



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 March 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 7 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Suite 643, 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 March 15, 2023.

Agenda

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Next Meeting: June 11, 2024, 1:30 PM.

MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION

September 21, 2023

Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety
7 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Chairman Allen Poole called the September 21, 2023, meeting of Georgia Driver's Education Commission meeting to order at 2:00 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. Malika Reed Wilkins
Mr. Spencer Moore, Vice Chairman	
Ms. Kathy Watts	
Mr. J. Barry Schrenk	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

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

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Poole welcomed everyone for attending today's board meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Poole presented the agenda. Mr. J. Barry Schrenk made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice Chairman Spencer R. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of June 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Poole presented the June 20, 2023, minutes and asked if there were any modifications needed for the minutes. Mr. Josh Turner requested to remove Ms. Laura Boalch from board meeting attendance list as she had resigned prior to the meeting and was not in attendance. Mr. Schrenk motioned to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes as amended. Chairman Poole seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairman Poole offered a time for Public Comment. No comments were received and no one signed up to speak.

Staff Report

Chairman Poole recognized Mr. Turner to present the staff report. Mr. Turner presented the Monthly Scholarship Report for the months of July, August and September, followed by the Provider Redemption Report for July, August, and September, which shows the number of scholarships each provider has redeemed since the last board meeting, and the Customer Service and Daily Fatality Report. A copy of the reports are included in these minutes. Mr. Turner thanked the staff of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for all of the hard work that they do every day. Mr. Turner stated that there was a slight delay in the issuance of provider payments in September due to illness but all payments have been issued and invoices are current.

Chairman Poole thanked Mr. Turner for the report and opened the floor for any questions.

Mr. Schrenk stated he has read through the report, and that it is obvious because of the difficulty of getting the bill passed for financing the program during the 2022 legislative session for financing this program, that scholarships have declined. He stated that he understands the Governor has flexibility with assigning funds out of his budget provided by the legislature and asked if anyone has given thought to perhaps speaking with his staff and asking for a transfer of funds to avoid losing opportunities to train more teenagers with this program? Mr. Turner replied that he has not made a formal request but during the appropriations process last year they did have some conversations, but they did not materialize. Mr. Turner further stated that he was not encouraged to make a formal request for funding but was not discouraged to submit a formal request either.

Chairman Poole added that out of his five-year tenure at the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, they have been truly engaged with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and have follow-up meeting to discuss budget concerns soon, and he welcomed Mr. Turner to join him at the meeting. Chairman Poole stated that he would like to create a document that summarizes our concerns that the national fatality numbers are increasing and emphasizes the success of the scholarship program and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The commission members expressed support for this initiative. Mr. Schrenk said that he thought it was a great idea and recommended that the document be distributed to the Senate Public Safety Committee and the House Motor Vehicles and Public Safety Committees.

Vice Chairman Moore did not have any objections in trying to get multiple documents into the hands of the decision-makers. Chairman Poole thanked Vice Chairman Moore for his comment.

Ms. Kathy Watts agreed due to the many deaths in the past few weeks. Chairman Poole thanked Ms. Watts for comment.

Chairman Poole made a motion to accept the Staff Report. Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to approve the Staff Report. Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

Chairman Poole asked Mr. Turner to present the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report. Mr. Turner took a moment to thank Ms. Shenee Bryan, GOHS Contract Epidemiologist for assisting in compiling the report and to the Department of Driver Services for providing the data necessary to complete the report. Mr. Turner highlighted items in the report including the number of teen drivers involved in fatal crashes, a breakdown of how young drivers completed the Joshua's Law requirements, the history of Georgia Driver's Education Commission including the history of the surcharge percentage on traffic citations, the selection process of awarding scholarships in the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program, fiscal year 2023 activities including the number of students applying for scholarships and the number of

students awarded scholarships, challenges facing the Commission, the scholarship redemption report, the funding appropriation history.

There were no questions. Mr. Schrenk made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Chairman Poole asked Mr. Turner to give an update to the Commission members on an inquiry received from the Governor's Office regarding graduated driver's license requirements.

Mr. Turner stated the legislative team of the Governor's Office inquired about the Graduated Driver's License program in the state specifically as it relates to the number of passengers in the vehicle with a teen driver during the first six months of licensure and if any changes were made if it would impact federal funding. Mr. Turner stated that the Governor's Office of Highway Safety reached out to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to inquire about funding impacts if changes were made to Georgia's Graduated Driver's License program. They stated that there was nothing currently in federal law that would negatively impact Georgia's federal funding if changes were made. Mr. Turner relayed the information to the Governor's Office and did explain that regardless of funding impacts, the Commission's position remains that fewer occupants in the car with a young driver reduces distractions and therefore makes them a safer driver. Mr. Turner reminded the Commission that there was legislation previously introduced that would change the passenger restrictions in the law during the first six months of licensure and that he wasn't certain but suspected that the inquiry was related to that legislation.

Chairman Poole thanked Mr. Turner for this information and the members for supporting this effort.

Adjournment

Chairman Poole made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schrenk made a motion. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kischa Bell
Operational Analyst
Georgia Driver's Education Commission



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	July 2023
Total New Applicants This Month:	781
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	6
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	775
Monthly Allocation:	150

Reconsideration Statistics	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	207	144	\$ 31,500.00

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	775
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	0
2	0	0	1	0	2	0
3	0	0	0	0	19	0
4	0	0	1	0	0	0
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6	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	2	0
8	0	0	1	0	8	0
9	0	0	0	0	5	0
10	0	0	0	0	23	0
11	0	0	0	0	23	0
12	0	0	2	0	15	0
13	0	0	0	0	23	0
14	0	0	0	0	24	0
Total	0	0	6	0	144	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 72,000.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	August 2023
Total New Applicants This Month:	503
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	6
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	497
Monthly Allocation:	150

Reconsideration Statistics	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	775	81	\$ 347,000.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	63	63	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	497
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	694

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
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8	0	0	1	0	6	0
9	0	0	0	0	6	0
10	0	0	1	6	6	0
11	0	0	0	15	6	0
12	0	0	1	0	5	0
13	0	0	1	13	6	0
14	0	0	0	29	5	0
Total	0	0	6	63	81	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 40,500.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	September 2023
Total New Applicants This Month:	526
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	521
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	5
Monthly Allocation:	150

Reconsideration Statistics	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	497	497	\$ 248,500.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	692	547	\$ 273,500.00

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	497
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	694

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	0
2	0	0	1	0	2	0
3	0	0	0	0	19	0
4	0	0	1	0	0	0
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8	0	0	1	0	8	0
9	0	0	0	0	5	0
10	0	0	0	0	23	0
11	0	0	0	0	23	0
12	0	0	2	0	15	0
13	0	0	0	0	23	0
14	0	0	0	0	24	0
Total	0	0	6	0	144	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 72,000.00	\$ -

9/21/2023 Meeting Minutes - Exhibit D**Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between June 15, 2023 through September 15, 2023**

