

THE LOWELL WOLF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Traffic Observation Contest 2023

Walk Safe Long Island's annual Lowell Wolf Memorial Scholarship is taking the form of a Traffic Observation Contest in 2023. Two winners will receive \$1,000 each!

The Challenge: Observe the pedestrian, cyclist, and driver behavior in the main intersection around your high school, take some photos of the area, and complete the provided Traffic Observation Worksheet. Then write an essay about the area surrounding your school, your observations, and your suggestions to improve the area's safety for all road users.

Details and Guidelines

The contest is open to high school juniors and seniors, who are Long Island or Queens residents, and who submit an observation worksheet and essay adhering to the following parameters:

- Applicants must observe the pedestrian, cyclist, and driver behavior in the main intersection around your high school at a time when there is a high level of pedestrian, cyclist, and driver traffic, such as arrival or dismissal. Record your observations using the [Traffic Observation Worksheet](#) provided by Walk Safe Long Island. Applicants must observe the area two different high-traffic times, once at arrival and once at dismissal, for a minimum of 30 minutes per each observation.
- Applicants must submit an essay of at least 500 words that outlines the following:
 - School's address and main intersection (road names) of student observation
 - Description of intersection with photo(s)
 - Summary of observations pertaining to pedestrian/cyclist/and driver behavior
 - Summary of any problems/hazards observed at the intersection
 - Choose one or more of the proven safety countermeasures or roadway improvements outlined [here](#) by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration to improve the intersection you observed, and explain how the intervention you chose would improve the intersection
 - Summary of any other suggestions you would make to improve the intersection
- Digital submission in Microsoft Word or PDF format
- Submission of observations and essays, regardless of selection for award, gives the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety (award-granting entity) permission to use and re-purpose content for educational and promotional purposes related to submission's original content
- Feel free to use as inspiration and/or reference:
 - [U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Proven Safety Countermeasures](#)
 - [The New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law for Pedestrian Enforcement](#) and/or [this quick reference guide](#)
 - [Department of Transportation \(DOT\) website](#) and materials on pedestrian education
 - [Governor's Traffic Safety Committee \(GTSC\) website](#)
 - [The Three Es – Engineering, Enforcement and Education](#)
 - The [See! Be Seen! Campaign](#)

Deadline: Wednesday May 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm

A prize of \$1,000 per student will be awarded to two winners!

About Lowell Wolf

Lowell Wolf was a Nassau County Transportation Project Manager and professor at Farmingdale State College, SUNY. His interests and concern for pedestrian safety led to a position as an educator with the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety. NYCTS is a grant based nonprofit dedicated to and funded by the New York State Governors Traffic Safety Committee. Lowell's work involved sharing best practices for transportation safety as well as creating educational programs and events throughout Long Island, with the goal of reducing preventable traffic injury and death. This scholarship is a fitting tribute to Lowell, as it ensures the education of future generations. Road safety audits like these in the scholarship will make more increase awareness and help create changes to dangerous intersections, thus saving lives.

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