driving School, Inc.	6
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	16		Southern Crescent Technical College	6
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	16		Calhoun City BOE	4
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	16		Oconee Fall Line Technical College	4
Marietta City Board of Education	16		Athens Technical College	3
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	15		Augusta Technical College	3
Kennesaw Driving School	14		Coastal Pines Technical College	3
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	12		Southern Defensive Driving School	3
The Wiser Driver	12		North Georgia Technical College	3
Central Georgia Technical College	10		Ogeechee Technical College	3
Collins Driving School	9		Southern Regional Technical College	3
Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	9		Duluth DUI and Driving School	2
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	9		Georgia Piedmont Technical College	2
A Driving Advantage	9		Just Driver Training	2
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	8		Oconee County Board of Education	2
Savannah Technical College	8		West Georgia Technical College	2
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	8		Columbus Technical College	1
Taggart's Driving School	7		DriveSmart Georgia	1
			Total	558

Customer Service Report for January 2025

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	31	Individual Staff Email Contacts	1,058
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	126	Invoices Processed: 148 invoices totaling \$192,892.58 accounting for 412 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for February 2025

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	132		Georgia Piedmont Technical College	7
West Metro Driving School	39		Ogeechee Technical College	7
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	32		Southern Crescent Technical College	7
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	22		Southern Regional Technical College	7
New London School of Driving Inc.	19		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	6
Marietta City Board of Education	18		West Georgia Technical College	6
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	16		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	6
A Driving Advantage	16		Calhoun City BOE	4
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	14		Coastal Pines Technical College	4
Kennesaw Driving School	13		Collins Driving School	4
Augusta Technical College	12		DriveSmart Georgia	4
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	12		Taggart's Driving School	4
Savannah Technical College	12		AA Academy of Action Driving	3
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	12		FB Driving, Inc.	3
Advance Driving Academy	11		Oconee County Board of Education	3
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	11		Athens Technical College	2
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	11		Central Georgia Technical College	2
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	10		Duluth DUI and Driving School	2
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	9		Oconee Fall Line Technical College	2
North Georgia Technical College	9		Columbus Technical College	1
The Wiser Driver	9		Safe America Foundation, Inc.	1
Albany Technical College	8		Total	532

Customer Service Report for February 2025

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	36	Individual Staff Email Contacts	1,061
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	191	Invoices Processed: 123 invoices totaling \$156,314.00 accounting for 357 students	



Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison
GDOT Office of Traffic Operations
Fatalities as of 03/10/2025

ROUTE TYPE

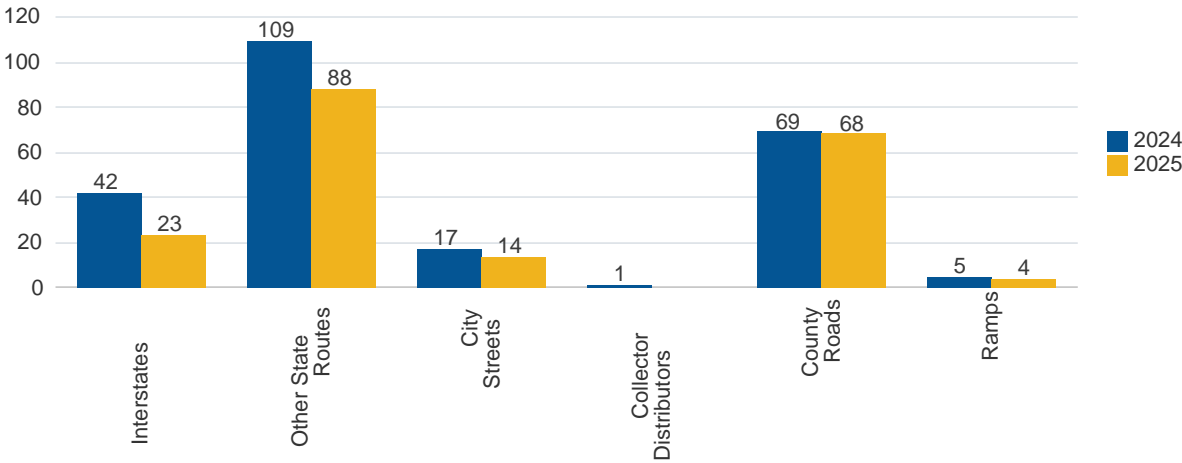
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Fatality Type	2023	2024	Difference	Percent	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Interstates	227	187	-40	-18	42	23	-19	-45
Collector Distributors	6	7	1	17	1			
Ramps	39	17	-22	-56	5	4	-1	-20
Other State Routes	817	739	-78	-10	109	88	-21	-19
County Roads	457	401	-56	-12	69	68	-1	-1
City Streets	121	113	-8	-7	17	14	-3	-18
Grand Total	1667	1464	-203	-12	243	197	-46	-19

YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE

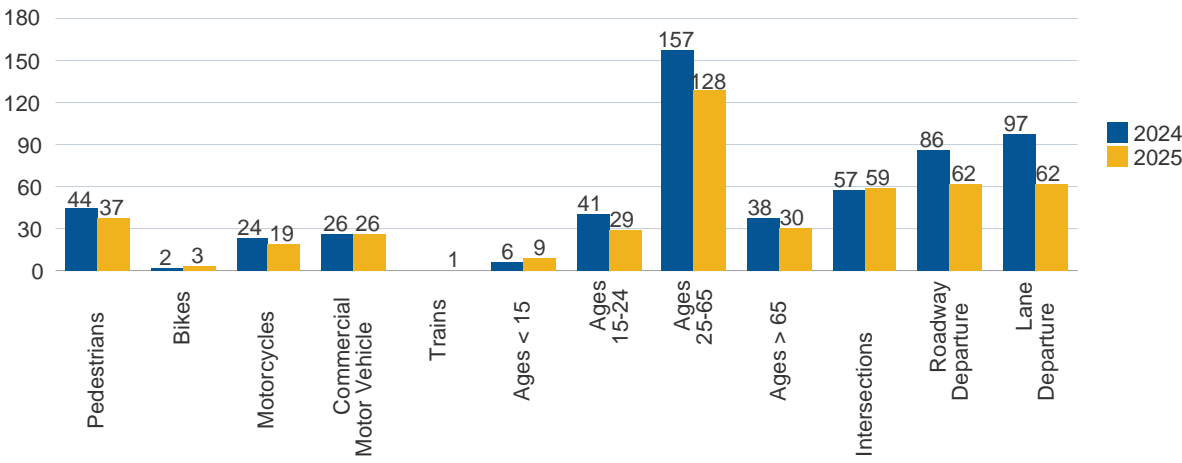
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Fatality Type	2023	2024	Difference	Percent	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Pedestrians	323	294	-29	-9	47	37	-10	-21
Bikes	24	25	1	4	2	3	1	50
Motorcycles	182	163	-19	-10	24	19	-5	-21
Commercial Motor Vehicle	184	173	-11	-6	26	26	0	0
Trains	5	3	-2	-40		1		
Ages < 15	53	51	-2	-4	7	9	2	29
Ages 15-24	260	243	-17	-7	43	29	-14	-33
Ages 25-65	1109	912	-197	-18	164	128	-36	-22
Ages > 65	241	251	10	4	38	30	-8	-21
Intersections	376	346	-30	-8	60	59	-1	-2
Roadway Departure	541	445	-96	-18	89	62	-27	-30
Lane Departure	617	449	-168	-27	100	62	-38	-38
Seat Belt (No/Unknown)	697	579	-118	-17	113	84	-29	-26

Note: Any single fatality may fall into one or more Emphasis Types.

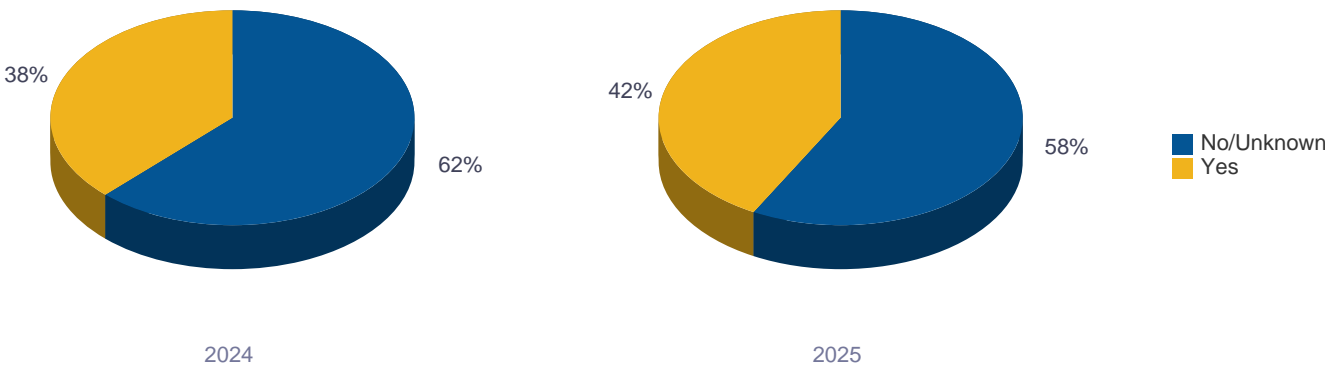
YTD Fatalities by ROUTE TYPE



YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities



**Georgia Driver's Education Commission
Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program
Eligibility Requirements (Adopted 9/26/16 and Amended on 11/16/16ⁱ, 3/21/17ⁱⁱ, 6/26/17ⁱⁱⁱ,
9/26/17^{iv}, 3/27/18^v, 3/26/19^{vi}, 6/28/19^{vii}, and 6/10/22^{viii})**