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	151	West Georgia Technical College	12
West Metro Driving School	61	DriveSmart Georgia	11
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	39	Taggart's Driving School	10
New London School of Driving Inc.	29	AA Academy of Action Driving School	8
Savannah Technical College	28	Atlanta Technical College	8
The Wiser Driver	26	Just Driver Training	8
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	25	Gwinnett County Board Of Education	7
North Georgia Technical College	25	Lanier Technical College	7
1 Act Driving Schools	24	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	7
Kennesaw Driving School	24	Southeastern Technical College	7
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	24	Collins Driving School	6
Advance Driving Academy	23	Ogeechee Technical College	6
Augusta Technical College	22	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	6
Central Georgia Technical College	21	Coastal Pines Technical College	5
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	20	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	5
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	19	Columbus Technical College	4
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	18	Southern Defensive Driving School	4
A Driving Advantage	17	Athens Technical College	3
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	16	FB Driving, Inc.	3
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	14	Gordon County Board of Education	2
Marietta City Board of Education	14	Oconee County Board of Education	2
Southern Regional Technical College	14	1EZ DUI School	2
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	12	Albany Technical College	1
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	12	Duluth DUI and Driving School	1
Southern Crescent Technical College	12	South Georgia Technical College	1
		Total	826

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GDEC Provider Email Contacts	214	Individual Staff Email Contacts	4,581
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	423	Invoices Processed: 518 invoices totaling \$587,532.56 accounting for 1,314 students	



Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison
GDOT Office of Traffic Operations
Fatalities as of 09/20/2023

ROUTE TYPE

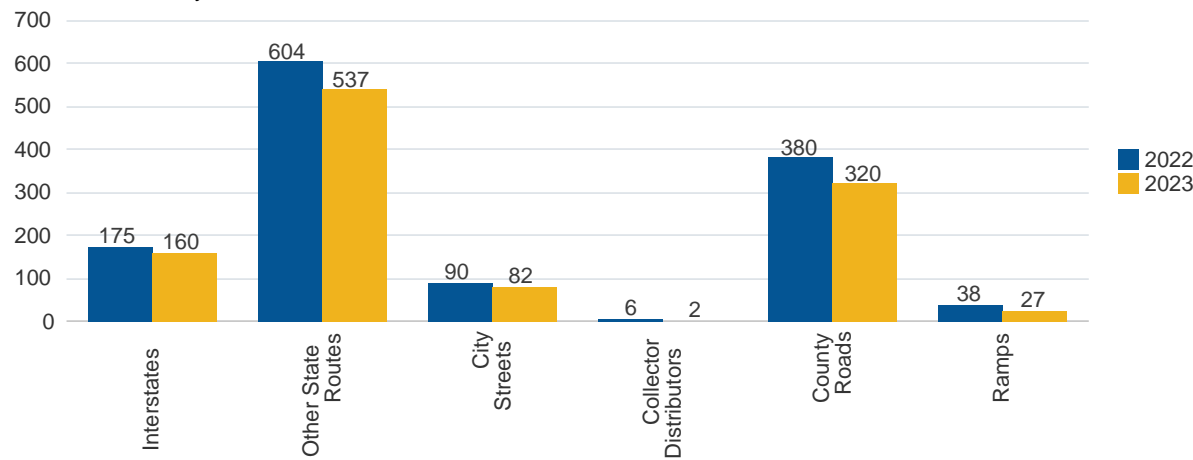
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2021	2022	Difference	Percent	2022	2023	Difference	Percent
Interstates	256	235	-21	-8	175	160	-15	-9
Collector Distributors	8	8	0	0	6	2	-4	-67
Ramps	25	50	25	100	38	27	-11	-29
Other State Routes	937	894	-43	-5	604	537	-67	-11
County Roads	469	515	46	10	380	320	-60	-16
City Streets	133	119	-14	-11	90	82	-8	-9
Grand Total	1828	1821	-7	-0	1293	1128	-165	-13

YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE

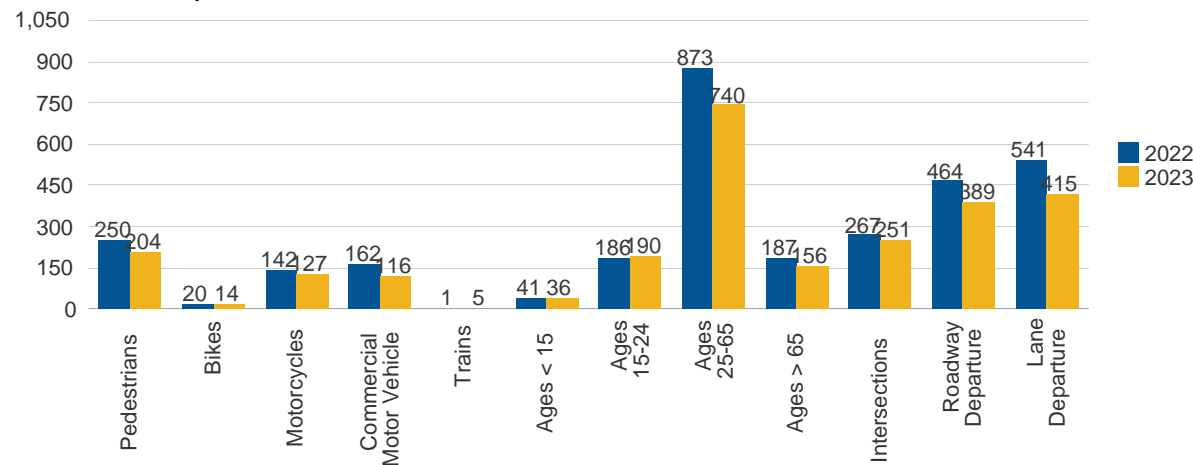
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2021	2022	Difference	Percent	2022	2023	Difference	Percent
Pedestrians	319	343	24	8	250	204	-46	-18
Bikes	14	33	19	136	20	14	-6	-30
Motorcycles	184	200	16	9	142	127	-15	-11
Commercial Motor Vehicle	208	217	9	4	162	116	-46	-28
Trains		2			1	5	4	400
Ages < 15	54	57	3	6	41	36	-5	-12
Ages 15-24	309	273	-36	-12	187	190	3	2
Ages 25-65	1174	1212	38	3	876	740	-136	-16
Ages > 65	278	272	-6	-2	187	156	-31	-17
Intersections	309	369	60	19	268	251	-17	-6
Roadway Departure	733	651	-82	-11	466	389	-77	-17
Lane Departure	1022	710	-312	-31	541	415	-126	-23
Seat Belt (No/Unknown)	768	771	3	0	543	490	-53	-10

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

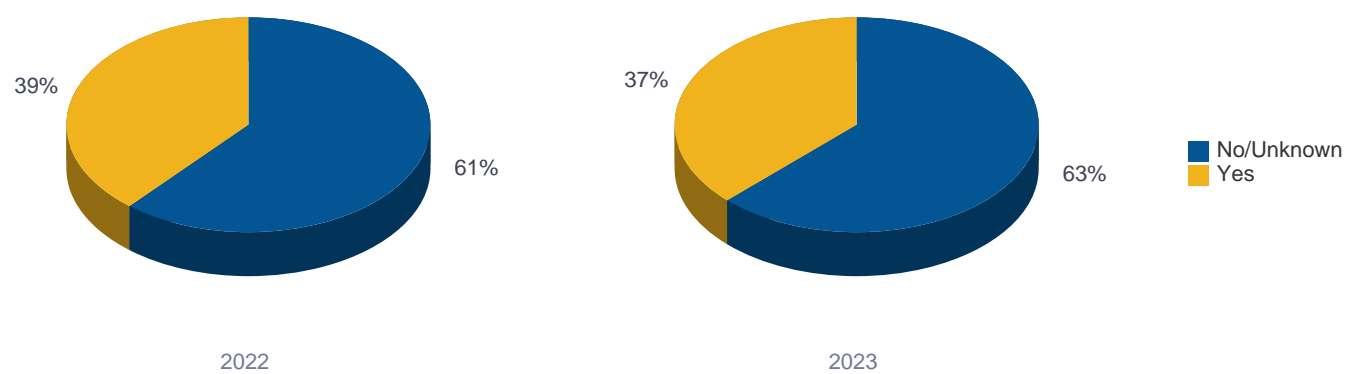
YTD Fatalities by ROUTE TYPE



YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities



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Georgia Driver's Education Commission

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-21-181(b), the Georgia Driver's Education Commission (GDEC) submits this report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the committee chairpersons for the standing committees in the Senate and House of Representatives that are assigned issues related to motor vehicles. This report contains data regarding funds collected from the additional penalty imposed on traffic citations for driver's education for the previous three fiscal years, the amount of such funds appropriated to the commission for each corresponding year, and the manner and purposes for which such funds have been expended.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission is to maximize participation in driver's education and training to reduce motor vehicle crashes by making driver's training accessible and affordable to all Georgians.



