

AMSAF 20 Under 20 Contest

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Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation won a \$5,000 grant from the Allstate Good Ride Grant contest in 2013. The goal of the AMSAF 20 Under 20 program is to provide basic motorcycle rider training for 20 riders under 20 years of age. AMSAF believes that learning how to ride the right way early gives a rider the confidence and skills to ride safely.

In addition to the 20 Basic Rider Course (BRC) winners, AMSAF awarded fourteen \$100 discounted courses. Here are some of the winning reasons given for wanting to win a free BRC offered in this AMSAF contest.

Kristi McDougall

I have wanted to take the motorcycle training class because I've been saving up for 4 months now and I'm saving for a Ninja 300! I am so insanely stoked to take these classes whether I get this free basic course. I would be extremely blessed to win the contest especially because I have to be buying this all myself. This is awesome guys! Really good program I'm excited to take the courses.

Matthew Wells

I would love to learn to ride. I need a low cost mode of transportation for a new job that I'm starting and a motorcycle would be perfect. I want to learn the right way and rider training course seems to fit the bill. Thanks for reading this and have a great day!

Dakota Dixon

My mom took the team Arizona weekend rider class and recommends it to her friends who are thinking of buying a bike. I will get the title to my mom's old 81 Ironhead sportster on my 18th birthday, I'd like classes to help me prepare for this new adventure in my life. Thank you.

Wawn Mills

I have had two different bikes now but my mother won't let me ride until I take your class I have had to sell both bikes before I could even ride them. I can't afford to take the class on my own. I'm ready to ride! Also I think it's in my best interest to take the course through you guys and learn the correct way to ride! Thank you!

Daniel Shumway

I have been interested in motorcycle riding for years. Several members of my family ride motorcycles, and I have always loved the exhilaration of riding passenger with them. I was never allowed to learn to ride motorcycles because of my age though, and I slowly forgot about my desire to ride as I moved on to college. But when I saw this scholarship I knew that I would have to jump at this opportunity. There isn't a better way to explore my interest than with TEAM Arizona.

Thaddeus Jones

My dad has been riding for over 20 years and I always hear the great stories from the road. I want to be able to be apart of these stories and know that I was able to share similar stories with my kids someday. Having a motorcycle would allow me to spend more quality time with both my dad and step mom who now rides with him.

Hector Sanchez

I would like to buy a motorcycle one day and go cross country during a vacation. I believe in safety and I'm sure that this is a good opportunity to learn and be safe at the same time.

Quintin Riehle

I like motorcycles and need to learn how to become a better rider. I think this contest could give me a possible chance of an opportunity, I wouldn't have otherwise. I would like to learn how to become safer, so that I will have a better time riding motorcycles. I would like to gain more skills and become more confident about riding motorcycles. I want to go riding with my dad and do so safely when we go riding. I think safety is very important and going to a class would be beneficial. Thank you.

Robert Welch for Keighlene Welch

Keighlene has ridden many a mile on the back of my bike with the Phoenix Vulcan Riders and I can't think of a better way to introduce her to the joys of two wheels than in the safety of a class with our friends at Team Arizona. I've tried to introduce Keighlene to as much cool stuff as possible in the last 16 years from hot laps at PIR in my car back in the day to front row at a RUSH concert when she was 6. It'd be awesome to see her earn a certificate and be ready to ride with her Daddy-O.

Todd De Baun for Marielle De Baun

My daughter has always wanted to ride a Vespa. I asked her about riding a motorcycle and she said that she doesn't know how. She said if I could ride a motorcycle would I be able to ride a Vespa? I told her that she would. If she takes the course and passes it, I will buy her a Vespa... I want to ride it too.

Richard De Anda for Koty De Anda

My son enjoys riding motorcycles. He first learned how to ride on a Yamaha 125 TTR dirt bike several years ago. As he got older and more experienced he moved on to my Yamaha 250 WRF, which is his now. He has ridden mine and my wife's street bikes and really enjoys that too. He wants to make his Yamaha street legal and start riding that in Tucson. He's a good rider with several years riding experience but he needs to get his endorsement and maybe he can join my wife and I on our riding trips.

Troy Hill for Charlie Hill

My son wants a motorcycle/scooter to ride to and from college. He currently rides the bus or drives a car, and he explains that it would be more economical and easier to find a parking spot. I told him I would never allow him to ride without an approved MSF course, him being a poor college student stated that he does not have the \$300 for the course and I stated that I am not going to pay for anything else. This contest would let both of us off of the hook if we won.

Andrea Smiley for Brandon Smiley

My son is very interested in riding, I want him to be safe and he also wants to be safe. He is unable to afford a class to take and I can only do so much to help. I am a single mom and want to make sure that when he does begin to ride he knows how to ride the correct way. This will new a great opportunity for him to learn.