A. Student Eligibility

1. The student must be a resident of the State of Georgia and actively enrolled in school.
2. The student must be between the ages of fifteen and seventeen and possess a valid Georgia instructional driving permit or driver's license.
3. First priority will be given to grant scholarship applicants who are a child or dependent of a Georgia first responder disabled or killed in the line of duty or member of the United States military killed in action and to applicants who are in state custody under the care of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. If the applicant is a child or dependent of a Georgia first responder disabled or killed in the line of duty, the applicant must identify said professional and provide a copy of the student applicant's birth certificate or other government issued documentation proving the student was a dependent of the identified Georgia first responder. For purposes of this grant scholarship program, the Georgia Driver's Education Commission will rely on the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Committee to identify a Georgia first responder killed in the line of duty. For purposes of this grant scholarship program, the Georgia Driver's Education Commission will rely on O.C.G.A § 35-8-7.4 (a) to identify and define a Georgia first responder. If the applicant is a child or dependent of a Georgia first responder disabled in the line of duty, the applicant must provide of letter of disability. If the applicant is a child or dependent of United States military personnel killed in action, the applicant must provide DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) as documentation. If the applicant is under the care of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, the applicant must submit a letter documenting custody from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. Grant scholarship allocations in this priority level will be evenly distributed among Georgia's United States congressional districts.
4. Second priority will be given to scholarship applicants who can demonstrate a need based on family income. Financial need eligibility will be based on 175% of the Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility program for the State of Georgia as published by the Georgia Department of Education. The Commission authorizes agency staff to make necessary technical adjustments to the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program application and award process to ensure that the eligibility level is appropriately adjusted as the financial need eligibility for the Free and Reduced Price Meal program is increased or decreased by the Georgia Department of Education. Grant scholarship allocations in this priority level will be evenly distributed among Georgia's United States congressional districts.
5. . Paragraph reserved.

6. Grant scholarships will be awarded monthly. Grant scholarship applications are due on the last day of every month. Grant Scholarship awards and denials will be issued on the 1st day of each following month and will be sent by electronic mail. The number of grant scholarships available to be awarded will be determined by staff and entered into the grant scholarship management system. Grant scholarships will be awarded based on the priority levels defined above. All of the applicants in the first priority will be awarded before the second priority applicants. If more grant scholarship applications are submitted than grant scholarships available in each priority level, grant scholarships will be awarded using a computer generated random selection method from the priority level applications. The grant scholarship will be awarded in the form of a voucher to the student. The student may then take said voucher to an eligible Authorized Provider. The Authorized Provider will then submit the voucher to the Commission for reimbursement as set forth herein.
7. Students are only eligible to apply for a grant scholarship one time. If a student's application is rejected, the application will be reconsidered for the following two months and given priority over new applicants.
8. Scholarships are only valid for students who agree to complete a standard 30/6 driver's education course in which the student receives a minimum of thirty (30) hours of classroom training and six (6) hours of behind the wheel training. Additionally, the student's parent or guardian must be a co-applicant and agree to complete forty hours of supervised driving with the student. Additionally, the scholarship must be awarded prior to the start date of the driver's education course.
9. Students will only be awarded one scholarship. In the event of a failure or withdrawal from the course, the student will not be eligible to apply for another scholarship.
10. Grant Scholarship awardees must identify the provider of choice from a list of authorized providers and redeem the grant scholarship with the provider within 30 days of the grant scholarship award notice. Further, the driver's education course must be completed within 180 days of the grant scholarship award date. If a scholarship is not redeemed after 30 days of notice of the award and the course is not completed within 180 days of notice of the award of the grant scholarship by the student, the grant scholarship is forfeited and the student loses the scholarship and eligibility to apply again in the future. Students and providers may petition the Chairman of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, or his designee, for a one-time 60 day extension of these deadlines. Additional requests will be considered with a proven medical reason from a physician necessitating the addition time extension.

B. Provider Eligibility

1. Provider eligibility is open to the following types of providers:

- a. Public and private high schools that are licensed by the Georgia Department of Driver Services.
 - b. Private driving schools (commercial for profit, and not for profit) that are licensed by the Georgia Department of Drivers Services and that have been licensed for a minimum of two years.
 - c. Technical Colleges, Colleges, Universities and State Agencies that are authorized to provide driver's education by their governing bodies and that meet the minimum standards for drivers training and driver's education set forth by said governing body.
2. In order to participate in the scholarship program, providers must submit a completed Provider Application and meet the minimum qualifications set forth in these requirements. All providers must agree to abide by the State of Georgia vendor requirements including, but not limited to, compliance with the Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy in accordance with Executive Order 01.14.19.02, the submission of a Form W-9, Vendor Management Form, E-Verify documents and agree to receive payments by Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer.
3. Private driving schools must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Revenue.
4. Government-owned driving schools must be in compliance with all Georgia Department of Audit and Accounts regulations.
5. Public and private high schools and private driving schools must be in good standing with the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS). Additionally, public and private high schools must submit a copy of the most recent audit report conducted by DDS and a corrective action plan if one was issued. If a public or private high school or private driving school has received a moderate or severe risk assessment within the previous year from DDS, the driver training school must provide the subsequent audit report demonstrating that the concerns raised in the DDS audit report have been satisfactorily addressed before they will become an authorized provider in the program.
6. Technical Colleges, Colleges and Universities, and State Agencies who participate in the scholarship program must be in good standing with their governing body and the Georgia Driver's Education Commission and agree to general oversight including the enforcement of driver's education standards adopted by the governing body and annual program reviews or audits.
7. Providers must agree to auditing and general oversight as required by the Georgia Driver's Education Commission.
8. Providers must agree that the scholarship grants may only be applied toward a standard 30/6 driver's education course in which the student receives a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction. For the purpose of this scholarship criteria, classroom instruction means in-person training conducted by an approved instructor. Remote synchronous classroom instruction as defined in the Department of Driver Services Rules and Regulations 375-5-2-.10 (11)(b) qualifies for

