

The Program

The AAA School Safety Patrol program has been protecting children going to and from school since 1920. Millions of young people across the United States and 30 other nations worldwide volunteer their time each day to help ensure the safety of their peers.

AAA Ohio Auto Club helps former School Safety Patrol members further their education after graduation through the AAA School Safety Patrol \$1,000 Grant program. Each year, we present \$1,000 grants to 10 high school seniors who once participated in the AAA School Safety Patrol program. To date, more than 255 high school seniors have been awarded over \$240,000 since the program started during in 1987.

Who can apply

Students from the following counties are eligible to apply: Allen, Auglaize, Belmont, Butler, Carroll, Coshocton, Crawford, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Guernsey, Hardin, Harrison, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Stark, Union, Van Wert, Wayne, Wyandot, and the City of Barberton.

How to apply

To apply, students must complete the application form on the next page. Only the official application form or a copy may be used to apply. Additional information is encouraged and may be attached to the application form. **Students are also required to write a 500-word essay, submit official school transcripts, and provide at least one written letter of recommendation.** The essay question and requirements can be found below.

Essay requirements

A 500-word (minimum) essay is required addressing the following:

- Describe how being a member of the AAA School Safety Patrol has influenced you. What did you learn from this experience?

Make sure to touch on the following topics in your essay:

- Describe a specific experience from the patrol that influenced you. What did you learn from this experience?
- What values did the AAA School Safety Patrol teach you as a young elementary student?
- What advice would you give to current AAA School Safety Patrollers and why?

Be sure to include personal experiences and specific examples in your response. Spelling and neatness are considered. All essays must be typed and double-spaced.

Once all applications have been reviewed finalists will be chosen for a phone interview with members of AAA Ohio Auto Club's Traffic Safety Department, who will make the final decision. Recipients of the grants are chosen based on their academic performance, school and community service, the essay and the interview. Finalists who are interviewed but not awarded the \$1,000 grant will receive a \$250 grant.

Applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than Friday, February 28, 2020.

No application will be accepted without the signature of the guidance counselor or other school official and the applicant.



The Application

Personal Information – Please print clearly. Use black or blue ink only or type.

Full legal name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____
Date of Birth ____/____/____ Male ____ Female ____ High School _____

Academic Performance – An official school transcript must be included with application.

Class Rank, if applicable: _____ out of _____ High School Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

College Entrance Test Composite Scores, if applicable: ACT _____ SAT _____

To what institutions or schools have you applied? Please list: _____

School Safety Patrol Experience

At what school did you serve as a School Safety Patrol member? _____ What year(s)? _____

Name the teacher or principal who supervised the Safety Patrol program where you served _____

Activities – Additional information may be attached to the application.

School activities you have participated in: _____

Out-of-school activities you have participated in: _____

Special awards or honors: _____

References – A written letter of reference from one of your three names must accompany your application.

List the names and addresses of three references, excluding family members.

1: Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

2: Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

3: Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Certification – This section must be completed and signed in order to be eligible.

I affirm that the information on this application is accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Please Print: Guidance Counselor/Other School Official (Full Name) _____

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____ Date ____/____/____

X _____
Signature of Counselor/School Official

X _____
Signature of Student Applicant

Completed application packets must be submitted to:
AAA Ohio Auto Club, Attn: Kellie O'Riordan
90 E. Wilson Bridge Rd, Worthington, OH 43085.

Materials must be postmarked no later than
Friday, February 28, 2020.

Name and address of local newspaper