Melissa Spallinger for Richard Spallinger

My husband & I are both riders. I took Basic Riders Course several years ago and believe it is important for my son as a driver & a potential rider to have these skills. Riders see drivers differently, this is a way to increase his driving skills & make him a more safe rider, which makes it better for all riders on the road.



Erica Farmer for Andrew Farmer

Andrew was diagnosed with a brain tumor September 2012. He has undergone 2 major surgeries, chemo, radiation, and gamma knife surgery. He is off all of his medications and his disease is stable. In June he got his driver's permit and is learning how to drive a car. He has dreamed of owning his own motorcycle. He is saving up to buy a dirt bike so that he can learn to ride that first. This scholarship would allow him to learn from an instructor and give him confidence on the road.

Teresa McClelland for Shannon McClelland

My daughter Shannon has been riding on the back of my bike for the last 7 years, she also enjoys riding dirt bikes and ATV's. Shannon became a Rescue Rider at the age of 10. She learned CPR and First Responder skills. She has been assisting me with Accident Scene Management classes for the same length of time. She is a 3.0 Gpa student and is also planning on becoming a Nurse. As she is preparing to get her drivers license, she stated she cannot wait to have her M endorsement.

Jorge Reza for Kyle Reza

My daughter Kyle is 19 year old and is expressing interest in learning how to ride a motorcycle. As her father and a motorcycle enthusiast, I support the idea as long as she attends formal training before attempting to ride solo on the streets. Furthermore, I will be requiring her to periodically attend continuing education courses and stay up to date on new and improved riding and safety techniques.

Troy Haugen for Judy Haugen

My daughter Judy has seen how much enjoyment I get out of riding my motorcycle and she has always wanted to have a motorcycle of her own. I told her I would not have a problem with her getting one with the condition that she first had to enroll in and pass a rider safety course. I took the Basic rider course through Team Arizona and have taken a couple of experienced rider courses since then. I know how the instruction she would receive would be invaluable throughout her riding days.

Carrie Baillie for Merrick Kurcsics

My son Merrick is an awesome kid. He just turned 16, is a sophomore in High School with a 3.5 grade average. He is in advanced classes and does stage crew which is the production team for the High School. His stepdad William Baillie works for chandler Harley Davidson. Merrick wants to go to MMI when he graduates High School. This would be the perfect opportunity for him to begin his lifetime of riding. Team Arizona is the only organization I would want to train him. Thank you so much.

Terry Bronson for Kaitlin Paridee

Both, Kaitlin's mother and stepfather (me) have been riding for over three years and enjoy the experience. Kaitlin usually rides on the back of my bike, and really wants to learn (correctly) how to ride on her own. She's 19, currently attending school and retaining a straight "A" average. Kaitlin enjoys getting together with our riding group weekly, attending monthly rides but would enjoy more if she was on her own ride. This training opportunity would go along with the bike for her graduation.

Todd Rooker for Ryan Brown

I didn't start riding until I was 40. My 19 year old step-son lost his father to cancer about 4 1/2 years ago. He has shown an interest in learning to ride a motorcycle but doesn't have one to learn on. My Big Bear Chopper wouldn't be the best bike for him to learn on either, so we are caught in a bit of a dilemma. It would be great for him to learn to ride, as it would fulfill a dream of his, while also giving us the opportunity be able to build a stronger bond by riding together.

Cesar Zuniga for Martin Zuniga

My son came to me about a year before turning 18 with the crazy idea that he wanted to get a motorcycle so that it would be cheaper for him to commute to college. At first, and till this day I think it's a risk but he has proved to be very responsible, he's doing great in college and works part time. He definitely deserves to have what he wants in life. This is just a little way I would like to help and tell him that I appreciate his hard work.

Andy Rodriguez for Genette Rodriguez

My daughter, Genette, fell in love with the way that bikers interact as family. Ever since I started riding and took her for a ride, she has been wanting a bike of her own to share the love with me. Genette has taken it upon her to get her permit but has been unable to find a bike to practice on that will suit her size. I have suggested to her to take the class so not only I can feel more comfortable but so that she could be a safe driver out on the open road.

Gina Foxworth for David Polidoro

I am entering for my son. David recently joined the National Guard and is in training for a few months and will be returning home in March. He has said he wants to get a motorcycle to ride back and forth to school (an hour away) and work. I believe taking a riders course is the best way to learn to ride. Let's face it, if kids have to pay for something themselves, they will be less likely to do it. So it would be awesome if he could win.

Gina Foxworth for Richard Polidoro

I am entering for my son. Ricky will be moving to Tempe in a few months to go to college (equals no cash flow) and he wants to get a motorcycle. Traffic in the Phoenix area is crazy enough without experiencing it on 2 wheels! I am entering this contest for both of my sons, separately (twins=no cash flow for ME!) I would feel more comfortable if they had the proper training. I learned to ride by taking a riders course and I believe it's the way to go!

JD Smith for Laurel Smith

To help my daughter to learn to ride a motorcycle and receive her license endorsement.

JD Smith for Madison Smith

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