

TEEN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM *Promoting Safe Driving Behavior*

2026-27 Application

Welcome to the SafeLIGHT Foundation! We are excited about our partnership with your municipality and school. The Teen Ambassador Program is a collaboration with Donate Life Illinois/Gift of Hope. The SafeLIGHT Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safe driving behavior through charitable giving to traffic safety programs and supporting individuals and organizations that promote responsible driving.

The Teen Ambassador Program offers ongoing education on 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, lead Town Hall meetings in January to promote Teen Driving Awareness Month, and promote safe driving behavior on CAN-TV. At the end of a successful program, students will receive a \$2500 scholarship supporting their pursuits of higher education.

The Teen Ambassador Program is made possible by a grant from the Secretary of State's Donate Life Illinois. As a result, Teen Ambassadors are required to engage in up to 20 hours of community service to the Secretary of State LEAD program.

You can find more information about the program, including eligibility requirements, on our website at www.safelightfoundation.com under the Teen Ambassador Program.

Program Eligibility

- Applicant must be in 11th or 12th grade
- Applicant must have a valid driver's license with a clean driving record (no speeding tickets, red light violations, or DUI violations) or be in the process of obtaining a license
- The applicant cannot have caused any traffic accidents or been arrested
- Applicant must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Applicant must submit copies of their transcript, school ID, and driver's education certificate of completion, and/or driver's license
- The application will be rejected if false information is submitted

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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:

SafeLIGHT Foundation Contact:

Selected applicants will be contacted by

SafeLIGHT Foundation Executive Director Yvonne Davila with additional instructions.

For additional information about the SafeLIGHT Foundation, contact 312-924-7238 or email yvonedavila@safelightfoundation.com

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