



Nomination Information & Instructions

In an effort to promote highway safety and inform the general public about the trucking industry, the Tennessee Trucking Association (TTA), through the Tennessee Trucking Foundation (TTF) created Tennessee's Road Team. The Road Team is a statewide campaign to promote highway safety to the public. The program was created and continues with major funding from **Bridgestone Commercial Solutions and Pilot Company**.

The Tennessee Trucking Association is taking nominations for professional truck drivers, both men and women, who can take our industry's safety message to the citizens of Tennessee. These drivers must be willing to spend **one to four days per month** from January 2024 through December 2025 demonstrating the trucking industry's commitment to safety and its value to the economic growth of Tennessee. Road Team appearances include teen driver safety education, aging driver safety education, drivers' education classes, community activities and meetings, TTA-sponsored activities and trucking events, including safety banquets and driver meetings (**Mandatory Annual Convention Attendance each September**). The Road Team's top goals are to create a safer driving environment on our highways and reinforce a positive image of trucking throughout Tennessee.

Eligibility and Requirements

1. Nominees must currently be employed by a member in good standing with the TTA, be full-time truck drivers and remain full time truck drivers for their two-year term, either as company drivers, owner-operators or independent owner-operators. If at any time during their active term a driver becomes ineligible under these requirements, the supervisor must advise TTA immediately.
2. Nominees must have an outstanding safety record, **and must maintain after selection**, a record which includes absolutely no preventable accidents or ticketed violations in either their company truck or TTA No Zone truck and personal vehicle for the previous three years and during their Road Team Service. **PLEASE INCLUDE THE LATEST MVR ON RECORD FOR EACH NOMINEE.**
3. Nominees must be able to clearly and convincingly communicate their commitment to safety and courtesy. They must also be able to represent a positive and professional image of the trucking industry.
4. If selected, the nominees must be willing to spend one to four days each month from January 2024 to December 2025, traveling and speaking on behalf of the Tennessee trucking industry in the promotion of highway safety. **This is a two-year commitment.**
5. The nominating company must be willing to continue to pay full salary and provide benefits to the driver throughout the **two-year** period, including the time spent traveling for the Road Team. In the case of an owner-operator, the company must be willing to pay the driver his/her overhead costs, plus an additional sum equal to his/her profit per day for each day spent traveling for the Road Team. **TTA will pay all travel expenses associated with a Road Team appearance (lodging, \$30 per diem per day for meals, IRS mileage rate).**
6. An independent owner-operator who is a dues-paying member of TTA may act as both nominating company and candidate. TTA will pay travel expenses but will not be responsible for compensating a self-sponsored owner-operator for overhead or lost profits while traveling for the Road Team.

In selecting the representatives, emphasis will be placed on the driver's safety record and ability to speak knowledgeably about the trucking industry.

How to Nominate a Driver

The "nominator" must be either a motor carrier executive with the authority to commit his/her company's support for the program, or a self-sponsored owner-operator. The nominator should also confirm before submitting the nomination that the candidate is willing to participate in the program.

After the individual has been nominated, it is the nominator's responsibility to immediately notify the Tennessee's Road Team office at TTA if the candidate becomes ineligible at any time during the selection process.

Once nominations are closed, TTA will announce a group of finalists who have qualified to come to the TTA Office in Nashville on Friday, January 19, 2024, for personal interviews and selection process. At that time, a panel of industry professionals will select the 2024-2025 Tennessee Road Team Captains who will join the 2023 Captains who will be starting their second year of service. Drivers who are selected will be required to attend two days of training at the TTA headquarters in Nashville on **February 15th and 16th, 2024.**

To nominate a driver, please complete the nomination form enclosed and return it to: **Tennessee's Road Team, Tennessee Trucking Association, 4531 Trousdale Drive, Nashville, TN 37204, 615-777-2882, FAX 615-777-2024 or email to cfoster@tntrucking.org.**

Nominations for Tennessee's Road Team must be received by Friday, January 5, 2024. Interviews and Selection will be held Friday, January 19, 2024.



Tennessee's Road Team

2024-2025 Nomination Form

Please complete the following information on the person you wish to nominate to Tennessee's Road Team.

NOMINATOR

Name _____ Title _____

Employer or Lessor _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

CANDIDATE

Name _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Preferred method of contact: Cell _____ Email _____ Text _____

Spouses Name _____ Children's names _____

How many years has the candidate been a professional truck driver? _____ Years with present employer? _____

How many miles has the candidate driven in his/her career? _____ Is the candidate an owner-operator? _____

Equipment licensed to operate Manual _____ Automatic _____

How is driving assignment described? (city, over-the-road, regional) _____

What commodities does the candidate typically carry? (general commodities, produce, petroleum) _____

Type of Carrier (truckload, LTL, hazmat, bulk, auto, mover, other) _____

Candidate's Local Terminal _____

Who will approve each Road Team event request? _____ Phone _____

Has the candidate ever been involved in an accident while driving a truck, either preventable or non-preventable? yes / no
If yes, please list and explain (on separate sheet) date of occurrence & circumstances, and whether ruled preventable/non-preventable.

Attach a photo of the candidate to this form

INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

Please list any industry-related honors or awards, including company awards, the candidate may have won (truck driving championships, million-mile safe driving award, 5-year safe driving award, etc.)

Please describe, if any, the candidate's involvement in company or industry-related programs, such as driver or safety training.

Please list any community service activities such as leadership in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, Little League, etc.

Please list any affiliation with civic groups such as Rotary, Optimists, Fraternal Lodges or similar organizations.

Please briefly mention any additional hobbies or interests.

Please list any previous speaking experience or media training (including presentations at company or industry functions).

NOMINATOR'S STATEMENT

On a separate sheet, please tell us why you think the candidate would make a good representative for Tennessee's Road Team. Is he or she articulate? Does he/she work well with people? Does this person demonstrate a concern for the trucking industry's image? How? What other things should be considered in reviewing this person's progress?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

On a separate sheet, please tell us why you would like to represent the trucking industry as a member of Tennessee's Road Team.

Signature: _____ Date: _____