What is the NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award?
Since 2010, the National Safety Council (NSC) has been honoring the next generation of safety professionals through the Rising Stars of Safety Award. The Rising Stars of Safety are under 40, provide safety leadership in their organization, and are dedicated to continuous improvement in safety.

Who is eligible to apply?
Any organization around the world can nominate their safety professionals, whether or not the company they work for is an NSC Member. Candidates cannot nominate themselves. An awardee must be under 40 as of October 31, 2019.

Does the nominee or nominator have to be a member of the National Safety Council?
No, membership in the National Safety Council is not required. Any corporation, organization, coalition or individual is eligible to nominate someone for the Rising Stars of Safety Award. The criteria do not reflect membership status or investment in the National Safety Council.

I have several great young safety professionals. Can I nominate more than one?
Absolutely! NSC recognizes many organizations have large safety programs around the country and around the world – or just a number of exceptional employees. Nominations are unlimited; however, every organization can only have one winner.

My nominee received an award from the National Safety Council or another entity. Is s/he eligible for the NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award?
Yes. There is no consideration given to other awards during the judging process.

Is there a fee to apply?
No. There are no fees to nominate someone for the NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award.

Are companies, organizations or individuals outside the United States eligible to nominate someone for the NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award?
Yes. Each year, the National Safety Council celebrates international winners as well as those from the United States.

How and when does the Council notify the winners?
Winners will be notified in May, 2019. The winners are featured in Safety+Health® Magazine, as well as announced publicly through a press release. The winners of the NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award will also be highlighted at the 2019 NSC Congress & Expo in San Diego, receive a free Expo pass, and be invited to attend special events as a part of recognition of their achievement. Travel and hotel costs are at the expense of each attendee.
Nomination Process

When and how does the Council accept submissions?
Submissions are ONLY accepted via an online nomination from September 24, 2018 through January, 2019. Nominations are accepted online only at nsc.submittable.com – no paper or emailed submissions will be considered.

What do I need to have ready to complete the nomination?
The form is not long, but you should be ready to answer a question about your candidate’s:

- Demonstrated leadership
- Leadership in a safety initiative, including measurable results
- Engagement of his or her peers around safety culture
- Demonstrated personal belief in safety to business operations

Additionally, please have a copy of the nominee’s resume, their professional headshot if available, at least one letter of recommendation, and the candidate’s date of birth.

Do you have a sample winning application? I’m not sure I answered the questions correctly.
Yes. Please contact risingstars@nsc.org to request a sample of winning applications. You may also view our “How to write a good submission” document, available here.

Is there someone I can contact to review my submission before I finalize it?
Yes. Please contact risingstars@nsc.org with the subject line Rising Stars Review Request no later than January 15, 2019 for a review and comments on your application.

I am having trouble using the online nomination. How can I get help?
Please email risingstars@nsc.org with Rising Stars Technical Assistance Request in the subject line.

Judging Process

How will my nomination be judged and by whom?
All submissions undergo a technical review by National Safety Council subject matter experts. Recommended winners are then subject to background check and media review to ensure they align with the NSC Awards values and are working toward the goals of the National Safety Council – to eliminate preventable deaths in our lifetime.

If I have additional questions, can I call the National Safety Council office?
If you have additional questions, please contact Sarah Van Huis at sarah.vanhuis@nsc.org.