



DeMayo Law Offices
Arrive Alive[®] Scholarship
2025

Celebrating 23 Years of Supporting Academic Excellence

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About the Scholarship: History

In 2003, Mr. Michael A. DeMayo launched the Arrive Alive® Scholarship Program to support high school seniors with the rising expenses of a college education. In its inaugural year, the program awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to Mecklenburg County seniors, who were invited to submit essays on preventing underage drinking and driving among their peers. Over the years, the scholarship has expanded to reach more students throughout our region. Last year, DeMayo Law Offices awarded 15, \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students.

In 2025, DeMayo Law Offices will proudly award \$5,000 to ten graduating seniors for a total of \$50,000 in scholarship funds. The \$5,000 can be used towards tuition, room and board, books, and other costs associated with their college education.

The goal of the Arrive Alive Scholarship is to raise awareness and invest in the safety and lives of our youth. DeMayo Law Offices has tirelessly championed eliminating underage drinking and driving and distracted driving. By raising awareness with messaging directly from their peers to their peers, it is our sincere hope that we eliminate the number one cause of injuries and death in our teen population. It is our goal and objective that they ARRIVE ALIVE®. We are proud to have made a difference in our community for over 23 years and we look forward to creative and inspiring applications from our 2025 applicants!

Instructions

All applications, transcripts, letters of recommendations, *SAT/ACT scores and presentations MUST be mailed in a single package. Items sent separately or in any other form will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarships are judged and awarded without regard to race, gender, color, religion, creed, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current high school senior who attends school and lives in the following counties:

North Carolina: Mecklenburg, Gaston, Catawba, Union, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rowan, Caldwell, Stanly, Iredell, Alexander, Burke, Robeson, Scotland, Richmond, Anson and Cumberland.

South Carolina: York, Chester, Cherokee, Lancaster, and Chesterfield.

- Must be accepted for full-time enrollment or planning to pursue a degree at an accredited four year college or university.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Deadline to Apply

All entries must be postmarked on or before midnight on **Monday, March 24, 2025**. Entries sent by email will not be accepted. DeMayo Law Offices, L.L.P. will not be responsible for any late, lost or damaged entries.

How to Apply

Applications and supporting documents are also available on our website at www.DeMayoLaw.com. Click on the DeMayo Cares page, then click on 2025 DeMayo Law Offices Arrive Alive® Scholarship Application.

Mail your application and required documents to the following designated address:

2025 DeMayo Law Offices Arrive Alive® Scholarship

Attn: Ms. Iphigenia Sarrimanolis
PO Box 34426
Charlotte, NC 28234

Entering your Application:

High school seniors must provide all of the following items in a single submission to qualify for consideration:

1. Scholarship application (typed or neatly printed) and a recent photo of yourself.
2. An essay, billboard, brochure, website home page, or music video presentation that discourages underage drinking and driving and distracted driving plus highlights the dangers of drinking and driving and distracted driving.
3. Official or unofficial high school transcript (must include class rank, size and test scores).
4. SAT **or** ACT scores (if not included in transcript, a printout from CollegeBoard.com is acceptable).
 - a. Due to the fact that SAT/ACT testing and results for 2024/25 college applicants have been eliminated at most if not all colleges and universities, we will not require that applicants submit any standardized testing to be considered for the DeMayo Law Offices Arrive Alive® Scholarship, 2025. Students who wish to include testing as part of their application may do so, but those who do not will not be penalized in the application review.
5. Two letters of recommendation (from teachers, athletic coaches, school administrators, club advisors, volunteer work supervisors, employers, religious leaders or family friends). Letters of recommendation should assess the applicant's academic potential, his/her progress and academic achievements, community/school involvement or volunteer activities.

