



# AAA School Safety Patrol

## PATROLLER OF THE YEAR

**2019-2020 Deadline for Nominations: Friday, February 21, 2020**

A proud tradition, the AAA School Safety Patrol program began in the U.S. in 1920 and 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, 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 National 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 the following information before preparing the Patroller of the Year nomination package.**

### 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

One student from Wisconsin will be selected as Patroller of the Year after the review and scoring of all eligible nominations. 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

### Recognition Events

The AAA Wisconsin Patroller of the Year will receive a 5-day, 4-night all-expense paid bus trip to Washington, DC with the Wisconsin Safety Patrol, Inc. group from April 29-May 2, 2020. The winning patroller will also receive free tickets and be recognized on the court at the AAA Safety Patrol Night at the Milwaukee Bucks game, April 12, 2020. Both the winning patroller and his/her school will receive award plaques during a local ceremony and the school's safety patrol program will receive a \$100 materials grant.

### Additional Information

Contact Joann Solberg, AAA-The Auto Club Group, 8401 Excelsior Drive, Madison, WI 53717; PH: 608-828-2486; FAX: 608-828-2530; or email: [jmsolberg@autoclubgroup.aaa.com](mailto:jmsolberg@autoclubgroup.aaa.com) with any questions. All nominations must be sent by Friday, February 21, 2020 to the contact information above.

# Nomination Package Instructions

Please read carefully!

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 stapled together
4. Be mailed in one envelope and sent to Joann Solberg, AAA-TheAuto Club Group, 8401 Excelsior Dr, Madison, WI 53717 by Friday, February 21, 2020.

## 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 (optional)

### d) Principal Name

- Phone number/extension
- Email address (optional)

## 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.

### 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; 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." 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.