



# TEEN PARENT DRIVER'S EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM FAQ

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## What is the Teen Parent Driver's Education Grant Program?

The Teen Parent Driver's Education Program was created during the 2022 legislative session via **HB22-1042** and provides financial support to teen parents to access driver's education courses needed to comply with the requirements of the Colorado graduated driver's license and to become a safe driver.

## What are the requirements associated with the Colorado graduated driver's license?

Information on the requirements for obtaining a learner's permit or driver's license in Colorado for individuals under 21 years can be found on the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles **website**. It will take drivers under the age of 18 up to one year to complete the permit, driver's education, and practice hours before they are able to obtain a license.

## Who is eligible to participate in this program?

The program is open to all pregnant or parenting teens between the ages of 15 and 19 who reside in Colorado.

## How do interested individuals prove that they are a teen parent?

Individuals interested in participating in the program must complete an application that can be accessed **here** or on the Teen Parent Collaborative **website**.

To complete the application process:

- The teen parent will need to provide their date of birth and the date of birth (or expected date of birth, if currently pregnant) of their child.
- Providers referring individuals to the program must include information on the referring program and attest to the fact that their client is a pregnant or parenting teen.

## How can providers help teen parents access support under the program?

Providers working with pregnant or parenting teens interested in accessing the driver's education grant program should complete an application with their client and submit it to the Teen Parent Collaborative. Providers should help clients:

- secure all documentation necessary to obtain a learner's permit or driver's license in Colorado,
- locate a driver's education school in your community that your client plans to attend, and
- help your client determine what, if any, supportive services are needed to facilitate participation in the driver's education grant program (i.e. transportation to/from driver's education courses, child care, birth certificate fees, etc.).

You will also be asked to attest to your client's status as a pregnant or parenting teen and to provide information to the Teen Parent Collaborative on the outcomes achieved as a result of participation in the grant program (i.e., completed driver's education training, obtained a driver's license, etc.)

## What does it mean to "attest" to the teen parent status of the individuals providers refer to the program?

Prior to the release of funds, providers referring individuals to the program must sign a statement attesting to the fact that they have first-hand knowledge of the applicant's status as a pregnant or parenting teen between the ages of 15 and 19 years old.





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## Do participants need parent permission?

Parent or guardian permission will be needed for individuals under 18 to participate in driver's education courses. Parents or guardians will be asked to provide consent upon receipt of grant funds and provide consent to the driving school selected by the participating individual.

## What type of documentation is needed to obtain a learner's permit or driver's license in Colorado?

Information on the requirements for obtaining a learner's permit or driver's license in Colorado for individuals under 21 years can be found on the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles [website](#). It will take drivers under the age of 18 up to one year to complete the permit, driver's education, and practice hours before they are able to obtain a license.

## What type of expenses can teen parents use the grant funds for?

Individuals accepted into the program can receive funding to pay for driver's education courses, supportive services needed to facilitate participation in driver's education training (i.e., transportation to/from class, child care, etc), fees for learner's permits and driver's licenses, and supervised drive time, in some cases.

## How are applications reviewed and how is funding through the program received?

The TPC will review applications submitted through the Teen Parent Collaborative website within 7 business days of submission and provide notification of acceptance into the program. Funding through the program can either be requested in advance, with documentation of expenses, or reimbursed on a receipt basis.

## How do I find a driver's education program that qualifies for support through this program?

A list of state approved driver's education schools in Colorado, with contact information and services provided, can be found on the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles [website](#).

## Where are the driver's education programs located in my community?

A map illustrating the location of Colorado's driver's education schools can be found on the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles [website](#).

