Rising Stars of Safety Award

This award recognizes safety professionals under 40 who show dedication to safety leadership at work.

2021 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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?
Organizations around the world can nominate their safety professionals, whether or not the company is an NSC member. Candidates cannot nominate themselves and must be under 40 as of Oct. 31, 2021.

I’m not sure I have time to complete the application. How long will it take?
The NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award is one of the shortest applications the National Safety Council uses, and usually takes around an hour.

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.

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

My nominee received an award from the National Safety Council or another entity. Is he or she 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?
There are no fees to apply for this or any other individual NSC 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 U.S.

How and when does the Council notify the winners?
Winners will be notified in June 2021. The winners are featured in Safety+Health® magazine and announced publicly through a press release. The winners of the NSC Rising Stars of Safety Award will also be highlighted at an upcoming NSC Congress & Expo, 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.
Frequently Asked Questions continued

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

**When and how does the Council accept submissions?**
Submissions are ONLY accepted via an online nomination through April 11, 2021. 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 these questions about your candidates:

- 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, 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.

**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 March 5, 2021 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 dedicated to the mission of the National Safety Council — eliminating the leading causes of preventable death so people can live their fullest lives.

**If I have additional questions, can I contact the National Safety Council?**
If you have additional questions, please contact risingstars@nsc.org