eligibility in this grant scholarship program. Online asynchronous (self-paced) classroom instruction does not qualify for eligibility in this grant scholarship program. Providers shall not offer or provide a free or complimentary third party road test for scholarship recipients. Providers licensed by the Department of Driver Services as a "Third Party Tester Program" as defined by the Department of Driver Services Rules 375-5-2.27(1) may offer third party road tests to scholarship recipients for the same fee charged to the general public, but shall not mandate that a scholarship recipient purchase a third party road test for use of the scholarship. Virtual classroom instruction does not qualify for eligibility in this grant scholarship program.

9. The provider must agree that the reimbursement to the provider by the Commission based upon a scholarship grant to a student applicant for the 30/6 course will not exceed \$500650.00. Further, the provider must agree that it will not impose any additional fee or surcharge to the student for the 30/6 course excluding a "no-show" fee. The "no-show" fee charged to the student shall not exceed ten percent of the contracted rate of the 30/6 course for students who fail to show up for a scheduled behind the wheel driving lesson without canceling or rescheduling 24 hours in advance of the scheduled lesson. The Commission agrees that contracts will not be amended to accommodate fee increases.
10. The provider must agree that request for reimbursement of the scholarship grant submitted to the Georgia Driver's Education Commission will be the same cost or less than that cost charged to the general public for driver's education for a 30/6 driver's education course.
11. The provider must agree to submit an OCRA Certificate to the Commission within 30 days after completion of the course by the student grantee as proof that the course was completed. The provider must further agree that reimbursement to the provider by the Commission for any scholarship grant will be made after proof has been provided to the Commission after completion of the course. In the event that the student fails the driver's education course, the provider must submit a copy of the Student Log detailing the student's attendance in the course and a statement detailing the reason for failure in order for payment to be made to the provider. In the event that the student grantee withdraws from the course or fails to timely complete the driver's education course, the provider may charge the Georgia Driver's Education Commission up to \$4.005.25 per hour of classroom education completed and up to \$62.5082.00 per hour of behind the wheel training completed. Providers must submit student logs detailing classroom hours and behind the wheel training completed in order to be compensated for students who have withdrawn from the course or have failed to timely complete the driver's education course. The total amount reimbursed for a student who withdraws or fails will not exceed \$491.00649.50.
12. The provider may not set in place additional eligibility requirements for the students in addition to those set forth by the Georgia Driver's Education Commission.

ⁱ Paragraph A-4 amended to increase the maximum income level for second priority of scholarship awards for financial need to 125% of the free and reduced priced meals for students in the State of Georgia. Paragraph A-4 and A-5 amended to provide that grant scholarship allocations in priority level one and priority level two will be evenly distributed among Georgia's United States congressional districts. Paragraph A-7 amended to delete the provision allowing students reapply for the scholarship up to six times and including that students are only eligible to apply for a grant scholarship one time. Paragraph B-7 amended to delete the provision permitting the provider to charge the grant scholarship student and co-grant awardee parent up to half of the price of the driver's education course for students who withdraws or fails to timely complete the course and includes the provision for providers to charge hourly rates to the Commission for students who withdraw from the course or fail to timely complete the course.

ⁱⁱ Paragraph A-1 was amended to include a driver's license in addition to a learner's permit for student eligibility criteria. Paragraph A-9 was amended to delete the provision that the provider may charge the student applicant and co applicant for up to half of the price of the driver's education course. Paragraph B-5 was amended to require public or private high school or private driving school's previously receiving a moderate or severe risk assessment within the previous year from DDS to provide subsequent audit reports demonstrating that the concerns raise in the DDS audit report have been satisfactorily addressed before they will become an authorized provider in the program. Paragraph B-8 was amended to clarify that that virtual classroom programs do not qualify for eligibility.

ⁱⁱⁱ Paragraph A-3 was amended to require DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) as documentation for dependents of United States military personnel killed in the line of duty instead of Form DD 214 and DEERS records. Paragraph A-8 was amended to require that the scholarship must be awarded prior to the state date of the driver's education course. Paragraph B-9 was amended to include that the providers agree not to impose any additional fee to the student.

^{iv} Paragraph A-10 was amended to include a provisions for students to request a one-time 60 day extension to the 180 day deadline for course completion. Paragraph B-9 was amended to clarify that the Commission will not consider contract amendments with providers for fee increases.

