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To: Principals and Guidance Counselors

From: Emma Lindholm, Traffic Safety Program Manager, AAA Ohio Auto Club

Re: AAA School Safety Patrol™ \$1,000 Grant

AAA Ohio Auto Club is offering high school seniors the opportunity to apply for one of ten \$1,000 grants by competing in the AAA School Safety Patrol \$1,000 Grant Scholarship Program. The program is limited to high school seniors who once served as a member of the AAA School Safety Patrol and is designed to help former School Safety Patrol members further their education after graduation.

To enter, students must complete the attached application form, which seeks information on academic record, safety patrol experience, in-school and out-of-school activities, and references. Additionally, applicants must write a minimum 500 word double-spaced essay, provide school transcripts and include a letter of recommendation. Please review the attached grant application for more details.

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

Applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than **Tuesday, March 29, 2016**. No application will be accepted without the signature of the Guidance Counselor or other school official, and the applicant.

Do not hesitate to contact [elindholm@aaaohio.com](mailto:elindholm@aaaohio.com) with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Emma Lindholm'.

Emma Lindholm  
Traffic Safety Program Manager  
AAA Ohio Auto Club

# 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 has been helping former School Safety Patrol members further their education after graduation through the AAA School Safety Patrol \$1,000 Grant program. Each year ten \$1,000 grants are presented to high school seniors who once participated in the AAA School Safety Patrol program. To date, more than 200 high school seniors have been awarded over \$200,000 since the program started during the 1987-1988 school year.

## 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.

## Not Just For College

The grants are not limited only to students planning to attend a university or college. The grant money can be used for an apprenticeship program, enrollment in a trade school or participation in any other recognized program that will help students further their education following graduation from high school.

## 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.

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## 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.



# 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.

- High School Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Weighted ☐ Unweighted
- 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.
  - A: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_
  - B: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_
  - C: 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Counselor/School Official Signature of Student Applicant

Completed application packets must be submitted to:

**AAA Ohio Auto Club, Attn: Emma Lindholm, 90 E. Wilson Bridge Rd, Worthington, OH 43085.**  
**Materials must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 29, 2016.**

Name and address of local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
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