



Distinguished Service to Safety

an **NSC** award

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the NSC Distinguished Service to Safety Award?

This is the most prestigious award given to individuals by the National Safety Council in recognition of outstanding service and contribution in the field of safety.

The Distinguished Service to Safety Award (DSSA) has been awarded since 1942.

Who is eligible for this award?

Anyone working in safety is eligible for nomination. However, the nature of the contributions required for a successful submission mean that a person can receive this award only once in their lifetime. Other awards, including the NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award, may be more appropriate for individuals earlier in their careers.

Does the nominee or nominator have to be a member of the National Safety Council?

No, membership in the National Safety Council is not required. Membership status or investment in the National Safety Council is not shared with the review committee.

My nominee received an award from the National Safety Council or another entity. Is he or she eligible for the Distinguished Service to Safety Award?

Yes. There is no consideration given to other awards during the judging process.

Is there a fee to apply?

There are no fees to apply for this or any other individual NSC award.

How and when will the winner be notified?

Winners are notified directly. The NSC Distinguished Service to Safety Award winner will be notified in advance and publicly honored as part of an upcoming NSC Congress & Expo.



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NOMINATION PROCESS

When and how are submissions accepted?

The National Safety Council will accept nominations via an online portal. The link to the portal and submission dates are available at nsc.org/dssa. No paper or emailed submissions are accepted.

How will my nomination be judged and by whom?

All submissions will undergo a technical and media review by National Safety Council staff. The top submissions will be forwarded to a review committee made up of external reviewers.

I've never completed a nomination before. What do I need to know?

The application can be started, saved and accessed repeatedly throughout the nomination period. All eligible NSC Distinguished Service to Safety Award nominees must have one to three letters of recommendation.

You will need to answer questions related to:

- The nominee's contribution to safety
- How the nominee has shown leadership and long-term dedication to ending preventable deaths and injuries
- Degrees of involvement with the National Safety Council, other professional affiliations and community involvement

What if my nominee doesn't receive the award?

Each year, the National Safety Council receives many more submissions than can be awarded the honor of a Distinguished Service to Safety Award. We notify the nominator only of status.

The National Safety Council may choose to include the submission for review in the year following receipt.

If I have additional questions, can I contact the National Safety Council?

Yes, please email us at awards@nsc.org



An NSC representative can review your submission and recommend improvement for your application if requested one month prior to the submission deadline.