



Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Economic Development Driver's Education Program FAQ's

Q: Who can enroll in Georgia Driver's Education Program?

A: If you are between the ages of 15 and 17 and planning to obtain a Georgia driver's license, you will need to complete a DDS-approved driver's education course. Our course includes 30 hours of classroom training and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training.

GPTC's course is DDS-approved and fulfills the Georgia Driver's Education requirement under Joshua's Law. Nevertheless, no matter how old you are, if you want to learn about driving in Georgia and plan to obtain a Georgia driver's license, you can take this course.

Q: How do I register for the Driver's Ed program?

A: You must have a valid Learner's permit in order to participate in or program. You can e-mail us at driversed@gptc.edu and request a registration package. Please provide your scholarship code or payment information. You can also drop off your packet Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. to our Regional Transportation Center located: 6720 Marbut Road, Lithonia GA 30058

Q: What is the cost for the program if I do not qualify for the scholarship?

A: There is a cost of \$350 payable by money order, credit, or debit card. Students 18 or older requesting the behind-the-wheel training only will have a \$250 self-pay option.

Q: How do I apply for the scholarship?

A: Please visit <https://georgiadrivers.ga.gov/gohs/gohshome.html> to apply for the scholarship and review eligibility requirements. Applications received by the 5th of the month will receive a decision by the 20th of that month.

Q: Does the scholarship expire?

A: Yes, you have 30 days to redeem your scholarship once the state approves your scholarship. Further, you must complete the Driver's Education Course within 180 days of the scholarship award date. You will not receive any extensions after 180 days.

Q: Does the scholarship pay the full cost of the program or, will I have to pay for anything?

A: The scholarship will cover the entire cost of the program this includes books and training materials; however, you are required to have a credit card on file to ensure you complete the program. We will not charge your debit/credit card as long as you complete the program within the 180-day scholarship period. We will charge you for the full cost of the program if you fail to complete the program.

Q: Do I have to stay with my child during classroom training?

A: There is a mandatory 30-minute parent/student orientation held on the first day of class, you are not required to stay for any additional time.

Q: What if I need, I miss a day of classroom training?

A: Prior to scheduling behind-the-wheel training, you must make up any missed classroom training time.

Q: I have completed the classroom training, when can I schedule behind-the-wheel training?

A: You receive an e-mail and phone call requesting that you schedule your behind-the-wheel training within 48 business hours of completing the classroom training.

Q: What are your hours for behind-the-wheel training?

A: Hours vary based on instructor availability and are usually available 7 days per week as late as 8:00 p.m.

Q: What if I feel my child is not ready for the behind-the-wheel training after classroom training is completed?

A: We offer simulation training at a cost of \$35 per hour or \$70 for 2 hours (Separate sessions). This does not account for any drive time or driver's training required to fulfil Joshua's Law.

Q: Whom should I contact if I need to reschedule or I am running late for my behind-the-wheel training?

A: You must send an email to driversed@gptc.edu at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled appointment to reschedule. You may also email us if you are running late. Please try to arrive to all sessions at least 15 minutes early. Arriving more than 30 minutes late to a session will result in a fee assessment equal to the instructor's hourly rate.

Q: What are the dates and times of the classroom training?

A: We hold classes throughout the year primarily on weekends; we will provide a schedule of dates after registration. (A minimum class size is required at either location). The locations for classroom training are:

Regional Transportation Center 6720 Marbut Road, Lithonia GA 30058

Rockdale Career Academy 1064 Culpepper Drive, Conyers GA 30094

Q: Do you offer the behind-the-wheel training at both locations?

A: Behind-the-wheel training is conducted at the Regional Transportation Center, however pick-ups and drop offs are available by request during scheduling to and from the Rockdale Career Academy.

Q: When will I receive my Certificate of completion?

A: Within one business week after completing the course, the certificate of completion distributed by e-mail [to e-mail address on file] and U.S. mail.

For more information, visit our website: www.gptc.edu