Help Stop Teen Drinking, Marijuana Use & Impaired Driving

EARN $500 FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

Join the battle to stop teen drinking, marijuana use, and impaired driving to receive a $500 no-strings-attached grant for your high school group.

Here's the Deal:

A number of government agencies and State Farm Insurance are teaming up to provide teens with an opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles that don't include alcohol or marijuana use. It's ***easy, fun*** and there is a ***reward*** for teens who participate.

How to Participate:

1. Look at this list of **Action Steps.** The subject you'll be working with includes either impaired driving, marijuana use, or teen alcohol use. Choose **five** Action Steps with these subjects in mind. Send a letter to the following address (see sample letter on page 2) listing which five Action Steps you plan to undertake:

   Kathy Droke
   Washington Traffic Safety Commission
   P.O. Box 40944
   Olympia, WA 98504-0944
   ~OR~
   kdroke@wtsc.wa.gov
   ~OR~
   360-586-6489 (FAX)

   That's all you need to do to apply. If your grant is approved, then you will:

2. Do the Action Steps and take photos. The photos provide proof that you did what you said you would do. When you are done, email the photos and a letter signed by your advisor (see sample letter on page 3) describing each of the Action Steps to Kathy Droke at **kdroke@wtsc.wa.gov**.

3. The last step involves getting your advisor to sign an A-19 form. It's easy and simple. The form will be supplied to you in your approval letter.

ACTION STEPS – choose five from this list

1. Develop a brochure or flyer that describes the dangers of teen alcohol or marijuana use. Make it personal, with facts, personal stories, opinion from your fellow students, and visuals. Distribute at least 50 copies to your peers.
2. Develop a commitment banner – have 100 students sign the banner making a pledge not to drink alcohol or smoke marijuana (or similar message).
3. Write an article or letter-to-the-editor about the dangers of alcohol or marijuana use (or similar theme). Submit it to your school and/or town newspaper.
4. Develop a poster about the dangers of teen alcohol or marijuana use. Put up at least 12 posters around your high school.
5. Develop two large banners. The first one says "Draw The Line Between Youth and Alcohol." The second one says: "Honk If You Agree." Hold these banners in a visible location where passing motorists can see them (for a minimum of one hour). Assign several students the task of counting the number of passing motorists who see your message.
6. Develop a PowerPoint presentation about the dangers of teen alcohol or marijuana use. Give the presentation to a class or adult service club like the Kiwanis or Chamber of Commerce.
7. Write a speech, song, poem, or play about alcohol or marijuana and present it to your class, an all-school assembly, an adult service club like the Kiwanis or Chamber of Commerce, and/or post it on YouTube.
8. Build a memory wall with photos from young people who have been hurt or killed in vehicle collisions. Include information and statistics about the importance of not driving impaired or smoking marijuana.
9. Work with your fellow students and teachers to develop a program on teen alcohol or marijuana issues. Bring in a guest speaker.
10. Conduct an *opinion survey* of at least 50 students from your school about teen alcohol or marijuana use. Compile the results into a report.
11. Working with your teacher, advisor, coach, or local traffic safety professional, develop a plan to support the State Farm 'Celebrate My Drive' Project. Http://www.celebratemydrive.com/home
12. Develop an education program on alcohol and/or marijuana and give it to a junior high school class or your fellow high school students.
13. Develop a video on the dangers of teen alcohol or marijuana use. Post it to YouTube.
14. Sponsor a table where you share safety information concerning alcohol or marijuana use. Host this during lunch or at an athletic event.
15. Other: An Action Step is something that promotes awareness about the issue within the high school community or the larger community. Do you have a different idea of what you'd like to do? Describe it in your application letter and we'll let you know if it's approved.

Who Can Apply: Organizations with non-profit or not-for-profit (501C(3) tax status, schools and local government agencies. All organizations need to have a statewide vendor number (most schools already do) and an A-19 form. You will receive these forms upon your approval.

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Apply

Snail Email Fax

How To Apply?

So simple! Just cut and paste this letter (on the right) and insert your own Action Steps. If you are a student, have your sponsoring coach, teacher, or advisor sign it. Then send it to Kathy Droke at the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

Email: kdroke@wtsc.wa.gov

Fax: 360-586-6489

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Apply The Teen Alcohol, Marijuana Use , and Impaired Driving Application

Sample Action Steps Application Letter

Kathy Droke
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P.O. Box 40944
Olympia, WA 98504-0944

RE: Teen Alcohol, Marijuana use, and Impaired Driving Application

Dear Ms. Droke,

I am *(your name, title, high school, and the group you represent.)* We agree to do the following five Action Steps to obtain a $500 no-strings-attached grant:

- List Your Action Step #1
- List Your Action Step #2
- List Your Action Step #3
- List Your Action Step #4
- List Your Action Step #5

We agree to have these tasks completed and the follow up letter sent to WTSC by this date: _____.

We have _____ (example: 930) students and faculty at our school.

Please contact me at *(your email address)* or at the following address to let me know if we qualify for this grant. Also, I understand that you will provide me with an A-19 form if my grant is approved.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Group you represent
High School Name and Address

_____ _____
Print Advisor's Name Advisor's Signature

Receive How To Get Your Money

$500 Get Your Money!

(...it won't shower down on you, but it will be a lot of fun all the same)

How to get your money:

When you receive your approval from WTSC, and after you do your five Action Steps and take photos, submit the follow-up letter (on the right) that describes what you have done. Don't forget to include photos (one photo per Action Step) or some documentation that proves that you took the steps.

If you are a student, the follow-up letter must be signed by your sponsoring coach, teacher, or advisor. Your school will receive the grant funds once your A-19 form is submitted and approved.

Follow-up letter:

Kathy Droke
Washington Traffic Safety Commission
P.O. Box 40944
Olympia, WA 98504-0944

RE: Teen Alcohol, Marijuana use and Impaired Driving Follow-up Letter

Dear Ms. Droke,

I am *(your name, title, high school, and the group you represent.)*
We have completed the following five Action Steps against teen alcohol and/or marijuana use, or impaired driving to obtain a $500 no-strings-attached grant.

Photos and samples are attached. This is what we did:

- List Your Action Step #1
- List Your Action Step #2
- List Your Action Step #3
- List Your Action Step #4
- List Your Action Step #5

Sincerely,

Your Name
Group you represent
High School Name and Address

Print Advisors Name | Advisors Signature

If you have questions including where to get your A19 form, contact Kathy Droke at kdroke@wtsc.wa.gov

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