^v Paragraph A-4 was amended to update the income eligibility levels for Tier 2 applicants to reflect updated free and reduced cost meal eligibility set by the Department of Education.

^{vi} Paragraph A-4 was amended to delete the chart used to determine financial need eligibility and language added authorizing agency staff to make necessary adjustments to the needs-based income level to ensure that financial need eligibility is consistent with 125% of the Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility program for the State of Georgia as determined by the Georgia Department of Education as changes are published.

^{vii} Paragraph A-6 was amended to change the award date of scholarships from the 20th of each month to the first day of each month. Paragraph B-2 was amended to include the Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy contractor requirements to the minimum qualifications for driver training schools to participate in the program.

^{viii} "Public safety professional" was changed to "Georgia first responder" throughout the document. Additionally, the term "provider" was changed to "Authorized Provider" in Section A to eliminate confusion from applicants on which driver training providers can redeem the scholarship voucher. Paragraph A-3 was amended to include children or dependents of Georgia first responders who were disabled in the line of duty and to applicants who are in state custody under the care of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. Paragraph A-3 was further amended to use O.C.G.A. § 35-8-7.4(a) to define Georgia first responder. Additionally, Paragraph A-3 was amended to update documentation requirements for applicants in Tier 1 to include a letter of disability for applicants who are the child or dependent of Georgia first responder's disabled in the line of duty and a letter of documenting state-custody for applicants in the custody of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. Paragraph A-4 was amended to change the financial need eligibility from 125% to 175% of the Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility program. Paragraph A-5 creating a third priority level for all other applicants who do not mee the criteria set forth in the first and second priority level was deleted. Paragraph A-6 was amended by deleting the award process for third priority level applicants. Paragraph A-7 was amended to provide reconsideration of a rejected application for the following two months after the application was rejected.



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: April 2025	Monthly Allocation: 576	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	576	576
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	7	7
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	569	569

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	0
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	0	12
2	0	0	1	0	0	31
3	0	0	0	0	0	40
4	0	0	0	0	0	28
5	0	0	0	0	0	22
6	0	0	0	0	0	67
7	0	0	0	0	0	25
8	0	0	2	0	0	25
9	0	0	0	0	0	38
10	0	0	0	0	0	43
11	0	0	4	0	0	56
12	0	0	0	0	0	32
13	0	0	0	0	0	85
14	0	0	0	0	0	65
Total	0	0	7	0	0	569
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 284,500.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: May 2025	Monthly Allocation: 743	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	743	743
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	6	6
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	737	737

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	0
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	1	0	0	22
2	0	0	0	0	0	52
3	0	0	1	0	0	41
4	0	0	0	0	0	31
5	0	0	0	0	0	20
6	0	0	0	0	0	79
7	0	0	0	0	0	31
8	0	0	0	0	0	50
9	0	0	2	0	0	67
10	0	0	0	0	0	55
11	0	0	1	0	0	84
12	0	0	1	0	0	52
13	0	0	0	0	0	86
14	0	0	0	0	0	67
Total	0	0	6	0	0	737
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 368,500.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: June 2025	Monthly Allocation: 824	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	824	824
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	9	9
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	815	815

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	0
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	0	32
2	0	0	0	0	0	60
3	0	0	1	0	0	56
4	0	0	1	0	0	37
5	0	0	0	0	0	21
6	0	0	1	0	0	101
7	0	0	0	0	0	9
8	0	0	1	0	0	63
9	0	0	1	0	0	55
10	0	0	2	0	0	62
11	0	0	1	0	0	76
12	0	0	0	0	0	70
13	0	0	1	0	0	79
14	0	0	0	0	0	94
Total	0	0	9	0	0	815
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407,500.00

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for April 2025				
Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	108		South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	7
New London School of Driving Inc.	62		DriveSmart Georgia	6
West Metro Driving School	32		White County Board of Education	6
Advance Driving Academy	29		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	6
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	25		Georgia Driving School, Inc.	5
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The Wiser Driver	9		Lanier Technical College	2
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	7		Calhoun City BOE	1
AA Academy of Action Driving School	7		Duluth DUI and Driving School	1
Albany Technical College	7		Southern Defensive Driving School	1
North Georgia Technical College	7		Total	542

Customer Service Report for April 2025

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	67	Individual Staff Email Contacts	1,461
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	178	Invoices Processed: 122 totaling \$118,891.64 accounting for 389 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for March 2025				
Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	147		Central Georgia Technical College	8
New London School of Driving Inc.	62		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	6
West Metro Driving School	55		A Driving Advantage	6
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	34		Southern Defensive Driving School	5
Kennesaw Driving School	26		Southern Regional Technical College	5
Advance Driving Academy	23		Collins Driving School	4
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	20		FB Driving, Inc.	4
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North Georgia Technical College	15		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	3
The Wiser Driver	15		AA Academy of Action Driving School	2
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	14		Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	2
Marietta City Board of Education	14		Duluth DUI and Driving School	2
Savannah Technical College	13		Georgia Piedmont Technical College	2
Augusta Technical College	12		West Georgia Technical College	2
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	12		White County Board of Education	2
Southern Crescent Technical College	11		Coastal Pines Technical College	1
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	10		Gordon County Board of Education	1
Lanier Technical College	9		Oconee County Board of Education	1
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	9		South Georgia Technical College	1
			Total	641

