



December 22, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) believes each high school student should be afforded the opportunity to obtain a credential vital for gainful employment. Therefore, CPSTS is sponsoring a **FREE** Scholarship Program for students who meet certain eligibility responsibilities. CPSTS understands that a State of Maryland Driver's License can position a student to meet the hiring standards of many private and public job opportunities; therefore, CPSTS is proud to announce the following scholarship program:

- ❖ The full tuition of \$375.00 for each Junior or Senior student who attends a Prince George's County High School and meets the requirements will be **paid in full** by The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.
- ❖ The scholarship is available to students who are members of the Junior or Senior class ages 16 to 18 years old.

Although this is a free scholarship, registration is required. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each student to ensure that he/she is registered in order to participate in this scholarship program. Training classes will be held for ten (10) Sundays, excluding holidays, beginning on **Sunday April 16, 2023**, and ending on **Sunday July 16, 2023**. **ALL CLASSES WILL BE ONLINE.**

To register, visit <https://www.cpsts.org>. If there are questions, please contact Mr. Nelson of the Linnel Driving School, at 301-341-1700 or Mr. Taylor of The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. at 240-508-4203, on or before **March 8, 2023**. Attached, is a schedule of the class dates.

**"The driver's license or affiliation with CPSTS does not guarantee employment by a Prince George's County employer; however, it may assist with meeting the hiring standards of private and public job qualifications."**

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## Important Information Parents/Guardians Need to Know About This Program

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) and Linnel Driving School (LDS) are proud to offer parents and students this driver education scholarship opportunity.

LDS teaches the State of Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) standardized driver education curriculum. These policies, procedures and expectations are being communicated in an effort to add clarity to the scholarship program opportunity.

The MVA designed the standardized curriculum as a two-part course if the scholarship student just got his or her learner's permit. They did not design the program to be a two-week course or a speedy process. That is why the MVA has a 9-month waiting period before the student can get his or her license and a two-year expiration date on his or her learner's permit.

All scholarship recipients must complete MVA/LINNEL/CPSTS registration documents prior to the start of the first day of class. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the student scholarship opportunity.

There are 10 daily units of content each consisting of 3 hours. Students are not supposed to miss the classroom units and should plan accordingly to the scheduled date that is communicated in advance of the program start date. The MVA requires that if a student misses a class, he or she will have the responsibility for recording which unit missed and the student must call LDS at (301) 341-1700 to see what day and what time the make-up class will be offered.

MVA says all nine units of classroom content **MUST** be taught before the student can take the written classroom final exam. Students **MUST** achieve a passing score of 80% or greater before being allowed to proceed to the second part of the in the car behind the wheel evaluations.

The scholarship expectation is that the student will pass the final exam the first time that it is taken. If the student fails the written final exam, it will be the parent responsibility to pay LDS \$50.00 for the final exam re-test administration fee. Students will be notified after the final exam if they have successfully passed or failed.

After the student passes the written final exam, he or she **MUST** wait 45 days before calling LDS at (301) 341-1700 to indicate their availability to do the behind the wheel in car evaluations. This 45-day waiting period is mandatory and it is designed so that the scholarship recipients can do the 20/40/60-hour parent practice. It also allows LDS to preschedule the scholarship student into our paid customer pre-scheduled annual schedule. The behind the wheel evaluations are not scheduled back-to-back but instead prescheduled about every 3 to 4 weeks in between each lesson. This also allows the parents and students time to practice and meet the scholarship expectation of 20/40/60 parent practice hour requirements.

All in car behind the wheel evaluations start and end at the driving school and all the evaluations are prescheduled and confirmed by the LDS administrator. If a student fails to show up for his or her appointment there will be a \$59.00 rescheduling fee. It will be the parent's responsibility to get the students to the evaluation on time and, if applicable, pay the missed appointment fee. We suggest students and parents set an alert on their phone to remind them about the prescheduled appointments as a precautionary measure to help avoid paying the missed appointment fee.

A parent or scholarship student may cancel any behind the wheel evaluation as long as they give LDS 24-hour advance notice and avoid the missed appointment fee. This 24-hour advanced cancellation notice will allow LDS to offer the appointment to another scholarship student and avoid the administrative cost of paying instructors to show up for missed student appointments.

MVA mandates that parents should not preschedule the MVA road test until 3 business days after his or her student passes the final in-car evaluation. This creates a bottleneck of appointments at the MVA and there is no guarantee that the scholarship student will pass the final evaluation. MVA mandates the students get an in-car evaluation score of at least 80 percent or better. Students will fail Driver Education if they achieve less than an 80 percent score or they do not meet the 20/40/60-hour parent practice hour requirement.

If the parent wants to speed up the three prescheduled behind the wheel evaluations, they can pay LDS \$200.00 and LDS will arrange instructor overtime hours and alter instructor schedules to customize this parent request. This service is not recommended by LDS, and it is outside of the scholarship program, and it will not be paid by CPSTS. It is only offered to accommodate a parent request for expedited service.

LDS and CPSTS hope this communication add clarity and defines the LDS/CPSTS/STUDENT/PARENT responsibilities. We sincerely believe this scholarship opportunity to be a partnership to help the students to move his or her life forward into the fast lane of success.

If you should have additional questions or concerns, feel free to call our office at (301) 341-1700.

I agree that the use of an electronic signature shall be of the same legal effect, validity, or enforceability as a manually executed signature.

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**PARENT PRINTED NAME**

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**

**Linnel Driving School**

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# Driver Education Scholarship Program Schedule

**TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLINE**

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022 - 2023

*Dates/Times are Subjected to Change*

Sunday Class Dates	Class Time	Cadet Activity	Information/Comment
April 16, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Orientation/Unit 1	Instructor/student
April 23, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 2	Instructor/student
April 30, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 3	Instructor/student
May 7, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 4	Instructor/student
May 21, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 5	Instructor/student
June 4, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 6	Instructor/student
June 11, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 7	Instructor/student
June 25, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 8	Instructor/student
July 9, 2023	12:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Unit 9	Instructor/student
July 16, 2023	<b>12:00 PM - 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Unit 10/Final Exam</b>	Student must pass with 80% or greater to move forward to behind-the wheel portion

**Students absent from two (2) classes will forfeit their scholarship and not be allowed to continue with the remainder of classes.**

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