



**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION
FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

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SCHOOL BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR

To Honor the Men and Women Who Safely Transport Our Children Each Day
Information and Application Materials: 2021

PURPOSE

The NYAPT has established the SCHOOL BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR award program to celebrate the work that school bus drivers do each and every day in our state. While there are hundreds of people involved in the school transportation enterprise, at the end of the day, it is those school bus drivers who have the responsibility for safely transporting 2.3 million children to and from school each day.

It is not our intent to select someone each year who is “better” than all the rest, but to allow ourselves to pause for a moment to recognize someone who is a really good school bus driver measured against the criteria we have defined. This is not a competition, but a recognition and celebration.

ELIGIBILITY

- The driver’s employer/supervisor must have been a member in good standing of the New York Association for Pupil Transportation for at least two consecutive years prior to this nomination;
- Nominee must possess a valid CDL with passenger endorsement, school bus endorsement and no points on their driving record;
- The nominee must have been employed for at least two full years with the employer who is submitting the nomination.
- An individual is eligible to win this award only one time.
- An individual who is nominated, but not selected can be nominated again in the future, but such nominations are not automatic.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The nominating entity or person shall send to NYAPT the following:

- A completed application (see attached)—no other form may be submitted or received;
- At least one photo of the nominee, preferably standing in front of or sitting in a school bus (up to three different photos may be submitted, as they are useful when announcing the award);
- Any testimonials from other drivers, technicians, dispatchers, school officials, union officials, parents and students that are available to the nominating entity/person;
- Submit the above-referenced information on or before May 16, 2020, addressed to:

NYAPT ATTN: DRIVER OF THE YEAR
1764 Route 9, P.O. Box 356
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CRITERIA FOR AWARD

- Overall Excellence Demonstrated as a School Bus Driver (15%)
- Continuity of Service as a School Bus Driver (10%)
- Participation in Safety Competitions (10%)
- Participation in Local School or Community Events (15%)
- Special Involvement with Students/Riders (15%)
- Exemplary or Heroic Action Relative to Safety of Riders (15%)
- Participation in Training Above and Beyond Local, State or Federal Requirements (15%)
- Structured Involvement Training or Mentoring Others (5%)

SCHEDULE FOR AWARD

May 14, 2021 Deadline for Applications to be submitted to NYAPT

May 15 - June 4, 2021 Applications Reviewed and Selection Process Completed

July 2021 Presentation of award winner at Annual Awards Banquet

JUDGING

NYAPT is responsible for judging of all the nominees and reserves the right to include a cross-section of the school transportation community in the process of judging and selecting the awardee each year.

NYAPT further reserves the right to select more than one nominee, but not more than two nominees, if that decision is appropriate given the nominees received in any given year.

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SCHOOL BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2021 APPLICATION

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION: _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT PHONE #: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

CRITERIA AND FACTORS FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

(Please respond to each factor thoroughly and accurately and provide documentation where such is available and will contribute to the narrative discussion you provide. You may use additional sheets of paper as necessary and appropriate to your nomination.)

Overall Excellence Demonstrated as a School Bus Driver (Discuss the overarching reasons why this driver should receive this award in your opinion and from your observations)

Continuity of Service as a School Bus Driver (Discuss the length of time this driver has performed in continuous service and how his or her service time has contributed to this nomination)

Participation in Safety Competitions (Discuss and explain the involvement of this individual in local or state 'road-eos' or other skills competition that demonstrate his or her capacity and skills)

Participation in Local School or Community Events (Discuss how the driver's involvement in local school and community events have contributed to his or her excellence as a driver and how that has contributed to this nomination)

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Special Involvement with Students/Riders (Describe or enumerate activities that this individual has engaged in that benefited students or his/her student riders. This might include work on poster contests or special safety drills or homework projects, etc.)

Exemplary or Heroic Action Relative to Safety of Riders (Share and discuss one or more significant actions taken by this driver that contributed to this nomination.)

Participation in Training Above and Beyond Local, State or Federal Requirements (Describe and enumerate the training and preparation that this individual participated in that stands out as preparing him or her to be a better, safer school bus driver.)

Structured Involvement Training or Mentoring Others (Describe any involvement this individual has had in terms of training for or mentoring of new drivers or aides or others in the employer's organization that makes him or her stand out.)

CERTIFICATION BY THE NOMINATOR

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NOMINATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY AND THAT IT REFLECTS ACCURATELY THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOMINATED.

I CERTIFY THAT THE DRIVER NOMINATED FOR THIS DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD HAS HAD NO PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS OF ANY KIND DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM IN A SUPERVISORY CAPACITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED AND CAN SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY TO HIS OR HER RECORD AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION.

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DATE: ___ / ___ / ___ SIGNATURE: _____

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