Customer Service Report for March 2025

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	45	Individual Staff Email Contacts	1,382
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	216	Invoices Processed: 115 totaling \$172,418.92 accounting for 379 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for May 2025				
Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	149		DriveSmart Georgia	9
New London School of Driving Inc.	68		Gwinnett County Board Of Education	9
West Metro Driving School	49		Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	9
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	39		Albany Technical College	8
Advance Driving Academy	29		A Driving Advantage	8
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	20		West Georgia Technical College	8
Kennesaw Driving School	20		AA Academy of Action Driving School	7
Augusta Technical College	19		Lanier Technical College	6
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	18		Coastal Pines Technical College	5
Taggart's Driving School	17		Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	4
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	17		Collins Driving School	4
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	16		FB Driving, Inc.	4
The Wiser Driver	15		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	4
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	15		Southern Crescent Technical College	4
North Georgia Technical College	14		White County Board of Education	4
Savannah Technical College	14		Athens Technical College	3
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	13		Calhoun City BOE	3
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	12		Georgia Piedmont Technical College	3
Gordon County Board of Education	11		Safe America Foundation, Inc.	3
Marietta City Board of Education	11		Duluth DUI and Driving School	2
Ogeechee Technical College	11		Oconee County Board of Education	2
Southern Regional Technical College	11		Dickerson Driving School, Inc.	1
Oconee Fall Line Technical College	10		Southern Defensive Driving School	1
Central Georgia Technical College	9		South Georgia Technical College	1
			Total	719

Customer Service Report for May 2025

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	50	Individual Staff Email Contacts	1,722
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	179	Invoices Processed: 133 totaling \$178,634.14 accounting for 384 students	

Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison

GDOT Office of Traffic Operations

Fatalities as of 06/04/2025

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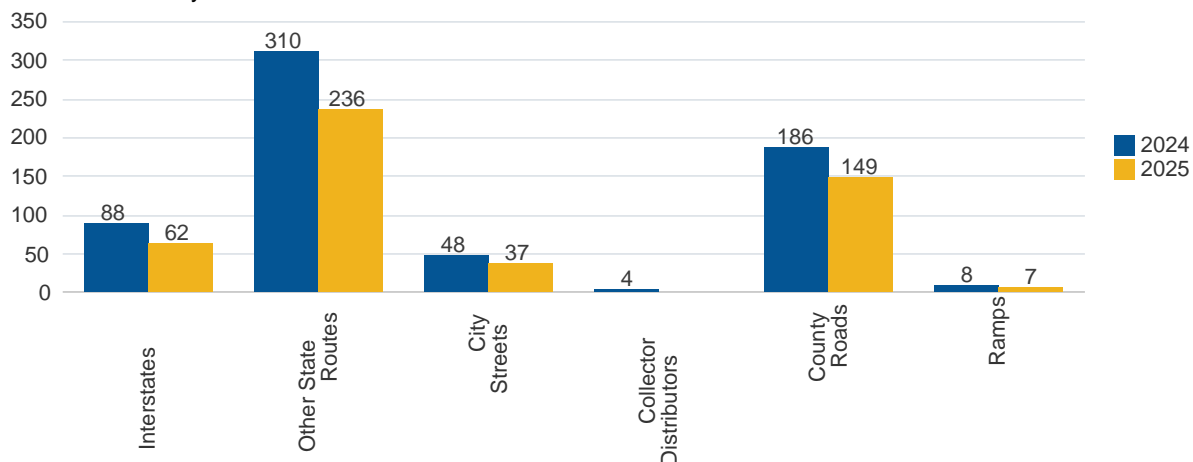
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2023	2024	Difference	Percent	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Interstates	227	187	-40	-18	88	62	-26	-30
Collector Distributors	6	7	1	17	4			
Ramps	39	17	-22	-56	8	7	-1	-13
Other State Routes	818	747	-71	-9	310	236	-74	-24
County Roads	457	404	-53	-12	186	149	-37	-20
City Streets	121	113	-8	-7	48	37	-11	-23
Grand Total	1668	1475	-193	-12	644	491	-153	-24

YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE

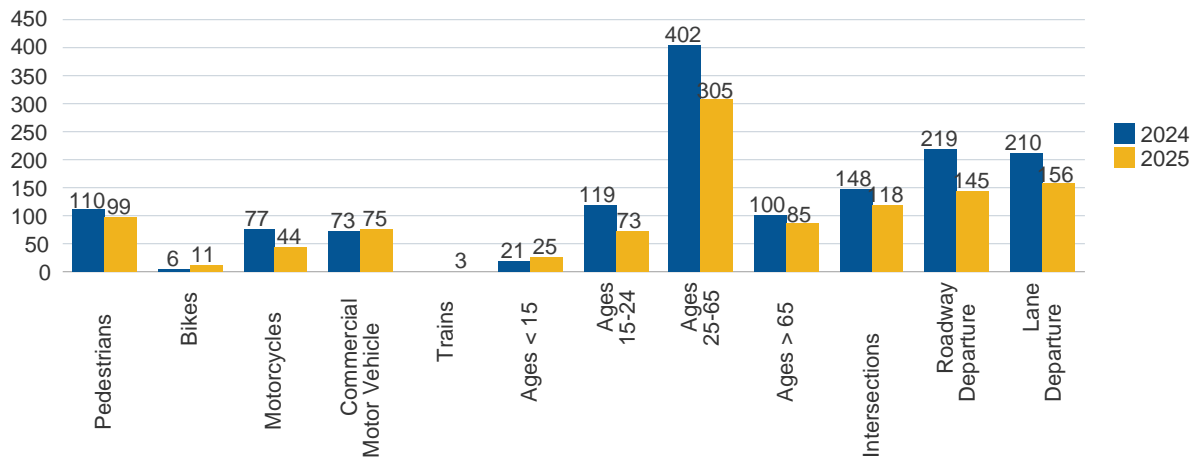
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2023	2024	Difference	Percent	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Pedestrians	324	297	-27	-8	110	99	-11	-10
Bikes	24	25	1	4	6	11	5	83
Motorcycles	182	165	-17	-9	77	44	-33	-43
Commercial Motor Vehicle	184	175	-9	-5	79	75	-4	-5
Trains	5	4	-1	-20		3		
Ages < 15	53	53	0	0	21	25	4	19
Ages 15-24	260	246	-14	-5	125	73	-52	-42
Ages 25-65	1110	916	-194	-17	405	305	-100	-25
Ages > 65	241	253	12	5	101	85	-16	-16
Intersections	376	347	-29	-8	148	118	-30	-20
Roadway Departure	541	449	-92	-17	222	145	-77	-35
Lane Departure	617	451	-166	-27	215	156	-59	-27
Seat Belt (No/Unknown)	697	582	-115	-16	282	213	-69	-24

Note: Any single fatality may fall into one or more Emphasis Types.

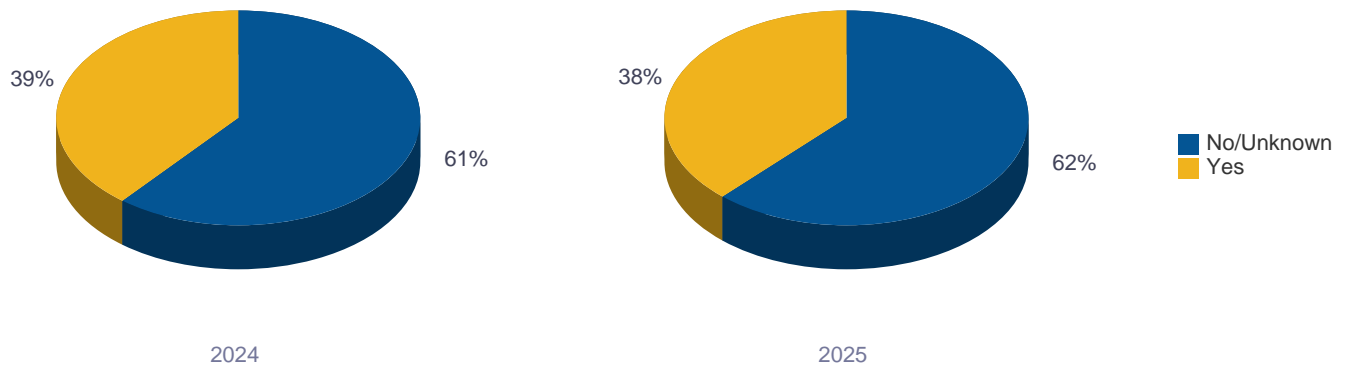
YTD Fatalities by ROUTE TYPE



YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities



No Incidents to report

There have been no incidents to report in the past 24 hours.

THE GEORGIA DRIVERS EDUCATION COMMISSION STATE OF GEORGIA

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The charter of this commission is established by O.C.G.A. § 15-21-172 for the purposes set forth therein, and its name shall be the GEORGIA DRIVERS EDUCATION COMMISSION (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”).

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Commission shall be at the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 370, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334, which shall be the mailing address of the Commission. Meetings may be held at the office or at such other place as it designated by the Chairperson.

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ARTICLE III – DUTIES, POWERS, AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The Commission shall exercise all the powers set forth in O.C.G.A. § 15-21-170 (hereinafter the “Act”), these bylaws, such rules and regulations as may be established by the Commission, and applicable laws and regulations, including those powers that may be necessarily implied from its creation by the General Assembly. Any portion of these bylaws in conflict with the Act or other applicable laws shall be void and the activities of the Commission shall be controlled consistent with the Act or such applicable law.

Section 2. The Commission may promulgate and adopt, by a simple majority vote of its Board, such Mission Statements, Vision Statements, Rules and Regulations, and Policies as it may deem necessary, appropriate, or useful to accomplish the purposes and powers as set forth in the Act.

