KEYS TO INDEPENDENCE
Driver's Education Scholarship Program

OUR MISSION

The Southeastern Chapter National Safety Council’s mission is to promote change to eliminate preventable injuries, death and loss in the communities we serve. We work to achieve our mission by providing education, awareness, advocacy and prevention in three core areas: roadways, workplaces and communities.

On the road, SCNSC offers trainings in defensive driving to educate youth and adults about the dangers of distracted driving and roadway hazards. Our goal is to spread educational programs throughout the region to eliminate preventable incidents and deaths on our roadways.
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

KEYS TO INDEPENDENCE: DRIVER'S EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Learning to drive is a rite of passage to young adulthood for thousands of South Carolina youth. It brings new levels of independence and opportunities, enabling young people to take themselves to school, work, and participate in extra-curricular activities. But teens who do not have access to a driver's education program may wait longer to obtain a license and will often miss the important skills and training taught during driver's education.

The National Safety Council Driving Academy is the only non-profit driving school in South Carolina! The course is instructed by certified law enforcement officers who have experience with, and a passion for, educating young adults.

In 2019, SCNSC launched the Keys to Independence: Driver’s Education Scholarship, providing hundreds of Midlands students FREE driver’s education.

STUDENTS RECEIVE:

8 Hours Classroom Training
The 8-hour training takes place at the SCNSC training facility in Irmo, SC and includes lunch and snacks for the students.

6 Hours Behind-the-Wheel Training
The hands-on training will take place in at least three 2+ hour sessions. SCNSC Instructors will pick up the students in our program vehicles at their homes, school or other designated locations.

SCDMV Road Test
After completing the required training hours, students will take the SCDMV road test with one of our certified instructors and receive a driver’s license.

If you are interested in enrolling in the National Safety Council Driving Academy, please contact Matt Coffin at mcoffin@scnsc.org or call (800) 733-6185, and mention that you would like to enroll for the Keys to Independence Scholarship.