

# ***National Student Safety Program***



## ***AWARDS PROGRAM***

The youth safety organization of the  
American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

# ***NATIONAL STUDENT SAFETY PROGRAM***

The National Student Safety Program (NSSP) was created in 1956 by the National Commission on Safety Education, which was a part of the National Education Association. In 1970, leadership of NSSP was reverted to the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA). ADTSEA, a non-profit organization, became the parent organization.

NSSP encourages student organizations/schools to participate, plan, and conduct projects, events, and activities that promote highway safety education, prevent drug, tobacco, and alcohol-use/abuse/prevention, and provide accurate, up-to-date information and education regarding health and other issues that impact teens. An annual summer teen leadership training conference is held to provide students with an opportunity to network with other students from across the nation, exchange ideas, and to highlight outstanding safety programs and projects.

NSSP activities are coordinated by the ADTSEA office located in Indiana, PA.

## ***MISSION AND GOALS***

The NSSP mission is to reduce injuries and save lives by encouraging and assisting students to initiate and implement safety activities within their respective schools and communities. NSSP fosters awareness that there is a problem on our nation's highways, and students have the power to unite against the growing menace of highway fatalities.

The purpose of NSSP is to:

- stimulate interest in the conservation and enhancement of life through safety promotion;
- focus the attention of youth groups on the need for and benefits of co-curricular;
- provide a supportive network for teens to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices.

The NSSP goals are to:

- highway/traffic safety activities;
- empower students with encouragement, resources, and the leadership skills to carry out constructive and continuing highway/traffic safety programs in their schools and communities;
- provide leadership and a channel through which students can express their thoughts and ideas concerning safety and the well-being of human life.

## ***MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION***

Any school that houses senior high or college students may register for the program. Membership is free.

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## ***AWARDS PROGRAM***

NSSP recognizes outstanding student organizations/schools, projects, and individuals at an Awards Program held at the Annual NSSP Teen Leadership Training Conference conducted every summer. There are four award categories. Chapter members may enter one nominee per category.

## ***AWARD CATEGORIES***

The four award categories are:

1. National Youth Safety School/Club/Group Award  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners  
Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards
2. National Community Safety Award  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners
3. National Outstanding Individuals Award  
-Student of the Year, High School Division  
-Student of the Year, College Division  
-Advisor of the Year
4. Best in T-Shirt Design  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners

## ***JUDGES and JUDGING PROCESS***

The awards committee is composed of ADTSEA board members. They will serve as judges and reviews each nominee for award categories 1, 2, and 4. All judges will review award category 3 nominees.

If a judge has an entry form from their state they will not judge that entry.

## ***HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION***

Each school group can submit one nominee per award category. Each nominee's documentation evidence must have the official NSSP nomination form attached. **Nominations should be submitted at the conference location on conference registration day.**

## ***QUESTIONS***

Questions on the Awards Program should be made to ADTSEA at 724-801-8246

# AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

## **Category 1 – National Safety School/Club/Group Award**

These awards recognize the combined group elements and activities that support a broad, sustained and successful year-long youth safety school/club/group. A perfect score is 100 points. The awards to be presented are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners based on the three highest final scores. In addition, three levels of distinction are recognized – Gold level for a 90 to 100 point final score, Silver level for a 80 to 89 point final score, and Bronze level for a 70 to 79 point final score. Documentation evidence should be submitted in scrapbook, video or DVD/CD format.

❖ Fulfillment of stated mission statement	25%
❖ Quality of projects completed & quantity	25%
❖ Variety of community involvement	15%
❖ Leadership and presentation/design	10%
❖ Number of students involved in the planning of events/projects	10%
❖ Number of people participating (audience)	5%
❖ Overall impression (neatness, grammar, photos, graphics design)	10%

## **Category 2 – National Community Safety Award**

These awards recognize a community safety project, event or activity that supports the NSSP vision and portrays a positive role model for the community. A perfect score shall be 100 points. Three awards will be given to the three highest scores as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Documentation evidence should be submitted in scrapbook, video or DVD/CD format.

❖ Project in harmony with mission statement	15%
❖ Creativity and originality of project	20%
❖ Planning, implementation and follow-up	20%
❖ Student Involvement	20%
❖ Community involvement/response	10%
❖ Benefit to community	15%

## **Category 3 – National Outstanding Individuals**

These awards recognize individuals who have been influential and have contributed substantially to the NSSP vision and safety mission throughout the year. One winner will be selected for each category. Nominees must submit a nomination form and at least three letters of recommendation that include a description of how the nominee demonstrated the criteria for the respective category.

### **National Student of the Year, High School Division**

- ❖ School and community involvement
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Dedication and reliability
- ❖ Student in good standing (drug-free, uses safety belts, no motor vehicle violations)

**National Student of the Year, College Division**

- ❖ School and community service at college attending
- ❖ Past school or community service at high school attended
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Dedication and reliability
- ❖ Student in good standing (drug-free, uses safety belts, no motor vehicle violations)

**National Advisor of the Year**

- ❖ Facilitation of student empowerment
- ❖ Reliability and commitment
- ❖ Motivational ability

**Category 4 – Best in T-shirt Design**

These awards recognize the marketing efforts of teens in promoting NSSP’s mission with T-shirt designs. An entry shall consist of the T-shirt and a short summary of the objectives of the design. A perfect score is 25 points. Three awards will be given to the three highest scores as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

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| ❖ Creativity and originality   | 5 |
| ❖ Identification of school/club/group<br>clear and easily recognizable | 5 |
| ❖ Safety message/theme in line with NSSP mission                       | 5 |
| ❖ Attractiveness of layout/graphics                                    | 5 |
| ❖ Overall appeal   | 5 |