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Commission Composition

Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 15-21-173, the Georgia Driver's Education Commission consists of eight (8) members who can serve four-year terms. The State Board of Education shall appoint one member of the commission and the Department of Driver Services shall appoint two members of the commission. The director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety shall appoint one member of the commission. The remaining four members of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be public school driver's education providers, and the other two shall be private driver's education providers. The Governor shall designate a chairperson of the commission from among the appointed members.



Allen Poole, Chairman
Director
Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Appointed by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety



Kathy L Watts
Owner, New London School of Driving
Represents a Private Driver's Education Provider



Spencer R. Moore, Vice Chairman
Commissioner
Department of Driver Services
Appointed by the Department of Driver Services



J. Barry Schrenk
Owner, Taggart's Driving School
Represents a Private Driver's Education Provider



Malika Reed Wilkins
Sr. Principal, Transportation
Marketing Manager
Atlanta Regional Commission
Appointed by the Department of Driver Services

Two (2) vacancies appointed by the Governor representing a Public Driver's Education Provider

One (1) vacancy appointed by the State Board of Education

Problem Identification

According to the Georgia Young Adult Drivers Traffic Safety Facts¹, there were 215 young drivers (15-to-20 years of age) involved in fatal crashes on Georgia roadways in 2021. This is a 4% increase (9 more young drivers) since the previous year. During this same period, the rate of young drivers involved in fatal crashes per 100,000 population also increased by 2% (from 23.2 to 23.7). This does not imply that young drivers caused the crash either by their actions or failure to act.

In 2021, young drivers represented 8% of all drivers involved in fatal crashes – a slight increase in comparison to previous years. Over the past decade, most young drivers involved in fatal crashes were 18-to-20 years of age (Figure 1). In 2021, 69% of all young drivers involved in fatal crashes were in the 18-to-20 age group.

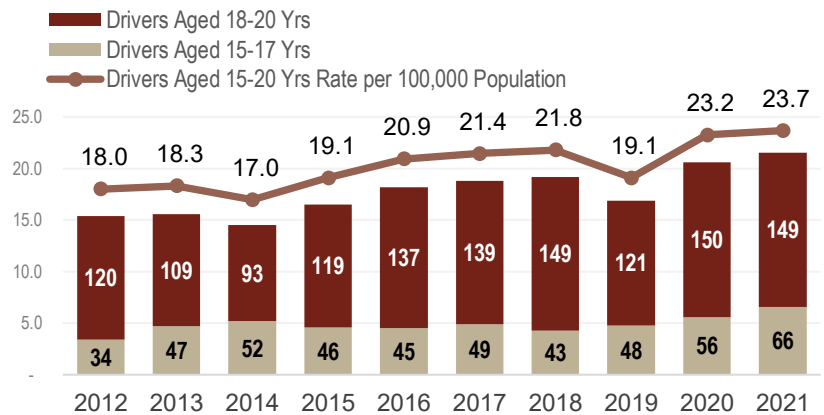
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention², teens are at a higher risk of being in a motor vehicle crash compared to any other age group. In 2021:

- **283.7** out of every **100,000** crashes involving drivers ages 15-to-20 were fatal
- **33.9** out of every **100,000** licensed drivers ages 15-to-20 were involved in a fatal crash
- **23.7** out of every **100,000** Georgia residents ages 15-to-20 were involved in a fatal crash

In 2021, there were 75,774 crashes that involved young drivers in Georgia—86% of all crashes involved other vehicles (multi-vehicle crashes), and 14% were single-vehicle crashes. The most common harmful event in single-vehicle crashes was a confirmed inattentive driver (distraction). In 2021, 27% of all young drivers involved in a traffic crash were confirmed or suspected of distracted driving. The top contributing factors among young drivers and other drivers involved in multi-vehicle crashes were following too closely and failure to yield. Crashes caused by these top contributing factors can often be avoided with the proper training.

Fortunately, teen and young driver motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities are preventable, and there are proven strategies that can improve the safety of young drivers on the road through effective driver’s education. While our highway safety partners across Georgia will focus on other techniques to reduce injuries and fatalities on our highways, fostering and facilitating strong driver’s education remains a paramount and effective component in the fight to reduce crash injuries and fatalities among young Georgia drivers.

Figure 1. Number of Young Drivers (15-to-17 and 18-to-20 Years) Involved in Fatal Crashes



Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 2012-2021

¹ Georgia Crash Outcomes Data Evaluation System. (2023, August). Young Adult Drivers: 2021 data. (Georgia Traffic Safety Facts). Atlanta, GA: Governor’s Office of Highway Safety.

² “Teen Drivers: Get the Facts.” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 30 Oct. 2019, www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen_drivers/teendrivers_factsheet.html.

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Young Driver Licensing

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA) was enacted on July 1, 1997. TADRA established a Graduated Driver’s License program for young drivers ages 15-to-18 in Georgia. The law significantly changed how young motorists earn and maintain their driving privileges (Class D Provisional License).

The methods available to young drivers to obtain their license includes a combination of 30-hour course with instructors, behind-the-wheel training, supervised driving, and the use of the Parent-Teen Driving Guide. These methods are designed to gradually introduce young drivers to Georgia roadways and reduce high-risk driving situations. Young drivers can obtain their licenses using any of the four methods described below.

