



## YOVASO Traffic Safety Awards And School Recognition

*It is important to bring recognition to our member clubs and schools for helping save young lives on Virginia's highways.*

*YOVASO's annual Awards Program is held each year during the Summer Leadership Retreat to recognize exemplary youth traffic safety programs and to challenge our member high schools to strive for excellence in their peer-to-peer clubs. The awards are designed to recognize all levels of involvement, from new high school clubs just starting their traffic safety programs to veteran high school clubs working towards earning ribbons for Outstanding Club Recognition.*

### **Award Categories:**

**Programming Awards** (Recognizes innovation and creativity, effectiveness in reaching and engaging the student body, and student leadership in developing and implementing the program.)

★ **Occupant Protection Award**

*In recognition of a member club's outstanding programs and activities to encourage safety belt use among youth and teens. Award may recognize one exceptional program or a body of work.*

★ **Impaired Driving Prevention Award**

*In recognition of a member club's outstanding programs and activities to encourage Zero Tolerance and to prevent impaired driving among teens. Award may recognize one exceptional program or a body of work.*

★ **Distracted Driving Prevention Award**

*In recognition of a member club's outstanding programs to prevent distracted driving among young drivers. Award may recognize one exceptional program or a body of work.*

**Club/Chapter Awards**

★ **Speaking Out and Saving Lives Award**

*In recognition of a member club's spirit and commitment for engaging students throughout the school year in a variety of creative programs and activities that encourage safe and responsible driving and traffic safety. Award recognizes efforts that span the school year, including participation in all annual YOVASO traffic safety campaigns.*

★ **New YOVASO Club of the Year**

*In recognition of a new member club for its work to encourage safe teen driving and traffic safety during its first year. Award recognizes efforts to recruit diverse membership, establish club goals and best practices, complete member training, and begin participation in YOVASO campaigns and safety programs.*

★ **YOVASO Club of the Year**

*In recognition of a member club for establishing and setting the standard for best practices in peer-led youth traffic safety programs. Award recognizes excellence in student leadership and club development, community outreach, engagement of the student body, effectiveness of programming, and participation in YOVASO campaigns and retreats.*

★ **Outstanding Club Recognition**

*In recognition of member clubs that have previously received the Club of the Year Award and continue to maintain the same high level of performance and best practices for peer-to-peer traffic safety programs. Clubs that are recognized for continued excellence will receive an Outstanding Club plaque during the first year of achieving this status. For each subsequent year of achieving this honor, clubs will receive a ribbon to be attached to the original plaque.*

**Student Leadership Awards**

★ **Student Volunteer of the Year**

*In recognition of a student for outstanding service to his/her YOVASO club through volunteer hours to plan, implement, and work on youth traffic safety programs in the school and community. Schools may wish to record volunteer hours on service projects to use in nominating students.*

★ **Rock Star Award**

*In recognition of a student who demonstrates enthusiasm and excitement in his/her school and community for promoting safe teen driving and passenger safety. This student is a champion for the cause and a vocal role model within the school and community.*

★ **Youth Leadership Award**

*In recognition of a YOVASO Youth Advisory Council (YAC) student who demonstrates exemplary leadership skills and a commitment to working on safe teen driving and youth traffic safety programs at the local and state level. The student leads and takes an active role with his/her school club, with YAC, and with the Summer Leadership Retreat.*

**Club Sponsor/Advisor Awards**

★ **New YOVASO Sponsor of the Year (Teacher Advisor)**

*In recognition of a teacher's outstanding support and guidance to the school's traffic safety club during the teacher's first year as advisor for the club.*

★ **YOVASO Sponsor of the Year (Teacher Advisor)**

*In recognition of a teacher's ongoing support and guidance to the school's traffic safety club and commitment to striving for excellence in club growth and development.*

**Law Enforcement / School Resource Officer Awards**

★ **New School Resource Officer of the Year**

*In recognition of an SRO's outstanding support and guidance to the school's traffic safety club during his/her first year as an SRO at the school or first year advising the YOVASO Club*

★ **School Resource Officer of the Year**

*In recognition of an SRO's ongoing support and guidance to the school's traffic safety club and commitment to striving for excellence in club growth and development.*

★ **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**

*In recognition of a law enforcement officer's exemplary efforts and programs to encourage traffic safety among youth in the community, region, and/ or state. May also recognize a law enforcement officer (other than an SRO) for exemplary support of YOVASO programs and/or a peer-to-peer traffic safety club.*

### Other Awards

★ **School Administrator of the Year**

*In recognition of a school administrator (principal, vice principal, superintendent, etc.) for outstanding support of and guidance to the school's peer-to-peer traffic safety club.*

★ **Lifetime Achievement Award**

*In recognition of an individual who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to youth traffic safety and the prevention of crashes, injuries, and fatalities among young drivers and passengers.*

★ **YOVASO Shining Star Award**

*In recognition of an individual and/or families impacted by a crash who demonstrate courage in speaking out in order to help save young lives.*

## **Nominations for Awards**

### Instructions:

1. Please fill out the attached nomination form
2. Provide a description and list of reasons why you nominated this individual, club, or organization, including:
  - A summary of all the programs and projects your nominee worked on to promote safe teen driving during the current school year.
  - Any special notes and comments on why this individual, club, or organization deserves recognition.
  - Refer to the award category explanation for tips on qualities judges are looking for.
3. Completed nomination forms and any attachments are due by **May 15, 2017**.
4. **Must be nominated for initiatives during the current school year**
5. Multiple nominations may be submitted
6. Make additional copies of the form as needed



## YOVASO Annual Awards Nomination Form

Award Category (see categories above):		
Person(s) or School Club (s) Nominated:		
Provide details on why you think this person or club is deserving of the award category in which they are being nominated. Provide a summary of all the programs and projects your nominee worked on to promote safe teen driving and traffic safety and any special comments and details to support the nomination. Refer to award categories for assistance with listing qualities/traits the judges will be looking for. (Use additional paper, if needed)		
Street/Mailing Address of Nominee:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

Your Name:		
Organization You Represent:		
Street/ Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email Address:	