



## NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

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## SCHOOL BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR

To Honor an Individual Who Safely Transports Our Children Each Day

### Information and Application Materials

#### PURPOSE

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 an exceptional school bus driver measured against the criteria we have defined. This is not a competition, but a recognition and celebration.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- The school bus 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 need to be resubmitted;

#### 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/or students that are available to the nominating entity/person;
- Submit the above-referenced information on or before May 1st addressed to:

NYAPT ATTN: SCHOOL BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR

1764 Route 9, P.O. Box 356

Clifton Park, NY 12065

Or electronically to: [Membership@nyapt.org](mailto:Membership@nyapt.org)

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AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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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 (10%)
- Special Involvement with Students/Riders (15%)
- Exemplary/Complimentary Action Relative to Safety of Riders (15%)
- Participation in Training Above and Beyond Local, State or Federal Requirements (15%)
- Structured Involvement in Training or Mentoring Others (10%)

### SCHEDULE FOR AWARD

May 1st of the Award Year - Deadline for Applications to be submitted to NYAPT

July of the Award Year - Presentation of Award Winner at NYAPT Annual Awards Banquet during the Annual Summer Conference

### JUDGING

NYAPT is responsible for the 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.

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**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2024 APPLICATION**

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S 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 comprehensive 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 their service time has contributed to this nomination.)

**Participation in Safety Competitions or Committees** (Discuss and explain the involvement of this individual in local or state 'road-eos' or other skills competition or other safety areas that demonstrate their capacity and skills.)

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

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**Special Involvement with Students/Riders** (List and describe activities that this individual has engaged in that benefited students. This might include work on poster contests or special safety drills or homework projects, etc.)

**Exemplary or Complimentary Action Relative to Safety of Riders** (Describe one or more actions taken by this driver that contributed to this nomination.)

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

**Structured Involvement in Training or Mentoring Others** (Describe any involvement this individual has had in terms of training or mentoring of drivers, aides or others in the employer's organization that makes them 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 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER NOMINATED FOR THIS DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD HAS HAD NO PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS OF ANY KIND DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR AND CURRENTLY MEETS ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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