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FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

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SCHOOL BUS TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

To Honor an Individual Who Maintains Our Vehicles for the Safe Transport of Our Children Each Day

Information and Application Materials

PURPOSE

The School Bus Technician of the year Award is established to recognize a School Bus Technician who exemplifies the characteristics of excellence and quality and whose work results in a safer school bus and school bus travel for our children.

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 technician measured against the criteria we have defined. This is not a competition, but a recognition and celebration.

ELIGIBILITY

- The school bus technician’s employer/supervisor must be 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 TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

1764 Route 9, P.O. Box 356

Clifton Park, NY 12065

Or electronically to: Membership@nyapt.org

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AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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CRITERIA FOR AWARD

- Overall Excellence Demonstrated as a School Bus Technician (20%)
- Educational Background (10%)
- Continuing Education (20%)
- Involvement with Drivers and Other Staff (20%)
- Service to Other Organization or Fleets (10%)
- Structured Involvement in Training or Mentoring Others (20%)

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.

SPONSORED BY PTSI:



We are thankful to the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute for generating the idea of and sponsorship support for the School Bus Technician of the Year Award.

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2024 APPLICATION**

NAME and TITLE of NOMINEE: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS IN CURRENT POSITION: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE PUPIL TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY: _____

EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION: _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE #: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSES IN THE FLEET: _____

CRITERIA AND FACTORS FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

(Please respond to each factor thoroughly and accurately and provide documentation where such is available. This 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 Technician (Discuss the comprehensive reasons why this technician should receive this award in your opinion and from your observations.)

Educational Background (Describe the educational background of this nominee. List all certifications that the nominee has as they pertain to pupil transportation.)

CONTINUING EDUCATION (List and describe all the ways that this nominee continues to grow within our industry.)

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Involvement with Drivers and Other Staff (List and describe all the ways this nominee positively interacts with other people both in their department and outside of their specific department.)

Exemplary or Complimentary Service to Other Bus Fleets (Describe one or more significant actions taken by this technician to help out other school bus fleets.)

Structured Involvement in Training or Mentoring Others (Describe any occasions where this nominee has trained another technician or has become a mentor to any other technicians that would make 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 TECHNICIAN NOMINATED FOR THIS TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD HAS HAD NO PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS OF ANY KIND DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR AND 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 SKILLS AS A SCHOOL BUS TECHNICIAN WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION.

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DATE: ___ / ___ / ___ SIGNATURE: _____