

The Ashley R. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

TO: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
FROM: THE ASHLEY R. THOMPSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
SUBJECT: COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR FALL 2017 TERM

The Ashley R. Thompson Memorial Scholarship trustees are accepting applications for the Class of 2017 College Scholarship award. We have created this scholarship to reward a graduating high school senior that has been active in his/her school and community, has successfully completed his/her high school requirements, has displayed a strong work ethic and positive attitude, and has a passion to reach peers with a safe teen driving message.

To be eligible for consideration the applicant must be High School senior entering college in the fall of 2017.

Please return applications and video by May 5, 2017 to:

ARTScholarship@theartofdriving.org

Complete application packet **must be received** by May 5th 2017 to be considered.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000, will be credited to the student's account at the college or university designated at the time of the award.

About Ashley R. Thompson

Ashley Thompson was completing her sophomore year at Lake Braddock High School when she tragically lost her life as the result of a single vehicle crash on June 10, 2003.

Ashley was an honor student, competitive gymnast and compassionate young lady. Ashley had been involved in gymnastics since the age of four and trained at Capital Gymnastics National Training Center. She was also a member of the LBSS woman's gymnastics team. Ashley's positive attitude and spirit touched all who met her. Her drive to always do her best despite any obstacle and her unstoppable work ethic were her trademark. Her unforgettable laugh and radiant smile are remembered by all who knew her. It was said that, "Ashley had so many friends because she was a friend to so many". An academic scholarship has been established in Ashley's honor. This scholarship will assist students who capture Ashley's spirit, enthusiasm and love of life, begin their college careers.

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Class of 2017

Applicant Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ DOB: MM: ____ DD: ____ YY: ____
City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____ Phone No.: (____) ____ - ____
High School: _____ Parent or Guardian Name: _____

College or University you plan to attend: _____

Address of College or University: _____

Please list any special honors that you have received during High School (you may also list any College Scholarships awarded):

Have you been employed while attending school: No _____ Yes _____ (If yes please list).

STEP #1:

In 500 words or less tell us how you feel teens could be positively influenced to practice safe driving habits as well as be smarter passengers.

STEP #2:

Create a 55 seconds or less video to encourage/motivate your peers to “Survive the 5” leading causes of teen vehicle crashes. Use our website (www.theartofdriving.org) to learn more about surviving the 5! This will give you a platform to spread an important message and positively influence your peers. Your video will be used on our website and social media outlets to reach other teens. Be creative and let your personality shine. Please make sure it is in good taste and do not film anyone driving distracted or in an unsafe manner. Please see complete rules at the end of the application.

STEP #3:

Please send a high school transcript and letter of recommendation from a teacher/or counselor to the selection committee. These can be sent under separate cover (optional) to:

The ART of Driving

PO Box 95

Fairfax, VA 22038

OR: PDF along with your application

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I certify that the above information, enclosed transcripts, essay, and video are correct, accurate and my own work.

Rules for Video

- All entries are the property of The ART of Driving/Ashley Renee Thompson Memorial Foundation (whether you are the winner or not).
- No entry will be accepted with footage showing a person texting while driving or engaging in other risk behaviors.
- If you are under 18 (and the winner), your parent will be asked to sign an eligibility form.
- If music is used in your video it must be original or provided from a "Creative Commons" site.
- Use a camera of HD quality – film resolution of at least 720x480.
- Following formats are preferred:
MOV,MPEG4,MP4,AVI,WMV,MPEGPS,FLV,3GPP,WebM
- If using an iPhone shoot footage horizontally, not vertically.
- If sending your video separately from your application, please be sure to include your contact information. You may send via flash drive if you prefer.

What are we looking for?

- Capture The ART of Driving's message of being safe drivers and smart passengers. BE CREATIVE!!
- Incorporate the "Survive the 5" message to help others teens understand that it is more than one risk factor putting them in danger of a crash.
- Be persuasive; capture the attention of your peers. Make sure your message is clear.
- We need your video to be of good production quality.
- There is a possibility that your video will be used on social media and your name will be tagged with it