



## Safe Driver of the Year Award Criteria

### Criteria

- This contest is only open to active members of the National Safety Council.
- All data is self-reported and is subject to verification.
- Nominees must be full-time drivers whose primary responsibility is to operate buses, trucks, passenger cars, or other motor vehicles on a regular basis in the performance of their normal duties.
- Drivers who have been involved in a collision during the award period will be disqualified unless it is ruled as a non-preventable incident.
- Nominees must meet the minimum requirement of **15 years or 250,000 miles** driven without a preventable incident to be considered.
- Nominees must have been employed by the nominating member company for at least one year (12 consecutive months).
- Nominations must be made by someone familiar with the nominee's work history, such as a supervisor, coworker, or professional peer.
- Nominees cannot nominate themselves.
- Candidates for the Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year Award are judged based upon their total driving record throughout their career including the following criteria: total number of year's driven, total number of miles driven, total number of collisions, type(s) of vehicle authorized to operate, and the nominator's statement.
- Previous winners of the Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year will not be considered for the award.

### Nominations

- The nomination period runs from January 1 through April 30 each year.
- Deadline for submissions is the close of business, **April 30**.
- One nomination per driver.
- **Winners will be announced in June. Notifications will be sent by email to the nominators.**

### Recognition

**Nominees must meet the minimum requirement of 15 consecutive years or 250,000 consecutive miles driven without a preventable collision to be considered for the Safe Driver of the Year Award and receive recognition.**

- Nominees who meet the minimum requirement will receive the **Safe Driver Award of Honor** and will be automatically considered for the **Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year Award**.
- All qualifying nominees will receive a congratulatory letter and personalized certificate from the National Safety Council.
- All drivers who qualify will be divided into 11 Regions (see map on page 2). The 10 Regional Best winners will be recognized as a Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year Award winner.
- Award winners will be notified by e-mail (via the nominator) .
- The winners will receive a medallion and crystal award. They will also be recognized on stage at the NSC Congress and Expo. Any travel and lodging fees will be the responsibility of the nominating Member Company

# SAFE DRIVER OF THE YEAR REGIONS



## Canadian

All provinces

## East North Central

Indiana  
Illinois  
Michigan  
Ohio  
Wisconsin

## East South Central

Alabama  
Kentucky  
Mississippi  
Tennessee

## Mexico

All provinces

## Middle Atlantic

New Jersey  
New York  
Pennsylvania

## Mountain

Arizona  
Colorado  
Idaho  
New Mexico  
Montana  
Utah  
Nevada  
Wyoming

## New England

Connecticut  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
Rhode Island  
Vermont

## Pacific

Alaska  
California  
Hawaii  
Oregon  
Washington

## South Atlantic

Delaware  
Florida  
Georgia  
Maryland  
North Carolina  
Puerto Rico  
South Carolina  
Virginia  
West Virginia

## West North Central

Iowa  
Kansas  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
South Dakota

## West South Central

Arkansas  
Louisiana  
Oklahoma  
Texas