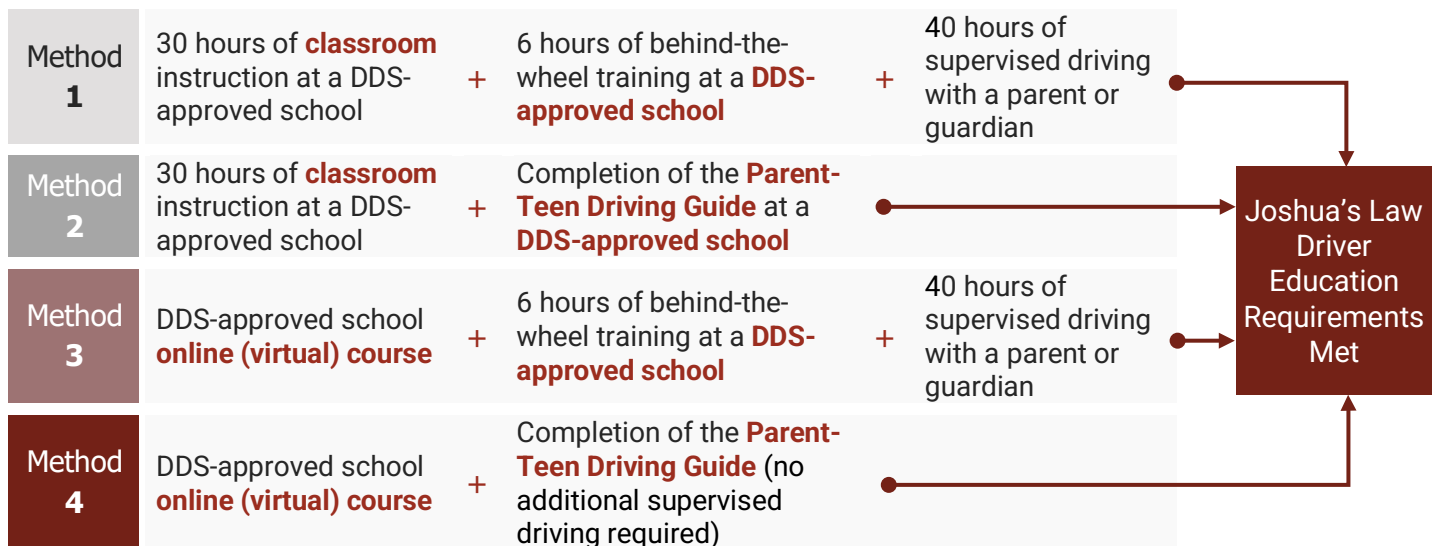


Figure 2 shows how young drivers obtained a Provisional License (Class D) across the various methods in FY2022. Despite, the public health responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, the distribution remained nearly the same as in previous fiscal years.

- **11.0** out of every 20 young drivers (55%) used Method 4
- **6.8** out of every 20 young drivers (34%) used Method 1
- **1.4** out of every 20 young drivers (7%) used Method 3
- **0.8** out of every 20 young drivers (4%) used Method 2

According to the Georgia Driver’s Education Commission’s research study of Joshua’s Law, young drivers who use **Method 1** to complete the GDL requirement **demonstrated better and safer driver outcomes** in comparison to other methods. Method 1 young drivers had fewer crashes and crashes with serious injuries or fatalities compared to other young drivers who completed the GDL requirement using other methods.

Figure 2. FY2023 Class D Licenses Issued by GDL Method (July 2022- June 2023)

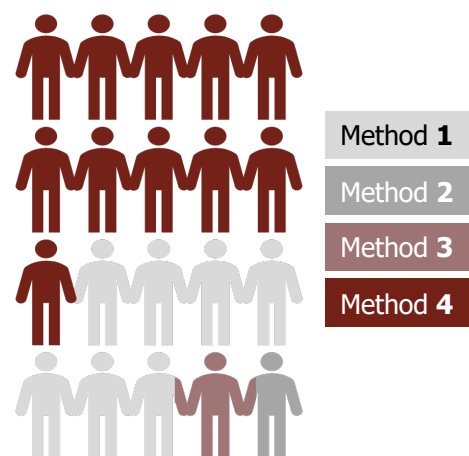


Figure 3 shows the percentage of young adults (15-to-20 years old) with an instructional permit, Class D provisional license, or Class C license by county. Young drivers generally obtain their licenses for the first time under a Graduated Driver Licensing program as they learn driving skills. In 2021:

- There were 8.0 million licensed drivers in Georgia, and young drivers (ages 15-to-20 years old) accounted for **7.9% (633,567) of all licensed drivers**.
- Across the state, **70% of all youth** (ages 15-to-20 years old) held either an instructional permit or driver's license.
- The percentage of young adults holding an instructional permit or driver's license in rural counties (76 percent) was higher than young adults in the Atlanta region or other urban counties³ (**68%** in both regions).

Figure 3. Percent of Young Adults (Ages 15-to-20 Years) with an Instructional Permit, Class D Provisional License, or Class C License⁴ by County, 2021

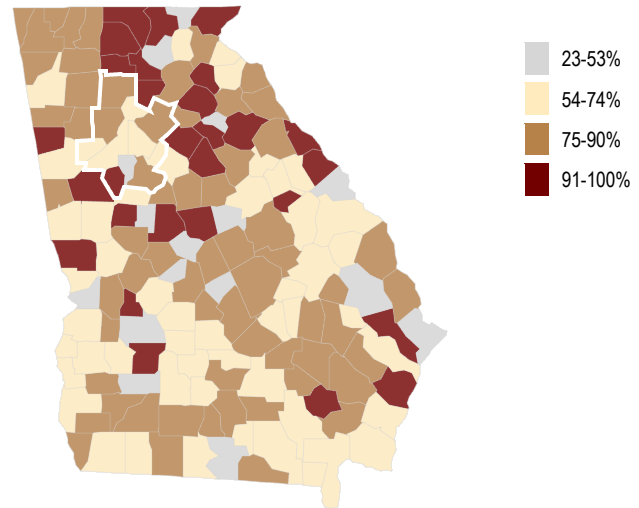
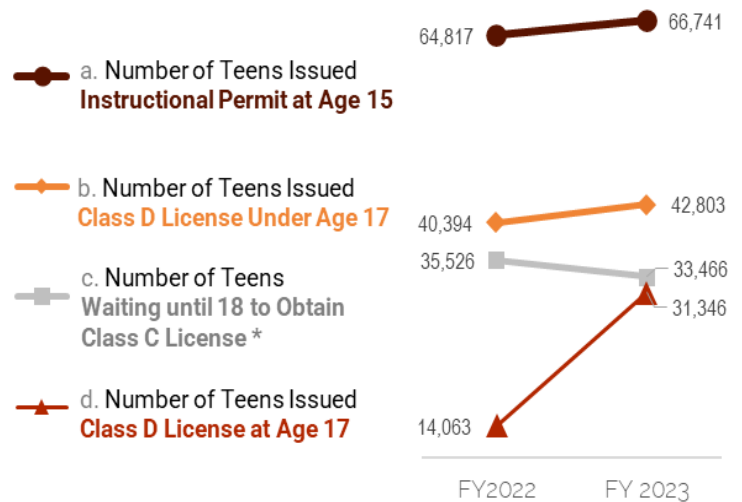


Figure 4 compares the types of licensing obtained across various age groups between FY2022 and FY2023. Between FY2022 and FY2023:

- The number of teens issued an instructional permit at age 15 **increased by 3%** (Figure 4a, circle icons).
- The number of teens issued a Class D license under the age of 17 years **increased by 6%** (Figure 4b, diamond icons).
- The number of teens (16-17 years) waiting until 18 to obtain a full license (Class C) **decreased by 6%** (Figure 4c, square icons).
- The number of teens issued a Class D license at the age of 17 years **more than doubled (2.2 times)** (Figure 4d, triangle icons).

Figure 4. Young Driver Age by License Type (FY2022 - FY2023)



Note: Vertical axis is not drawn to scale

* Class C licenses are not required to complete driver's education

³ Rural counties are counties that have a residential population less than 50,000 persons. This is different than roadway classifications where urban road systems can be located in urban clusters (or metropolitan areas) of at least 2,500 persons within the rural counties.

⁴ Source: Drivers licenses information obtained from the Department of Driver Service (Dec 2019); Estimated young adult population obtained from Georgia's Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS)

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Commission History

The timeline below describes the key historical milestones and events since the creation of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission (GDEC) in 2005.

- JOSHUA'S LAW CREATES GDEC (2005)** Senate Bill 225 (2005), known as Joshua's Law, created the Georgia Driver's Education Commission (GDEC) for the purpose of recommending to the Governor and General Assembly changes in state programs, statutes, policies, budgets and standards relating to the provision of driver's education and training. Since its inception, the GDEC has worked to identify options for teen drivers to satisfy the driver's education requirements mandated by state law for young Georgians. Joshua's Law created a surcharge on all traffic citations in Georgia (originally 5% in 2005, then 1.5% in 2013, and zero percent effective July 1, 20223), to establish funding to support driver's education programs throughout Georgia.
- GOHS FACILITATES ALLOCATION OF GDEC FUNDS (2007)** In April of 2007, through an agreement between the Georgia Department of Driver Services and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), GOHS facilitated the allocation of the GDEC funds by way of grant funding to support driver's education programs. During FY2007 through FY2010, 58 programs received grant funding to create or support existing driver's education programs at public schools and libraries.
- GDEC TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED (2011)** In FY2011, the grant program was suspended due to a lack of budget appropriation during the economic recession. The surcharge on traffic citations continued to be collected and appropriated to the State's general fund.
- SENATE BILL 231 REDUCES SURCHARGE COLLECTION (2013)** During the 2013 legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly, Senate Bill 231 extended the sunset of the GDEC until June 30, 2016, and reduced the amount of the surcharge collection from 5% to 1.5%.
- BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESUMED (2015)** Budget appropriations resumed to the Commission in FY2015 and the Commission has since provided training to over 21,000 Georgia students. After budget appropriations resumed, the Commission continued support of existing driver's education programs at high schools and executed a contract with the Technical College System of Georgia to establish a scholarship program for driver's education.
- HB 806 ASSIGNS GDEC TO GOHS (2016)** HB 806, during the 2016 legislative session, extended the sunset to June 30, 2019, and assigned the GDEC to the GOHS for administrative purposes.

GDEC STARTS THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (2017) In FY2017, the Commission suspended the support of driver's education programs and launched the Georgia Driver's Education Commission Grant Scholarship Program in March of 2017. The program, open to the public (public high schools, technical colleges, universities, and other state-owned driver education programs) and privately owned entities (commercial, for-profit driving schools and non-profit organizations, and private schools), awards driver's education grant scholarships to students ages 15-to-17 years old who seek to complete a 36-hour driver's education program (also known as Method 1 that requires 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction with an approved instructor). The Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program was continued from FY2018 to FY2023 (using funds collected from surcharges applied before the discontinuation of the surcharge on citation effective July 1, 2022)

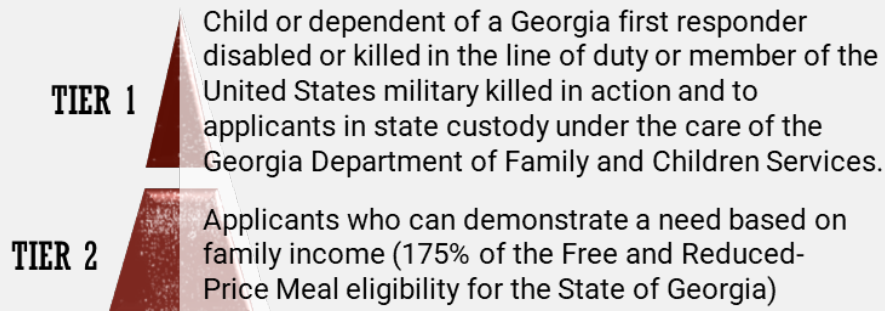
CITATION SURCHARGE EXPIRED (2022) The additional penalty imposed on traffic citations expired on July 1, 2022, after HB 202, which would have increased the surcharge from 1.5% to 3% and eliminated the sunset provision, died after the legislation failed to be considered on the Senate Floor on Sine Die. Unless the surcharge is reinstated or other appropriations are provided, the grant scholarship program will be suspended in future fiscal years.

CITATION SURCHARGE REINSTATED (2023) The additional penalty imposed on traffic citations, which expired on July 1, 2022, was reinstated with the passage of HB 242. The surcharge was reinstated at 3% and was effective for traffic citations issued on or after July 1, 2023. Funds collected in Fiscal Year 2024 will, subject to appropriations, be allocated to the Commission during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget on July 1, 2024.

GDEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS

For scholarship applications submitted between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, scholarships were awarded on a tiered priority system. First priority (**Tier 1**) is 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. Second priority (**Tier 2**) is given to scholarship applicants who can demonstrate a need based on family income. All of the first-priority level applicants are awarded before any of the second-priority level applicants are awarded. Additionally, if there are insufficient scholarships for all applicants in any given priority level, scholarship recipients are determined at random by computer selection without human selection, and scholarships are evenly distributed among Georgia's United States Congressional Districts. The date of application submission does not affect the outcome of the scholarship award. Scholarships are awarded on the 1st day of each month by 11:59 pm. Notification of award or denial is sent by email. If awarded a scholarship, the award date of the scholarship must be prior to the first day of Instruction or class by the driver training school.

Students are only eligible to apply for a grant scholarship one time. However, if a student's application is rejected, the application will be reconsidered for the following two months and given priority over new applicants in their respective priority level. No action is needed to be reconsidered. The applicant will be notified by email on the first day of the following month by 11:59 pm with the outcome of the application on the second consideration.



As of July 1, 2022, the grant scholarship tier selection was altered.

PRIORITY TIERS

GDEC Scholarship Program Selection Process

Fiscal Year 2023 Activities

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

In FY2023, 9,125 applicants applied for the Georgia Driver’s Education Grant Scholarship program, and the Commission awarded 6,279 driver’s education scholarships — 6.8 out of every 10 applicants were awarded a scholarship. Compared to the previous fiscal year, the number of GDEC scholarships awarded increased by 33% and appropriated funding increased by 12% (approximately \$295,000 more than the FY2022 funding). Of the 6,279 scholarships awarded, 1,377 students forfeited their scholarships or chose not to complete driver’s education through an authorized provider in the program. The remaining 4,902 students (78%) who redeemed their driver’s education represent a value of \$2,194,281.99 paid in driver’s education grant scholarships.



6.8 out of 10 applicants

were awarded a scholarship in FY2023

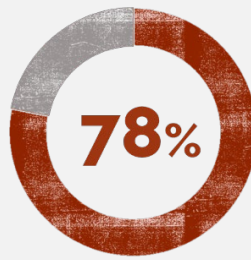
(6,279 out of 9,125 applicants)



Scholarships awarded through the GDEC Scholarship program



Student scholarship recipients compared to FY22



Students redeemed their scholarships at an authorized provider (4,902 out of 6,279 students)



Awarded in driver’s education grant scholarships

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CHALLENGES IN FY2023

- **GDEC Providers Continue to Address Backlog**

In FY2023, GDEC providers continued to address the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency response. At the peak of the COVID response (FY2020-FY2021), most providers made significant changes to when and how the driver's education curriculum and training were delivered which often resulted in a backlog of students waiting to complete their training. With the support of the Commission (e.g., temporarily allowing student to request a 150-day extension (normally 60-day) to complete the driving course), GDEC providers made great stride in reducing their backlog.

In FY2023, the student extension period complete driving training returned to the 60-day period, and GDEC providers continued to address their backlog as a result of the COVID-19 response. The full impact of COVID-19 on the GDEC Driver's Education program cannot be determined at the time of this report.

