



AAA School Safety Patrol

PATROLLER OF THE YEAR

Deadline for Nominations: Friday, April 9, 2021

A proud tradition for more than 100 years, the AAA School Safety Patrol program now includes more than 679,000 Patrollers in 35,000 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, law enforcement 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.

New for 2021, AAA National will recognize one outstanding National Patroller of the Year who has demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities among a national pandemic. Nominees must submit an essay demonstrating how they have gone above and beyond to keep themselves and others safe and improve the wellbeing of peers.

Please read the following information before preparing the Patroller of the Year nomination package. Contact your local AAA club contact with any questions.

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 highest participating grade level of 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 package contains:

1. Basic nomination information
2. Examples of nominee qualifications based on eligibility criteria
3. Student essay

Judging Process

A panel of individual AAA clubs determines the Patrollers of the Year after reviewing and scoring all eligible nominations. Winning students from each participating AAA club are honored as National Patrollers of the Year. Nominations are judged using the following criteria:

Capabilities	Student essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership qualities• Safety skills• School involvement• Citizenship/volunteerism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Content• Understanding of traffic safety• Sincerity• Organization of ideas

Recognition Events

Recipients of Patroller of the Year awards may be honored at a local ceremony.

Additional Information

Please contact your local AAA club contact if you have any questions about the Patroller of the Year award or nomination process.

Please read carefully!

Your AAA Club Contact:
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Nomination Package Instructions

To be eligible for judging, each item in the nomination package must:

1. Be typed on standard 8½" x 11" paper
2. Contain the name of the school, nominator and nominee
3. Be emailed to your local AAA club contact by Friday, April 9, 2021

Item 1: Nomination Information

The nominator should provide the following information, in the order listed (one page).

a) School Information

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

b) Nominee Information

- 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

Item 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. A Patroller may be eligible to win whether they are participating in in-person learning, distance learning or in a hybrid model.

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; COVID-19 volunteer activities; service as a student tutor; ushering, setup or cleanup at school events; or publicity and communication efforts.

Item 3: Student Essay

In 500 or fewer words, the nominee should write an essay on the following topic: "How participating in my AAA School Safety Patrol helped me become a better leader during a national pandemic." The student should briefly state his or her Patroller responsibilities and dates of service, list one or more leadership qualities he or she believes are important in life, and explain how participation in the Patrol program allowed him or her to develop these qualities during an unprecedented year.