



2023 Lowell Wolf Memorial Scholarship

**OPEN TO ALL LONG ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

- Submit an essay about the pedestrian, cyclist, and driver behavior in the main intersection around your high school, and you would be a winner!
- 2 winners, 1 in Nassau County & 1 in Suffolk County, will each receive a **\$1,000** scholarship!

**For more info visit
[walksafeli.org/scholarship 2023](https://walksafeli.org/scholarship2023)**

**Due
May 31st,
2023**



Questions?

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*Due online
by
May 31st!*

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—one from Suffolk, one from Nassau—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.



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Details and Guidelines

The contest is open to high school seniors, who are Long Island 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](https://walksafeli.org/scholarship2023) provided by Walk Safe Long Island (enclosed and available at walksafeli.org/scholarship2023). 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 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 ([links available at walksafeli.org/scholarship2023](https://walksafeli.org/scholarship2023)):
 - [U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Proven Safety Countermeasures](https://www.fhwa.gov/safety/cameras/)
 - [The New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law for Pedestrian Enforcement](https://www.dmv.ny.gov/traffic-law/) and/or [this quick reference guide](https://www.dmv.ny.gov/traffic-law/)
 - [Department of Transportation \(DOT\) website](https://www.dmv.ny.gov/traffic-law/) and materials on pedestrian education
 - [Governor's Traffic Safety Committee \(GTSC\) website](https://www.governor.ny.gov/traffic-safety-committee/)
 - [The Three Es – Engineering, Enforcement and Education](https://www.dmv.ny.gov/traffic-law/)
 - [The See! Be Seen! Campaign](https://www.dmv.ny.gov/traffic-law/)

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

A prize of \$1,000 per student will be awarded to one (1) winner in Nassau County and one (1) winner in Suffolk County

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.

Walk Safe Long Island is produced for the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety by the Long Island Health Collaborative.





Traffic Observation Worksheet
2023 Lowell Wolf Memorial Scholarship Contest
Instructions for Observations of Pedestrian and Bicyclist Behaviors

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Roadway being Observed: _____

Number of Times Observed: _____

Dates: _____ Times of Day: _____

Directions:

Please check off all of the features that best describe this location/intersection. Indicate number of vehicle lanes and any allocated parking. Also note whether or not there is a median strip. It is suggested that you do at least 2 observations at two different times of day (perhaps morning and afternoon).

Roadway/Sidewalk Description

1. _____ Number of vehicle lanes N/S.
2. _____ Number of vehicle lanes E/W
3. _____ Median strip
4. _____ Vehicle parking lane
5. _____ Parking permitted at all times of day *(Please indicate if parking is allowed but restricted to certain hours)* _____
6. _____ Sidewalks available on all sides of the roadway
7. _____ Marked Bicycle Lane
8. _____ Entrance/Exit into school parking lot

Signals/Signs and Roadway Markings

11. _____ Traffic Signal at location (if there is no signal skip to #12)
12. _____ Leading Pedestrian Signal
13. _____ Countdown Signal
14. _____ Walk Signal will not Activate unless Walk Button is Pushed
15. _____ Walk Button does not have to be Pushed to Activate Walk Signal
16. _____ Pedestrian Crossing Signs



17. _____ Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Signs (lights/sounds, etc.)
18. _____ Speed Limit Signs
19. _____ Crosswalk clearly marked
20. _____ Crosswalk striping worn off

Other, please list anything in the physical environment that you think could impact on a pedestrian/bicyclist/scooter's ability to safely cross the street or that would otherwise render this location as "high risk" for any roadway users.

NOTES:



Behavior Observation

The purpose of this observational study is to identify behaviors on the part of all roadway users, especially pedestrians and bicyclists, that might lead to an injury or fatality caused by a motor vehicle. Once you have completed your physical observation of the location you should provide recommendations to reduce identified risk factors and improve roadway safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

If this list does not have a behavior you observed, and believe to be risky, please record it in the space provided at the end of check-off list.

PEDESTRIAN BEHAVIORS

	<u>Total Number of Ped.</u>
1. Using cellphones when crossing	_____
2. Wearing headphones	_____
3. Crossing in crosswalk	_____
4. Not crossing in crosswalk	_____
5. Failure to push button to activate Walk signal	_____
6. Cross with traffic signal	_____
7. Cross against traffic signal	_____
8. Cross mid-block or away from crosswalk	_____
9. Fail to check for on-coming traffic in both directions	_____
10. Fail to check for left or right turning vehicles.	_____

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, MOPEDS

1. Total number of bicycle riders	_____
2. Total number of standup scooter riders	_____
3. Total number of moped riders	_____



Bicycle Riders

- 4. Number wearing helmets _____
- 5. Using cellphones _____
- 6. Riding in bike lane or street _____
- 7. Riding with traffic _____
- 8. Riding against traffic _____
- 9. Riding on the sidewalk _____
- 10. Disobeying traffic signal _____

If any of the following were not observed skip this section.

Standup Scooter Riders

- 11. Number wearing helmets _____
- 12. Using cellphones _____
- 13. Riding in bike lane or on street _____
- 14. Riding with traffic _____
- 15. Riding against traffic _____
- 16. Riding on sidewalk _____
- 17. Disobeying traffic signal _____

Moped/Seated Scooter Riders

- 18. Number wearing helmets _____
- 19. Using cellphones _____
- 20. Riding in bike lane or on street _____
- 21. Riding with traffic _____
- 22. Riding against traffic _____
- 23. Riding on sidewalk _____
- 24. Disobeying traffic signal _____
- 25. Going wrong way on one way street _____
- 26. Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian _____