



2018 NSC Community Advancement Award Application Sample

New in 2017, the NSC Community Advancement Award recognizes the impact employers can have on the safety of the communities in which they operate. To be considered for this award, employers must not only have an organizational commitment to health and safety, but express that commitment with programs geared toward employee and families and to the community. The NSC Awards Committee has established the following guidelines to facilitate the nomination process for this award program.

Purpose: The purpose of the NCS Community Advancement Award is to recognize the impact employers have on safety in the communities in which they operate. The award should also inspire other employers to invest in employee health, safety, and community safety initiatives.

Scope: The NSC Community Advancement Award is designed to reward those employers who show excellent organizational commitment; have dedicated programs designed to increase the health, safety, and well being of their employees and their families; and who are dedicated to advancing safety in the communities in which they operate.

The nature of the programs should result in employers who are seen as safety leaders in the community.

Eligibility: To be eligible for nomination, the employer must:

- Have a stated commitment to health and safety for their employees and the community
- Be committed to the health and safety of their employees and their families
- Be engaged in their local community with safety programs as a priority

Criteria: The criteria for evaluating nominations may include, but are not limited to:

- Proven organizational commitment to health and safety of all stakeholders
- Demonstrated collaborations between the employer and other community organizations around safety advancement
- Verified employee health and safety programs that extend to family members
- Promotion of and engagement in health and safety activities in the community

Recipient: This award is specific to the location that has applied for the award and is not transferable to other locations or to organization headquarters, if applicable.

Nominator Guidance: When considering a nomination for the NSC Community Advancement Award, it is important to consider the following:

- Nominators should spend time *early* in the process discussing the nomination process with NSC Award Manager, who can serve as a coach and mentor.



- The nominator's obligation to the nominee and the process includes preparing a professional nomination package. A nominator may inform and engage the nominee in preparing this.
- Powerful, successful nominations are crisp in form, clear, neat, organized and not encumbered with extraneous information and endorsements.
- All nominations must be submitted through the online application with all required fields complete. No other documents will be accepted in lieu of the online form.
- Up to four letters of support may be attached to the application.

Deadline:

All nominations must follow the NSC Community Advancement Award guidelines. Final nominations must be submitted online by April 15, 2018.

1. **Describe the organization's overall commitment to health and safety.** This should include a description of how the organization in its entirety shows its dedication to employee health and safety, community safety engagement, and outcomes used to measure each. If part of an organization with multiple sites, this should address the corporate commitment, not an individual site.
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2. **Describe the local organization's overall commitment to the community in which it is located.** Please include organizational plans that show community engagement, organizational outcomes and reporting around community safety engagement, and employee and leadership goals around community engagement. This is site specific, and should not be a corporate response. If encouraged by corporate to have this type of community engagement plan, please include that in Question #1.
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3. **Describe any local collaborations for community engagement (i.e. youth sports associations) and how safety is promoted.** Be specific. Discuss the overall program of community engagement, and include how personal health and wellness programs are promoted in addition to off the job safety, sponsorships, participation, and community programs.
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4. **Describe the local organization's employee and family health and safety initiatives.** This can include (but is not limited to) on the job programs, promotion of off the job safety for employees and employee families, providing training and safety awareness programs, availability of off the job PPE and safety systems, and wellness programs.
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5. **Describe how the local organization encourages employees and teams to get involved in community engagement activities and how they are encouraged to incorporate safety.**
6. **How does the local organization communicate its safety efforts in the community and all stakeholders?**

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