



Thank you for your interest in the 2026 AWYS Scholarship program. Please read all the important information about the application process below.

Applications for 2026 scholarships will be accepted between 01/07/26 and 4/17/26.

Deadline: April 17, 2026

Application Criteria:

1. Qualified applicants must be graduating seniors, going on to college, university, or technical/trade school, *and active members of the AWYS ambassador club on their school campus.*
2. Fully completed and properly submitted applications include **both** of the following and must be submitted via the application link on the website.

1. **Create a 1–3-minute Public Service Announcement** with the goal of impacting your peers so they will ALWAYS wear their seatbelt. We are looking for creativity! **PROVIDE an accessible and active link to your PSA.** *Examples of information to include Humor, statistics, public figures as representatives, victim impact stories, and personal stories (with permission).*

Submissions may be a written document, script (example: characters, setting, and messaging), and/or include graphics or video. Be sure to include your name and high school on all elements.

2. **Write ONE 500-word essay** that responds to both questions below: Write or copy/paste into the application form.
 - I. Why is seatbelt use important to you?
 - II. How have you participated in raising seatbelt safety awareness on your campus and in your community?

Entries must be original, previously unpublished work and must not infringe on any third-party copyright, trademark, privacy, or other intellectual property. Partial submissions will not be considered.

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Please email questions to: admin@alwayswearyourseatbelt.org

Thank you for your submission and for ALWAYS wearing your seatbelt!

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