

## **TEEN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

### ***Promoting Safe Driving Behavior***

Welcome to the SafeLIGHT Foundation! We are excited about our partnership with your municipality and school. The Teen Ambassador Program is a collaboration with the Chief of Police. The SafeLIGHT Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting safe driving behavior through charitable giving to traffic safety programs and people and organizations that support responsible driving.

The Teen Ambassador Program provides continuing education about safe driving behavior for teens who have recently received their driver's licenses. It was created in response to the serious national issue of teen fatalities and injuries from traffic crashes.

To successfully graduate from the program, each participant must sign a driving agreement and adhere to the SafeLIGHT Foundation's rules and regulations on safe driving behavior. In addition to developing and practicing safe driving skills, each teen will serve as a Teen Ambassador within their high school communities by sharing information on the importance of safe driving and encouraging others in their schools to drive responsibly. Teen Ambassadors will also help develop awareness campaigns tied to seasonal events such as prom, back to school, and Teen Driving Awareness Week. At the end of a successful program, students will receive scholarships supporting their pursuits of higher education.

You can find more information about the program, including eligibility requirements, on our website at [www.safelightfoundation.com](http://www.safelightfoundation.com) under the Teen Ambassador Program.

### **Program Eligibility**

- Applicant must be in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Applicant must have a valid driver's license with a clean driving record (no speeding tickets, red light violations, or DUI violations)
- Applicant must pass the Foundation's traffic safety examination in conjunction with the Illinois Secretary of State's office
- Applicant, after being selected as an ambassador, must use a tracking device (safe driving app) at all times while driving - SafeLIGHT Foundation will provide the device
- Applicant cannot have caused any traffic accidents or have been arrested
- Applicant must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Applicant must submit copies of their transcript, school ID, and driver's education certificate of completion and/or driver's license
- Application will be rejected if false information is submitted

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## TEEN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

You must **submit an essay (250-300 words) about the importance of driver safety** that must include the following information.

1. What does driver safety mean to you?
2. What can be done to make roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists?
3. Driving is a privilege - what responsibilities come with the privilege of driving?
4. How can you share information about teen driver safety with your peers and community?
5. As a teen driver, what can you do to make roads safer for all?

### Insert Essay:

**The Teen Ambassador Program is a collaboration with the Chief of Police.  
Please contact and send all information to the following Chief of Police  
Liaison:**

Application and essay must be emailed to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to email or dropped off: \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off location (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**SafeLIGHT Foundation Contact:**

Selected applicants will be contacted by

**SafeLIGHT Foundation Yvonne Davila, Executive Director**

with additional instructions.

For additional information about the  
SafeLIGHT Foundation contact  
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