



LifeSmarts

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National LifeSmarts Championship 2018: Information for Teams

Focus: Competition 1, Travel Stipends, Deadlines, and Resources

Dear Coaches and Team members,

We are so excited to see you in San Diego April 21-24, 2018, competing for the National LifeSmarts Championship title! Each week leading up to Nationals we will share special updates with you through this San Diego Sun newsletter. Our hope is that this will help you prepare for Nationals by providing helpful information and timely updates.

Competition 1: OTC Medicine Safety Project and Poster Design

To help LifeSmarts celebrate the Year of Health and Safety, state champion teams will conduct a community service project featuring the [LifeSmarts OTC Medicine Safety Mentoring materials](#). Using the project components, teams will teach younger students about medicine safety, or conduct a community event. Team Competition 1 asks teams to produce a poster describing their community service project. Teams will earn up to 120 points for this activity. See pages 11-12 of the [State Champion Coach Memo](#) for additional details.

- [Team travel stipends](#) are available through this project.
- [Student post-secondary scholarships](#) are also available.

Safety Smart Team Travel Stipends

LifeSmarts ongoing partnership with Underwriters Laboratories (UL) provides teens the opportunity to focus on health and safety curriculum while giving back through community service.

We give you everything you need: the presentations, the lesson plans, the worksheets, and videos featuring Timon and Pumbaa from Disney's *The Lion King*. You take it from there –present the fun, entertaining content to kids ages 4-10, and you can use it to fulfill community service requirements you may have. See all materials at this [link](#).

By participating now, you benefit two ways:

- Earn a travel stipend for your team. Stipends are available for teams who present at least five Safety Smart Ambassador programs between now and Nationals. Every participating team is

guaranteed at least \$500. Once we know how many teams will participate this year, the stipend could increase. Last year we were able to provide stipends ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 per team, based on the number of [presentation reports](#) submitted. Submit your [stipend request form](#) on the LifeSmarts site .Emily Stevenson is available to answer your questions regarding presentations, reporting and stipend requests. stevenson@fairpoint.net.

- [Students may earn \\$1,000 scholarships](#) for post-secondary education by submitting a PowerPoint documenting their experience presenting Safety Smart lessons. *Five scholarships will be awarded to students attending Nationals.* Scholarship applications are due April 13, 2018.

Deadlines

- March 16: [Register your team with LifeSmarts](#)
- March 20: [Hotel deadline to book your sleeping rooms](#)
- March 21 (5 p.m. Eastern) and March 27 (3 p.m. Eastern): Coach calls (join one); Dial 1-888-585-9008, conference room: 310237369#
- April 2: Stipend One Request Form and SSA/OTC Presentation Forms due
- April 13: SSA Scholarship Applications
- April 13: Additional SSA/OTC Presentation Forms due

Resources

- Much more information is available on the [2018 Team Reference Page](#).
- Also be sure to review the [State Champion Coach Memo](#).
- If you have any questions, please email us: Lisa Hertzberg (lisah@nclnet.org) and Chantal Spruill (chatals@nclnet.org).
- If you need help getting started with the OTC or Safety Smart community service projects, contact Emily Stevenson (stevenson@fairpoint.net).