- **Future Budgetary Concerns (Reduced Budget FY2024)**

As a result of temporary suspension of surcharge on traffic citations between July 1, 2022 (when the GDEC legislation was not passed under HB 202) and July 1, 2023 (when the GDEC legislation was reinstated with HB 242), the amount of funding collected in FY2023 to support the GDEC program in FY2024 decreased significantly. The funding amount collected in FY2023 was nearly half (46%) of the amount collected in FY2022—a reduction of nearly \$1,290,000. This drastic reduction to the FY2024 budget will have great impact on the number of scholarships that can be awarded—approximately 2,580-3,100 fewer scholarships that will be available in FY2024.⁵

GDEC AUTHORIZED PROVIDERS AND SCHOLARSHIPS REDEEMED

In FY2023, 55 authorized GDEC providers served 4,902 scholarship recipients⁶ across 139 locations. The total value of the scholarships redeemed in FY2023 valued \$2,194,281.99. The *median* cost per scholarship recipient across the GDEC authorized providers in FY2023 was \$400, with the average cost ranging from \$275 to \$500 per provider.

Table 1 below provides a listing of the driver's education providers participating in the program, with the number of training locations operated by each provider, the number of scholarships redeemed by each provider, the financial value of the scholarships redeemed, and the average cost per recipient for each FY2023 provider.

⁵ Calculations based on maximum scholarship award amount (\$500) and median cost per scholarship across the GDEC providers (\$400) FY2023.

⁶ The measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Georgia resulted in an increase in requests for 60-day or 150-day extensions to complete their driver's training among the GDEC student scholarship recipients. [In FY2023, GDEC providers continued to address the backlog of GDEC student drivers redeeming their scholarship awards at the driving schools.](#)

Table 1. Number of Scholarships Redeemed, Value of Scholarships Redeemed, and Average Cost Per Recipient by Authorized GDEC Provider, FY2023

FY2023 Authorized GDEC Provider	Number of Locations	Number of Scholarships Redeemed	Value of Scholarships Redeemed	Average Cost Per Recipient
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	21	785	\$ 383,625	\$ 489
West Metro Driving School	2	427	\$ 211,365	\$ 495
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	1	333	\$ 157,680	\$ 474
New London School of Driving Inc.	1	226	\$ 111,870	\$ 495
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	6	164	\$ 81,180	\$ 495
Advance Driving Academy	1	146	\$ 62,850	\$ 430
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	2	124	\$ 58,900	\$ 475
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	1	118	\$ 52,982	\$ 449
Kennesaw Driving School	2	107	\$ 52,965	\$ 495
The Wiser Driver	1	119	\$ 51,170	\$ 430
1 Act Driving Schools, LLC	1	93	\$ 44,947	\$ 483
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	1	87	\$ 43,500	\$ 500
A Driving Advantage	1	87	\$ 43,065	\$ 495
Taggart's Driving School	3	85	\$ 42,500	\$ 500
Augusta Technical College	1	110	\$ 41,850	\$ 380
Collins Driving School	1	81	\$ 40,500	\$ 500
Savannah Technical College	4	107	\$ 40,100	\$ 375
Central Georgia Technical College	2	105	\$ 38,275	\$ 365
DriveSmart Georgia	3	74	\$ 36,926	\$ 499
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	17	106	\$ 36,570	\$ 345
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	1	92	\$ 36,340	\$ 395
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	1	82	\$ 34,850	\$ 425
Marietta City Board of Education	1	70	\$ 34,370	\$ 491
Just Driver Training	1	60	\$ 30,000	\$ 500
North Georgia Technical College	3	76	\$ 28,000	\$ 368
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	6	73	\$ 27,750	\$ 380
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	1	81	\$ 26,565	\$ 328
Southern Regional Technical College	4	71	\$ 24,850	\$ 350
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	4	70	\$ 24,500	\$ 350
AA Academy of Action Driving School	1	48	\$ 24,000	\$ 500
Coastal Pines Technical College	4	66	\$ 23,925	\$ 363

FY2023 Authorized GDEC Provider	Number of Locations	Number of Scholarships Redeemed	Value of Scholarships Redeemed	Average Cost Per Recipient
Lanier Technical College	5	60	\$ 22,700	\$ 378
Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	3	43	\$ 21,500	\$ 500
Albany Technical College	2	55	\$ 20,600	\$ 375
Ogeechee Technical College	2	55	\$ 19,900	\$ 362
Southern Crescent Technical College	4	44	\$ 16,500	\$ 375
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	1	33	\$ 12,250	\$ 371
Atlanta Technical College	1	33	\$ 12,150	\$ 368
Duluth DUI and Driving School	1	24	\$ 11,880	\$ 495
FB Driving, Inc.	1	27	\$ 11,475	\$ 425
1EZ DUI School, LLC	1	24	\$ 11,144	\$ 464
Oconee Fall Line Technical College	3	28	\$ 10,650	\$ 380
West Georgia Technical College	1	30	\$ 10,500	\$ 350
Athens Technical College	1	22	\$ 8,150	\$ 370
Safe America Foundation, Inc.	1	16	\$ 7,584	\$ 474
Oconee County Board of Education	1	18	\$ 7,200	\$ 400
South Georgia Technical College	2	20	\$ 7,175	\$ 359
Southeastern Technical College	2	19	\$ 6,925	\$ 364
Southern Defensive Driving School	1	16	\$ 6,320	\$ 395
Dickerson Driving School, Inc.	1	10	\$ 5,000	\$ 500
Columbus Technical College	1	13	\$ 4,550	\$ 350
Gordon County Board of Education	2	15	\$ 4,425	\$ 295
Classic VIP Driving School, LLC	1	8	\$ 3,200	\$ 400
Calhoun City Board of Education	1	9	\$ 2,610	\$ 290
White County Board of Education	1	7	\$ 1,925	\$ 275
FY 2023 TOTAL	139	4,902	\$ 2,194,282	\$ 400 <small>Median Avg. Cost</small>

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Funding History

According to O.C.G.A. § 15-21-181, it is the intent of the General Assembly that, subject to appropriation, an amount equal to such proceeds received from such fines in any fiscal year shall be made available during the following fiscal year to the Commission. In other words, **the amount of funds collected in any fiscal year is appropriated to the Commission for the following fiscal year.**

The GDEC legislation was not passed in the 2022 Georgia legislative session, and the surcharge on traffic citations was **not** collected for citations issued on or after July 1, 2022. In the 2023 legislative session, the surcharge was reinstated with the passage of HB 242 and was effective for traffic citations issued on or after July 1, 2023. As a result of this temporary suspension, the amount of funding collected in FY2023 decreased by nearly half compared to FY2022. In FY2023, the funding amount collected was \$1,495,070.98—a **46% decrease (\$1,290,000 less)** compared to the \$2,785,079.85 collected in FY2022. This equates to approximately **2,580-3,100 fewer scholarships that will be available in FY2024.**⁷

Table 2 shows the funds collected and appropriated to the Commission from FY2019 to FY2023.

Table 2. Amounts of Funds Collected and Appropriated to the Commission by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Amounts of Funds Collected	Amount of Funds Appropriated to the Commission
FY 2019	\$ 2,978,971.10	\$ 3,004,583.70
FY 2020	\$ 2,649,638.73	\$ 2,978,971.10
FY 2021	\$ 2,489,649.40	\$ 2,649,638.73
FY 2022	\$ 2,785,079.85	\$ 2,489,649.40
FY 2023	\$1,495,070.98	\$ 2,785,079.85

⁷ Calculations based on maximum scholarship award amount (\$500) and median cost per scholarship across the GDEC providers (\$400) FY2023.