Section 3. The staff of the Commission may establish such procedures and guidelines as may be appropriate to carry out the policies and purposes of the Commission; provided, however, that such procedures and guidelines shall not become effective until approved by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. Members shall be as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-21-173, as amended.

Section 2. Voting. Each member, including the Chairperson, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Section 3. Vacancy. A vacancy shall occur and be declared when a member submits his or her resignation in writing to the Governor, and if applicable to the agency which appointed that member, with a copy to the Chairperson. Such resignation shall take effect at the time when received by the Chairperson, unless otherwise specified in the notice. In the event of death, resignation, disqualification, or removal for any reason of any member of the commission, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and the successor shall serve for the unexpired term. No vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall otherwise impair the right of the Commission to exercise all the rights and preform all the duties of the Commission.

ARTICLE V – MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Regular and Special Meetings. The Commission shall meet in regular session once each Quarter. Notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting shall be given in advance to each member. The Commission shall meet in special session whenever called by the Chairperson or by four (4) members.

Section 2. Place of Meeting. Meetings shall be held at the office of the Commission or at such other place as designated by the Chairperson, or in the event of a special meeting called by four members, as designated by the Chairperson in notice.

Section 3. Quorum. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the discharge of any business, and the act of a quorum of the Commission members shall be required for official action for the Commission at all regular and special meetings of the Commission.

Section 4. Proxies and Mail. No member may vote by proxy and no member may vote by mail.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Commission shall be the Chairperson, who shall be designated by the Governor and such other officers as the Commission may elect pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-21-173 (d).

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The Chairperson shall hold office at the direction of the Governor. Any other officers shall be elected annually by the Commission at its regular meeting in January, or as soon thereafter as convenient. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly elected.

Section 3. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be the principal officer of the Commission and shall in general supervise and control all of its business and affairs. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the members. He or she may appoint all standing and special committee members and he or she may delegate specific duties to all Commission members

or staff. In general, he or she shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chairperson and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Commission or by law.

Section 4. Vacancy. The offices, other than Chairperson, may be vacated by the removal by a majority of the Board whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the Board would be served thereby, or by death, resignation or disqualification of the incumbent.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Special Committees. The Commission may create such special committees as are deemed necessary or desirable. The membership, functions, and duties of each such committee shall be specified by the Chairperson.

Section 2. Committee Membership Terms. Board members appointed to standing committee shall serve for a one-year term, and may be reappointed at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The By-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Commission members, at any regular or special meeting, if at least three days written notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new By-laws at such meeting. The By-laws, and any change therein, shall be kept by the Commission and available at each meeting.

Originally Adopted the 20th day of April, 2016. Amended on this 10th day of June, 2025

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ATTESTED TO BY:

Allen Poole, Chairman
Georgia Driver's Education Commission

WITNESSED BY:

Josh Turner, Director
Georgia Driver's Education Commission

BY-LAWS OF THE GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION - PAGE 3 OF 3

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment and Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal

Budget Category	Cost Category	Fiscal Year 2025 Budget	Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #1	Difference between FY 2025 Approved Budget and FY 2025 Budget Amendment #1	Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal	Difference between FY 2026 Proposal and FY 2025 Budget Amendment #1
Computer Charges/Supplies	Computer Charges	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,653.00	\$ (2,547.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,653.00)
Administrative Fees	Contractual Services			\$ -		\$ -
GOHS Shared Expenses	Contractual Services	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ 83,097.00	\$ 72,097.00
Software Support (Scholarship Program IT Support)	Contractual Services	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Temporary Labor	Contractual Services	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Scholarships	Grants	\$ 2,150,000.00	\$ 2,814,398.00	\$ 664,398.00	\$ 2,569,183.00	\$ (245,215.00)
Board Member Expenses	Per Diem	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Personnel Services	Personnel Services	\$ 421,596.00	\$ 349,544.00	\$ (72,052.00)	\$ 468,030.00	\$ 118,486.00
Board Meeting Expenses	Regular Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00
Office Supplies	Regular Operating	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 800.00
New Office Space Furnishings	Regular Operating	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,645.00	\$ (8,355.00)	\$ -	\$ (6,645.00)
Printing	Regular Operating	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Shipping	Regular Operating	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Software License	Regular Operating	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 83,500.00	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Subscriptions, Memberships and Certifications	Regular Operating	\$ 467.00	\$ 467.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 33.00
Rent	Rent	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (26,000.00)		\$ (10,000.00)
Equipment Rental	Rent Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Telecommunications	Telecommunciations	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ (12,000.00)
Staff & Board Member Travel	Travel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,443.00	\$ (6,557.00)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,557.00
Contingency		\$ 9,810.00	\$ 9,810.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 190.00
Total		\$ 2,929,873.00	\$ 3,452,310.00	\$ 522,437.00	\$ 3,452,310.00	\$ -

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Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule

First Quarter Meeting: September 16, 2025

Second Quarter Meeting: December 19, 2025

Third Quarter Meeting: March 10, 2026

Fourth Quarter Meeting: June 9, 2026