Submissions and Presentations

Every year almost 2,500 teens in the United States aged 13-19 are killed, and about 285,000 are treated in emergency rooms for injuries from motor vehicle crashes. On average that amounts to 11.8 Billion Dollars in medical and work related losses a year. The risk of being in a wreck is higher among teens aged 13-19 than any other age group. When there is alcohol or distracted driving involved, the number of injuries and deaths increased when compared to other age groups. The purpose of the DeMayo Law Offices Arrive Alive® Scholarship is to create unique and compelling peer to peer messaging that speaks to teenagers in a clear and convincing fashion. The facts and statistics have not changed over the years but the means of communicating and encouraging fellow teens to abstain from drinking and driving as well as distracted driving requires thought and creativity. Presentations must be received in the following form:

Essay

750-1,000 words - Must be typed and double-spaced.

Billboard

14' x 48' horizontal board lay out

Brochure/Booklet

8 page minimum

Website Home Page

A printed version must be submitted with your application.

Music Video

Create an original non-copyrighted song/jingle and music video. Your submission must be loaded on a flash drive to be included with your application.

Selection of Winners

A panel of judges representing the DeMayo Law Offices will choose 10 winners. The Scholarship Committee will consider these criteria in making their selection: academic achievement; letters of recommendation; SAT or ACT scores; community and school involvement; and presentation. The presentations will be judged on students' abilities to analyze, discuss, and present the topic.

The decision of the judges will be final. Each scholarship recipient will be notified by telephone. Applicants who are not selected will receive a letter via email. Entries will be disqualified if they contain vulgar or inappropriate content; are not turned in with all of the proper paperwork; use copyrighted materials; or use content that has not been properly cited.

Number of Awards

Ten winners will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship to the college/ university of their choice. Odds of winning a prize depends on the number of entries received.

Method of Scholarship Disbursement

Awards are paid in one installment. Scholarship checks are made out to both the student and the 4-year College or accredited institution.

Ownership of Scholarship Entries

All entries submitted to the DeMayo Law Offices, L.L.P. in connection with the scholarship, along with all copyright, trademark and other proprietary rights associated therewith, become the property of the DeMayo Law Offices, L.L.P. upon submission. Entry materials will not be returned to any entrant. By submitting an entry, you acknowledge that DeMayo Law Offices, L.L.P. will own all rights to use, modify, reproduce, publish, perform, display, distribute and promote the artwork in perpetuity without compensation to you or any other person.

Use of Name, Likeness, Etc.

As a condition of receiving a scholarship, each winner as well as their parents or legal guardians will be required to consent to the use of their name, area of residence, and school name. You must also consent to using your likeness (as in a photograph or on television) and prize information, without limitations, for promotional purposes without further payment.

Third-Party Intellectual Property

Please do not incorporate any third-party intellectual property in your submission, such as third-party trademarks, copyrights, or other third party proprietary or protected information or contents. All content and materials in your submission must be original to the applicant. The use of any unauthorized third-party intellectual property in your submission will result in disqualification of your application.

Release

By entering the contest, you and your parents or legal guardians release and agree to hold harmless the DeMayo Law Offices, L.L.P., and each of their partners or employees, from any liability whatsoever in connection with entering the contest, accepting any prize, or anything that may arise related to the contest. The DeMayo Law Offices reserves the right to use the concepts from entries submitted in the competition. All winning entrants will be required to sign releases and waivers of liability.

Questions?

DeMayoScholarship@demayolaw.com



PERSONAL INFORMATION

All personal information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Please send a recent photo of yourself with this application.

Please type or print clearly.

Name _____

Preferred Name (Nickname) _____

HighSchool _____

County _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone # _____ Cell phone # _____

Email address _____ Gender: Male Female

Weighted GPA _____ Class rank: _____ of _____ total students

SAT Scores: V _____ M _____ W _____ Combined _____

ACT Scores: E _____ M _____ R _____ S _____ Combined _____

Intended Major _____

College/University you plan to attend this fall _____

If undecided, please list where you have applied or been accepted _____

List all other scholarships for which you have applied and the status of each (whether the scholarship has been granted).

Mother's Name (or Legal Guardian) _____

Father's Name (or Legal Guardian) _____

Home Address _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone # _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Email Address _____

Employer _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____

Occupation _____

Please mention any circumstances that may affect your ability to pay for college (i.e., unemployed parent).

Please explain if you and your family have been directly affected by drinking and driving.



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