

Announcing the 2027 Lifesavers Conference Traffic Safety Scholar & Fellows Program

Ever thought about a career in traffic safety? Traffic safety is a multidisciplinary field with exciting opportunities in government, nonprofit organizations, private industry, and academia. Whether you're new to the field or a former Traffic Safety Scholar pursuing graduate studies, the Traffic Safety Scholars & Fellows Program can help you build connections, gain valuable experience, and explore career paths in roadway safety. Apply today to become a 2027 Lifesavers Conference Traffic Safety Scholar or Fellow.

The 2027 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars & Fellows (TSSF) Program provides scholarships to help offset the cost of attending the Lifesavers Conference on Roadway Safety, taking place March 6–9, 2027, at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your professional network, learn from leading roadway safety experts, and connect with traffic safety professionals from across the country. Whether you are exploring a career in traffic safety or advancing your professional development in the field, the TSSF Program offers a unique and valuable conference experience.

We invite undergraduate and graduate students interested in traffic safety to apply for the Traffic Safety Scholars and Fellows Program. Approximately twenty Scholars will be selected to receive the following benefits:

- Three (3) nights of lodging at a Lifesavers Conference-sponsored hotel (March 6-9, 2027; check-in Saturday, March 6, check-out Tuesday, March 9).
- Reimbursement of eligible travel expenses, up to a maximum of **\$500** with receipts.
- Reimbursement of the **\$350 conference registration fee** paid by the recipient upon acceptance of the scholarship.
- Meals and a **meal stipend of \$50** to cover those not provided
- Scholars will be divided into cohorts, which will participate in activities, potentially including leading a discussion during a Lifesavers Conference workshop. Scholars may be asked to assist with volunteer responsibilities as needed.

Previous Traffic Safety Scholars who are currently pursuing a graduate degree are encouraged to apply to become one of approximately four Traffic Safety Fellows, each of whom may receive the above scholar benefits *and*

- An additional **\$300 Fellowship stipend** upon successful completion of all Fellowship requirements

Fellows are paired with a traffic safety professional mentor and serve as leaders for a cohort of Scholars, providing support before and during the conference. Prior to the conference, Fellows will host a virtual meet-and-greet with their cohort and participate in online planning meetings (estimate two to three) with the TSSF Committee. During the conference, Fellows will organize an evening activity for their cohort and may be asked to assist with volunteer responsibilities as needed. Returning Fellows are welcome to apply; however, preference will be given to first-time Fellows.

How do you apply to become a Traffic Safety Scholar or Fellow?

To apply, you must be enrolled full- or part-time at an accredited college or university during the Fall 2026 academic year and must remain enrolled during the Spring 2027 semester to be eligible. Scholar applicants may be undergraduate or graduate students. Fellow applicants must be current graduate students and previous Traffic Safety Scholars.

Applicants must complete and submit the online application, including a recommendation from an academic advisor, through the Lifesavers Conference website by midnight (Eastern Time) on October 1, 2026.

International Applicants

Students from outside the United States must have, or be able to obtain, the appropriate travel authorization, including a visa if required. Applicants will be asked to attest that they have initiated the necessary travel documentation process. Even if you attended a previous Lifesavers Conference without a visa, please verify current entry requirements before applying.

Application Review Process

All eligible applications will be reviewed by a committee of traffic safety professionals. Applications must include a 60–90 second video that meets the Traffic Safety Scholars and Fellows (TSSF) requirements. Applicants may be invited to participate in an interview as part of the selection process.

The Review Committee reserves the right to adjust the number of Scholars and Fellows selected based on available of qualified applicants and funding.

What happens if you are selected?

All applicants will be notified of their application status on or before November 2, 2026. Selected applicants must confirm acceptance of their scholarship award by November 15, 2026.

Approximately twenty Scholars and four Fellows will be selected, subject to number of qualified applicants and available funding. Scholarship awards will be distributed following the conference and completion of all required program activities. *

The scholarship is intended to help offset expenses associated with attending the Lifesavers Conference, including transportation and meals.

To receive their scholarship, selected Scholars and Fellows must:

- Participate in their cohort's virtual pre-conference meet-and-greet orientation held December 2026 or January 2027.
- Pay the \$350 TSSF registration fee, which includes access to conference workshops, plenary sessions, the exhibit hall, networking events, designated meals, and refreshment breaks.
- Attend the entire 2027 Lifesavers Conference (March 6–9, 2027), including all required Traffic Safety Scholars & Fellows events.
- Share their Lifesavers Conference experience through LinkedIn and provide the link to Lifesavers Conference for promotional purposes.
- Assist with volunteer responsibilities as needed.

In addition to the requirements above, Fellows must:

- Schedule and host the virtual pre-conference meet-and-greet with their Scholar cohort before mid-January 2027.
- Participate in online planning meetings, as needed, with the TSSF Committee prior to the conference.
- Organize a cohort activity during the conference.

A letter of recognition and scholarship payment will be issued following the conference and successful completion of all program requirements.

***ALL TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOLAR & FELLOW REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET
IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FULL SCHOLARSHIP**

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