



SAFE DRIVER AWARDS

NATURE OF AWARD:

Award will be presented by PSBA in special recognition of a school bus driver's record of safety in the pupil transportation industry. The driver **MUST** meet or exceed a set of minimum rules of eligibility as set forth below.

FORM OF AWARD:

A special Safe Driver Award pin designed especially for the awards program will be given to each award candidate and a plaque.

SPONSORING CONTRACTOR:

PSBA contractor members sponsoring drivers for awards to be presented this school year, September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 will be recognized and honored at PSBA's 2017 Annual Convention in June at the Penn Stater Conference Center and Hotel in Center Valley, PA.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD:

Recommendation for the Safe Driver Award shall be entered on the OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM with the signature of the sponsoring school bus contractor required. The application requires the driver's home address. This is important and for PSBA Office use only in order to contact the appropriate legislators. A photocopy of the entry form may be used in the case of more than one (1) qualified driver in an operation. **Please include a photograph of the nominated driver for the Annual Safe Driver Awards Yearbook. We encourage digital pictures, however if sending a photo please make sure that the exposure is correct and the image is clear.**

DEADLINE:

All entries **MUST BE RECEIVED 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF YOUR AWARD PRESENTTION. NO EXTENSIONS** will be granted! Applications **MUST** be accompanied by a check or credit card for the appropriate fees **and a photograph of the nominee.**

FEES:

Application fee is \$25 per qualified and nominated driver.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY:

1. PAID MEMBERS ONLY. Sponsoring school bus contractors SHALL BE a current paid PSBA member of the fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. The sponsoring contractor shall also have been a PSBA member since 2015.
2. YEARS OF DRIVING. Drivers MUST have completed a minimum of five (5) consecutive years of driving a school bus with NO PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS on his/her record. Awards will be given in multiples of 5 year increments only, i.e. 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, etc.
3. DEFINITION OF PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT. PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT means the accident could have been prevented by reasonable action by the driver. The following driver failures could constitute adequate grounds for ruling an accident preventable and means the driver must start over at zero years of Safe Driving for the purpose of this Award.

FAILURE TO:

- follow defensive driving practices;
- adjust speed to condition of light, weather, road traffic;
- recognize and adjust to driver's own temporary physical, mental and emotional condition;
- observe conditions at rear of vehicle while backing;
- yield right-of-way when necessary to avoid an accident;
- control speed so as to be able to stop within assured clear distance ahead;
- observe traffic laws and ordinances;
- observe company operating rules or special instructions;
- observe safe practices taught in company training.

(Adopted from National Safety Council Award Rules)

PLEASE NOTE: Contractor determines final eligibility of driver!

4. DRIVER AWARD OPEN TO: Awards program is open to present and former drivers of school buses in Pennsylvania. Driver NEED NOT be a current licensed driver to qualify for the Award.
5. DRIVER EMPLOYER. Driver need not have been employed for the same transporter for the entire period to qualify for the Award.
6. EMPLOYER CODE OF ETHICS. Driver qualifying for Award MUST meet the sponsoring school bus contractor's own Code of Ethics in their pupil transportation operation.

EXAMPLE: YEARS OF DRIVING AND AWARD YEARS. If in 2015/16 school year a driver has driven 7 consecutive accident-free years, he will qualify for the 5-year Award. The same driver would have to drive for 3 more consecutive years without an accident to qualify to receive the 10-year Award in 2019.



2016/17 Safe Driver Awards Program Official Application Form

(all sections must be completed and a photograph must be attached or e-mailed)

Nominated Driver's Name: _____

Driver's Home Address: _____

Sponsoring Contractor: _____

Contractor Address: _____

Contractor Telephone Number: _____



PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS BELOW

(Incomplete application will be returned)

1. How many consecutive years has nominated driver driven a school bus without ever having a preventable accident? (Minimum of 5 years required for Award.) _____ YEARS
2. How many total years has nominated driver driven a school bus in his/her career as a school bus driver? _____ YEARS
3. How many years has this driver been employed by your company?
YEARS
4. If available, how many miles has this driver driven a school bus during: (Try to be as realistic and accurate as possible.)
 - Safe Driving Years Noted in NUMBER 1 above? _____ MILES
 - In his/her career as a school bus driver noted in NUMBER 2 above? _____ MILES
5. Does this person have an exceptional attendance record with your company? Comments, if applicable. _____ YES _____ NO



6. What type of route does this person drive (rural, urban, field trip, VoTech, Special Education)?

7. Please give a brief statement from sponsoring contractor why nominated driver qualifies for the Safe Driver Award: Or other comments sponsoring contractor would like to make about the driver that could be published in the Annual Yearbook. (Character, unusual/amusing incident, other responsibilities) Use additional pages if needed.

8. FEES: \$25.00

9. Date and Location of Company Awards Program: _____

10. I certify the information presented on the Official Application Form is accurate, to the best of my knowledge, and that every effort was made to answer all the questions.

(Sponsoring Contractor Signature)

(Please Print Name)

FINAL NOTE: All applications must be received or postmarked at least 30 days prior to the date the company is to hold their own awards ceremony. Extensions will not be granted for any reason due to advance preparation required prior to the event scheduled.

**PLEASE RETURN FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION and PHOTOGRAPH WITH CHECK or CREDIT CARD TO:
PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BUS ASSOCIATION Attn: Billing Office, 623 North Broad Street Lansdale, PA
19446 Please e-mail photos and completed application to office@paschoolbus.org**

Please indicate method of payment: ___ Check or Money Order Enclosed
 ___ Major Credit Card (circle one)
 (Visa, MasterCard, Discover)

Name as printed on Card: _____

Card Billing Address: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

