



Patroller of the Year Application

A proud tradition, the AAA School Safety Patrol program began in the U.S. in 1920 and now includes more than 654,000 Patrollers in 34,500 U.S. schools. Students who give their time and energy to make the AAA School Safety Patrol a success are encouraged and supported by school officials, parent-teacher groups, police departments and AAA clubs.

This partnership of concerned adults and children has brought about significant improvements in the incidence of traffic deaths and injuries among child pedestrians. The presence of Patrollers has had a significant impact on the safety of child pedestrians who travel to and from school.

In addition, Patrollers serve as student leaders by demonstrating safe pedestrian habits while helping others understand traffic safety concepts.

In 2002, AAA introduced the Patroller of the Year award to recognize Patrollers who best exemplify leadership qualities and perform their duties effectively and responsibly, without incident. Nominees must submit an essay expressing their feelings regarding their patrol experience.

Please read through the following information on the Patroller of the Year Award and submit your application on our website.

Eligibility Criteria

Principals, AAA School Safety Patrol Advisors, teachers or members of law enforcement may nominate a current-year Patroller or multiple Patrollers who each must:

- Be a student in the school's AAA School Safety Patrol program
- Demonstrate leadership qualities, safety skills, school involvement and citizenship/volunteerism
- Value the patrol experience

Nomination Materials

The nomination requirements:

1. Basic nomination information
2. Examples of nominee qualifications based on eligibility criteria
3. Student essay (written or video)
4. A high-resolution photo of the nominee and signed name and likeness release form (for use in winner announcements, if selected)

Judging Process

A panel of judges determines the Patrollers of the Year after reviewing and scoring all eligible nominations. Winning students from each geographic region of AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah will be selected and honored as Patrollers of the Year. Nominations are judged using the following criteria:

Capabilities

- Leadership qualities
- Safety skills
- School involvement
- Citizenship/volunteerism

Student Essay

- Content
- Understanding of traffic safety
- Sincerity
- Organization of ideas

Nomination Instructions

To be eligible for judging, the Patroller of the Year Application must be filled out completely and submitted on the School Safety Patrol website no later than the deadline listed. The information below is reflective of the online application.

1 - Nomination Information

a) School Information

- School name
- School address
- Grade levels the school serves
- Grade levels eligible to participate

b) Nominator Name

- Student name
- Grade

c) Nominator Name

- Staff position
- AAA School Safety Patrol position
- Phone number/extension
- Email address

d) Principal Name

- Phone number/extension
- Email address

2 - Examples of Nominee Qualifications

For each category, the nominator should provide a bulleted list of specific yet brief examples of the nominee's qualifications. The examples listed are simply suggestions; please use examples relevant to your nominee. Where applicable, include quantitative information to support your examples.

- **Leadership qualities (15 points)**
Examples may include communication skills, record-keeping, attendance, punctuality, care of patrol equipment, and leadership positions in school, sports or community groups.
- **Safety skills (15 points)**
Examples may include knowledge of patrol responsibilities, control of post, awareness of traffic dangers, understanding of emergency procedures, and efficiency in seeking adult guidance.
- **School involvement (10 points)**
Examples may include academic grades, school attendance and participation in activities such as newsletter, yearbook, clubs, sports or closed-circuit television productions.
- **Citizenship/volunteerism (10 points)**
Examples may include participation in outreach programs such as food or book drives, service as a student tutor, ushering, setup or cleanup at school events, publicity and communication efforts.

3 - Student Essay

The nominee must submit an essay on “How participating in my AAA School Safety Patrol helped me become a better leader.” The essay can be submitted in writing (500 word limit) or as a short video (2 minute limit). Video content can be uploaded on any online platform and a URL link must be inserted in the application form on the School Safety Patrol website. The nominee should briefly state their Patroller responsibilities, dates of service, identify leadership qualities they value, and explain how participation in the patrol program allowed them to develop these leadership qualities.

4 - Photo and Release Form

Please include a high-quality photo of the student (in Patrol equipment preferred) and parent/guardian-signed release form (see next page). These materials will only be used in the event that the student is selected as an award recipient.



Name and Likeness Release

AAA of Northern California, Nevada & Utah (AAA) has requested to use my name, voice, photograph, and likeness that may be captured in photos, video recordings, and audio recordings and any quotations or statements made by me (collectively, the **“Materials”**) relating to the interview, photo and/or video sessions conducted by AAA.

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Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Address:

If under 18 years old, a parent/guardian signature is required:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent/Guardian Print Name:
