



## Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs Memorial Sign Eligibility Requirements

(All applications must be completed and signed by the next of kin, must have a copy of a police report attached, and a copy of the death certificate for each victim listed on the application).

### The following are general eligibility requirements:

- 1) The next of kin may be a spouse, child, sibling, parent/legal guardian, or grandparent. The next of kin of a victim of homicide by vehicle caused by a person driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs may apply.
- 2) Crime must be reported to law enforcement and there must be a violation of Code Section 40-6-391, which is the Driving Under the Influence statute.
- 3) Family members of the person(s) charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or that caused the homicide by vehicle crash are not eligible for the placement of a memorial sign. (*Does not apply to minors*).
- 4) In the event of multiple claims arising out of a single motor vehicle accident, the names of all deceased victims for whom such claims are made by the next of kin will be placed on one sign or one sign and plaque. In other words, there shall be one sign per vehicular homicide (DUI) crash, not per claimant. Under special circumstances, more than one sign and plaque may be placed at the accident site at the discretion of the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board and the Department of Transportation.
- 5) The Department of Transportation is only authorized to place memorial signs on roads that are considered a part of the state highway system, so crashes occurring on roads outside of the state highway system will not be eligible for a memorial sign.
- 6) Approval of this application will only qualify the claimant for a memorial sign. The applicant must submit a separate application for benefits offered by the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board (i.e., medical, funeral, crime scene clean-up, mental health counseling, and/or lost wages/loss of support).
- 7) Approval for a memorial sign does not automatically qualify a claimant for benefits offered by the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board.
- 8) All memorial signs are standard signs, as set by state law, produced by the Department of Transportation and cannot be altered.