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Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: October 2023	Monthly Allocation: 150	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	467	8
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	459	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:	521	0	521	\$ 260,500.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	496	142	354	\$ 177,000.00

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	459
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	354

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	10	0	0
2	0	0	0	10	0	0
3	0	0	0	11	0	0
4	0	0	0	10	0	0
5	0	0	0	10	0	0
6	0	0	0	10	0	0
7	0	0	1	10	0	0
8	0	0	1	10	0	0
9	0	0	0	10	0	0
10	0	0	0	10	0	0
11	0	0	3	11	0	0
12	0	0	1	10	0	0
13	0	0	0	10	0	0
14	0	0	1	10	0	0
Total	0	0	8	142	0	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ -	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: November 2023	Monthly Allocation: 150	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	432	4
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	4	4
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	428	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:	459	0	459	\$ 229,500.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	521	146	375	\$ 187,500.00

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	428
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	375

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	10	0	0
2	0	0	0	10	0	0
3	0	0	1	11	0	0
4	0	0	0	11	0	0
5	0	0	0	10	0	0
6	0	0	0	11	0	0
7	0	0	0	11	0	0
8	0	0	0	10	0	0
9	0	0	1	10	0	0
10	0	0	0	10	0	0
11	0	0	2	11	0	0
12	0	0	0	10	0	0
13	0	0	0	11	0	0
14	0	0	0	10	0	0
Total	0	0	4	146	0	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ -	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: December 2023	Monthly Allocation: 150	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	412	4
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	4	4
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	408	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:	428	0	428	\$ 214,000.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	459	146	313	\$ 156,500.00

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	408
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	313

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	10	0	0
2	0	0	1	10	0	0
3	0	0	0	10	0	0
4	0	0	0	11	0	0
5	0	0	0	10	0	0
6	0	0	0	11	0	0
7	0	0	0	11	0	0
8	0	0	0	10	0	0
9	0	0	0	10	0	0
10	0	0	0	11	0	0
11	0	0	1	10	0	0
12	0	0	1	10	0	0
13	0	0	0	11	0	0
14	0	0	1	11	0	0
Total	0	0	4	146	0	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ -	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: January 2024	Monthly Allocation: 150	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	376	8
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	368	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:	407	0	407	\$ 203,500.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	427	142	285	\$ 142,500.00

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	368
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	285

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	10	0	0
2	0	0	2	10	0	0
3	0	0	1	11	0	0
4	0	0	2	10	0	0
5	0	0	0	10	0	0
6	0	0	0	10	0	0
7	0	0	0	10	0	0
8	0	0	0	10	0	0
9	0	0	1	10	0	0
10	0	0	0	10	0	0
11	0	0	0	10	0	0
12	0	0	0	10	0	0
13	0	0	2	11	0	0
14	0	0	0	10	0	0
Total	0	0	8	142	0	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ -	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: February 2024	Monthly Allocation: 225	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	634	7
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	7	7
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	627	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:	368	0	368	\$ 184,000.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	407	218	189	\$ 94,500.00

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	627
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	189

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	11	0	0
2	0	0	1	16	0	0
3	0	0	0	17	0	0
4	0	0	2	17	0	0
5	0	0	0	13	0	0
6	0	0	0	17	0	0
7	0	0	0	17	0	0
8	0	0	0	11	0	0
9	0	0	0	16	0	0
10	0	0	0	16	0	0
11	0	0	3	17	0	0
12	0	0	0	17	0	0
13	0	0	0	16	0	0
14	0	0	1	17	0	0
Total	0	0	7	218	0	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$109,000.00	\$ -	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: March 2024	Monthly Allocation: 600	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	538	9
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	9	9
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	529	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:	627	224	403	\$ 201,500.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	367	367	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	529
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	8	16	0
2	0	0	2	28	16	0
3	0	0	0	30	16	0
4	0	0	0	32	16	0
5	0	0	1	12	16	0
6	0	0	0	10	16	0
7	0	0	0	28	16	0
8	0	0	1	10	16	0
9	0	0	0	35	16	0
10	0	0	2	34	16	0
11	0	0	0	50	16	0
12	0	0	2	11	16	0
13	0	0	0	39	16	0
14	0	0	1	40	16	0
Total	0	0	9	367	224	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$183,500.00	\$112,000.00	\$ -

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between September 16, 2023 and March 14, 2023

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	204	Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	12
West Metro Driving School	65	Gwinnett County Board Of Education	10
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	59	Lanier Technical College	10
New London School of Driving Inc.	44	Atlanta Technical College	9
1 Act Driving School	40	Just Driver Training	8
Advance Driving Academy	33	North Georgia Technical College	8
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	34	Southern Regional Technical College	8
Savannah Technical College	28	Athens Technical College	7
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	25	Collins Driving School	7
Central Georgia Technical College	24	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	6
The Wiser Driver	23	Ogeechee Technical College	6
Marietta City Board of Education	22	Kennesaw Driving School	6
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	20	Southern Crescent Technical College	6
Augusta Technical College	19	1 EZ DUI School, Inc.	5
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	19	Georgia Piedmont Technical College	4
A Driving Advantage	18	Oconee County Board of Education	3
Taggart's Driving School	17	South Georgia Technical College	3
AA Academy of Action Driving School	15	Calhoun City BOE	2
Albany Technical College	14	Duluth DUI and Driving School	2
Coastal Pines Technical College	13	FB Driving, Inc.	2
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	13	Southern Defensive Driving School	2
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	13	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	2
DriveSmart Georgia	12	Safe America Foundation, Inc.	2
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	12	White County Board of Education	2
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	12	NBK All-Risk Solutions, LLC	1
		Total	931

Customer Service Report fo September 2023 through February 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	178	Individual Staff Email Contacts	6,564
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	445	Invoices Processed: 667 invoices totaling \$673,293.08 accounting for 1,540 students	

Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison GDOT Office of Traffic Operations Fatalities as of 03/15/2024

ROUTE TYPE

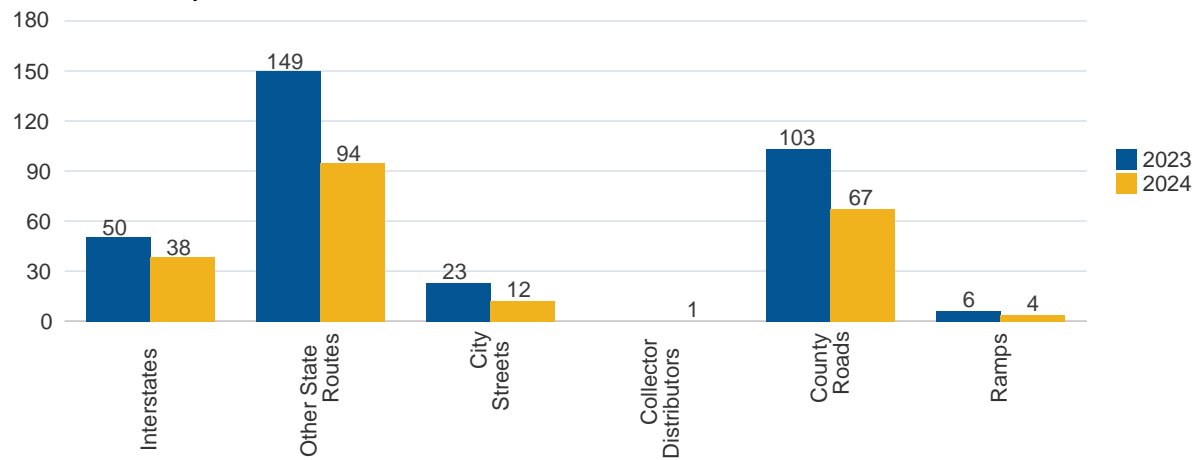
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2022	2023	Difference	Percent	2023	2024	Difference	Percent
Interstates	235	227	-8	-3	50	38	-12	-24
Collector Distributors	8	6	-2	-25		1		
Ramps	50	39	-11	-22	6	4	-2	-33
Other State Routes	894	817	-77	-9	149	94	-55	-37
County Roads	515	454	-61	-12	103	67	-36	-35
City Streets	119	120	1	1	23	12	-11	-48
Grand Total	1821	1663	-158	-9	331	216	-115	-35

YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE

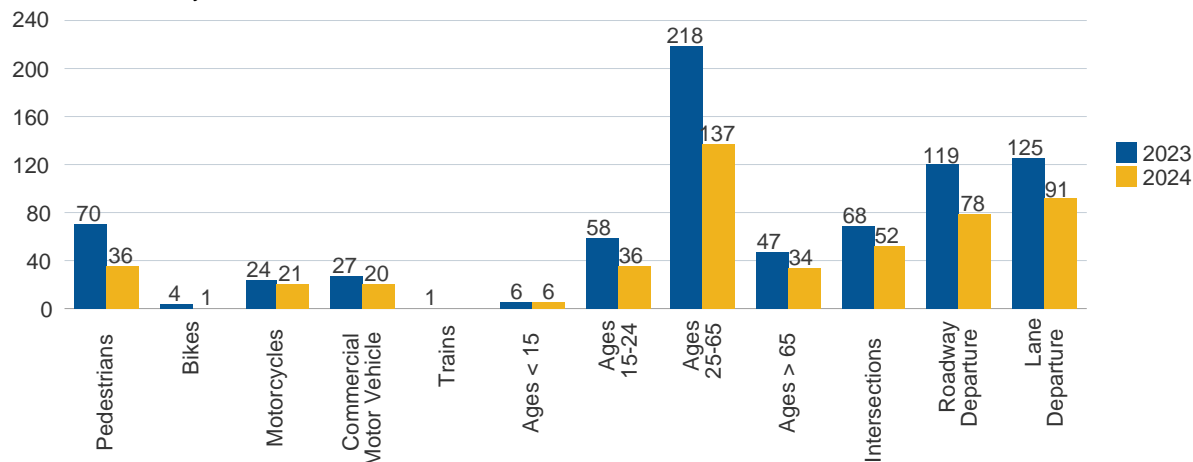
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2022	2023	Difference	Percent	2023	2024	Difference	Percent
Pedestrians	343	321	-22	-6	73	36	-37	-51
Bikes	33	24	-9	-27	4	1	-3	-75
Motorcycles	200	183	-17	-9	25	21	-4	-16
Commercial Motor Vehicle	217	184	-33	-15	28	20	-8	-29
Trains	2	5	3	150	1			
Ages < 15	57	54	-3	-5	6	6	0	0
Ages 15-24	273	261	-12	-4	59	36	-23	-39
Ages 25-65	1212	1105	-107	-9	220	137	-83	-38
Ages > 65	272	239	-33	-12	49	34	-15	-31
Intersections	369	372	3	1	69	52	-17	-25
Roadway Departure	651	538	-113	-17	119	78	-41	-34
Lane Departure	710	612	-98	-14	127	91	-36	-28
Seat Belt (No/Unknown)	771	698	-73	-9	147	103	-44	-30

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

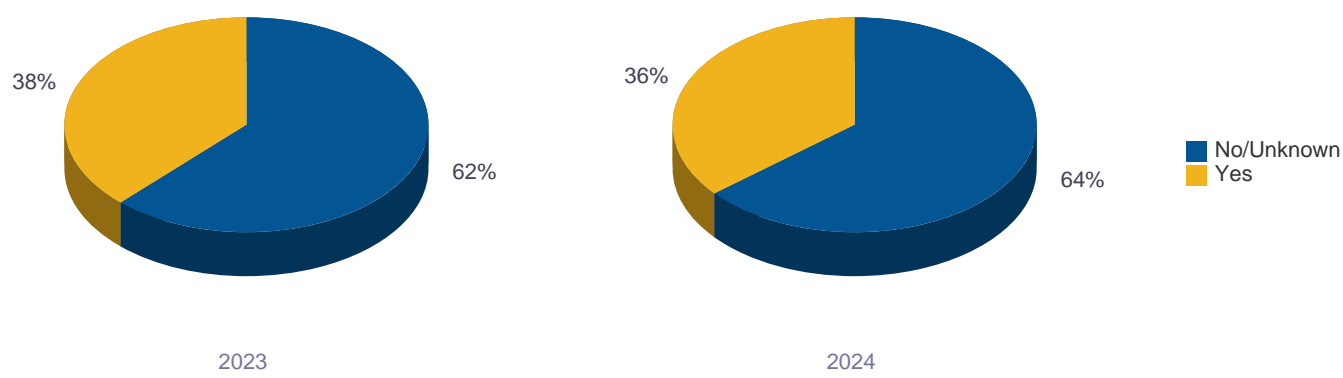
YTD Fatalities by ROUTE TYPE



YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities



Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Continuation Budget

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678
State General Funds	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678	\$2,920,678

269.1 *Increase funds to provide a one-time \$1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153
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269.2 *Reduce funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2023 Joshua's Law Collections. (H:Reduce funds)(S:Reduce funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2023 Joshua's Law Collections)(CC:Reduce funds)*

State General Funds	(\$1,425,608)	(\$357,076)	(\$1,425,608)	(\$712,804)
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269.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Appropriation (HB 915)

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,497,223	\$2,565,755	\$1,497,223	\$2,210,027
State General Funds	\$1,497,223	\$2,565,755	\$1,497,223	\$2,210,027
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,497,223	\$2,565,755	\$1,497,223	\$2,210,027

Amended Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Budget Category	Cost Category	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget*1	Amended Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
Computer Charges	Computer Charges	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Administrative Fees	Contractual Services	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 67,000.00
Software Support (Scholarship Program IT Support)	Contractual Services	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Temporary Labor	Contractual Services	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Scholarships*2	Grants	\$ 904,881.00	\$ 1,597,355.00
Board Member Expenses	Per Diem	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Personnel Services*3	Personnel Services	\$ 257,939.00	\$ 260,092.00
Board Meeting Expenses	Regular Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	Regular Operating	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Printing*4	Regular Operating	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Shipping	Regular Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Software License	Regular Operating	\$ 82,680.00	\$ 82,680.00
Subscriptions, Memberships and Certifications*5	Regular Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ 900.00
Rent	Rent	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Telecommunications	Telecommunciations	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 39,000.00
Staff & Board Member Travel	Travel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Contingency*6		\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
Total*7		\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 2,210,027.00

*1. FY 2023 Collections as of 6/14/2023 was \$1,427,347.26. The FY 2024 budget appropriation as \$2,913,000; however, we anticipate a reduction in the Amended FY 2024 budget to reflect the actual FY 2023 collections.

*2. Increase of \$692,474 from the AFY 2024 State Budget.

*3. Increase of \$2,153 to provide a one-time \$1,000 salary supplement for full-time, benefit-eligible employees for recruitment and retention from the AFY 2024 State Budget.

*4. Eliminate Printing Expenses for brochures.

*5. Increase of \$400 for Professional Organization Membership for GDEC Director

*6. Addition of contingency of \$20,000 for any unforeseen expenses relating to the move of the GOHS offices for GDEC office space.

*7. GDEC Director is requesting permission to reallocate any unused budget category and add funds to the Scholaarships line item for the June 2024 Scholarship Award.