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Information and Nomination Guide



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Anyone is eligible to nominate or be nominated for an ISSP Talon Award. ISSP membership IS NOT required. The Talon Award was established to recognize excellence and advance safety.

For additional information, email us at: [contact@isspsafety.org](mailto:contact@isspsafety.org) or call (US) 405.694.1644

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#### **Why establish the ISSP Talon Safety Excellence Award?**

The International Society of Safety Professionals (ISSP) established the Talon Safety Excellence Award to formally recognize safety managers, organizational leaders, other personnel, and organizations for a significant and meaningful contribution to safety. The ISSP is dedicated to advancing the global safety effort. Recognizing meaningful safety contributions is critical to achieving that objective.

#### **Why Talon?**

Talons are tools used by the great birds of prey to achieve victory. Each ISSP safety excellence award is named after one of several great birds of prey. These magnificent birds are rulers in their environment and are recognized as being superior in their respective communities, as are top safety professionals and safety performers. As such, it is fitting to name ISSP's Safety Excellence Award program after these great and majestic birds.

#### **Must I be an ISSP member to nominate or receive a Talon Safety Excellence Award?**

No. Anyone can nominate or be nominated for an award. The ISSP is dedicated to fostering and facilitating the highest level of safety accomplishment for an organization. Recognition of safety excellence is essential for achieving high levels of safety performance and maintaining a positive safety culture. As such, anyone and any organization is encouraged to participate in ISSP's Talon Safety Excellence Award program.

#### **Who is eligible to receive an award?**

Any deserving individual, team, or organization can be nominated for a Talon award. (see ***Table of Awards***)

#### **What are the ISSP standards and considerations for approving an award?**

Nominees ARE NOT automatically approved. In order to preserve the integrity of the Talon Safety Excellence Award program, the ISSP Awards Review Committee will conduct an in-depth review to determine the suitability of each nominee. This assessment may consist of contacting references and beneficiaries of the safety contributions, if deemed necessary, to learn more about the nominee. To be approved, a nominee must be upstanding, respectable, and possess highly regarded character. The ISSP reserves the right to deny any nomination without stating reason or cause.

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#### How can I nominate someone for an award?

Nominating someone is easy.

1. Go to [www.isspsafety.org](http://www.isspsafety.org)
2. Click on “Talon Safety Award”
3. Download and complete the nomination form. Once complete, upload the nomination form to the website under the “Nominate” tab. Enter your contact information, including email address and shipping address. Enter your credit card information. Your card will not be charged unless the nomination is approved.
4. The Award Review Committee will evaluate the nomination and provide direct feedback.
5. If the nomination is approved a certificate will be emailed and a plaque will be mailed to the nominating party for presentation.
6. Submit pictures of the award being presented to be added to the TSEA Hall of Fame by emailing to [contact@isspsafety.org](mailto:contact@isspsafety.org)!

#### What is the cost?

\$200 USD per approved nomination.

#### Where is the award shipped to?

The approved award is mailed to the nominating party to present. Additionally, the certificate is emailed to the nominating party to present. *Note – Due to mailing restrictions, some international locations may receive only the emailed certificate.*

#### Who can nominate a person for an award?

Anyone that believes a person, team, or organization they know of is deserving. This is an excellent opportunity for employees to nominate each other for a significant safety award.

#### Who nominates an organization for an award?

Anyone that believes an organization they know of is deserving. It is acceptable to nominate your organization.

#### How do I receive the Award?

The plaque is shipped to an address specified by the nominator. The nominator, or their designee, is responsible for presenting or coordinating the presentation of the award.

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<b>Award</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Standards</b>
Falcon Award	Awarded for excellence in safety management	<p>Awarded to Safety Manager/Director for exceptional contribution to their organization safety initiative, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant improvement of safety infrastructure.</li> <li>• Significant contribution to organizational safety objectives.</li> <li>• Significant self-improvement and or professional development.</li> <li>• Innovation and implementation of safety tools that significantly improve or enhance safety.</li> <li>• Noteworthy contribution to the safety community at large.</li> </ul>
Eagle Award	Awarded for leadership or management contribution to safety	<p>Awarded to organizational leaders and senior managers for significant contribution to their organization’s safety program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant involvement or support resulting in enhanced safety culture or safety achievement.</li> <li>• Demonstrating support and involvement of the organization’s safety program through resourcing safety management professional development and promotion of safety.</li> <li>• Demonstrating a high degree of organizational safety objective achievement.</li> </ul>
Hawk Award	Awarded to supervisors and line employees for safety contribution	<p>Awarded to supervisors and line employees for significant support of their organization’s safety objectives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assuming a role as “Safety Champion” on the floor or workplace.</li> <li>• Making an innovative safety suggestion.</li> <li>• Extraordinary promotion of or contribution to organization safety goals.</li> </ul>
Osprey Award	Awarded for lifetime, career, or safety innovation contribution	<p>Awarded to safety professionals for significant lifetime, career, or safety innovation Contribution, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years of contributions to the safety community at large.</li> <li>• Lifetime safety contribution or achievement in a respective industry or aspect of safety, such as: trucking, oil &amp; gas, healthcare, construction, aviation, mining, transit, rail, etc. or human factors, investigation, ergonomics, safety management process, or other related areas.</li> <li>• Significant contribution to safety through authoring publications, books, or articles.</li> </ul>
<p>Kettle Award</p> <p>Hawks form kettles (flocks) prior to migration. Kettling serves as a form of avian communication, as well as a way of gaining altitude and conserving strength.</p>	Awarded to a team for significant safety contribution	<p>Awarded to a team of safety personnel for significant contribution to their organization or the safety community at large, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contribution to the organization’s safety goals.</li> <li>• Innovation that significantly improved or enhanced safety.</li> </ul>

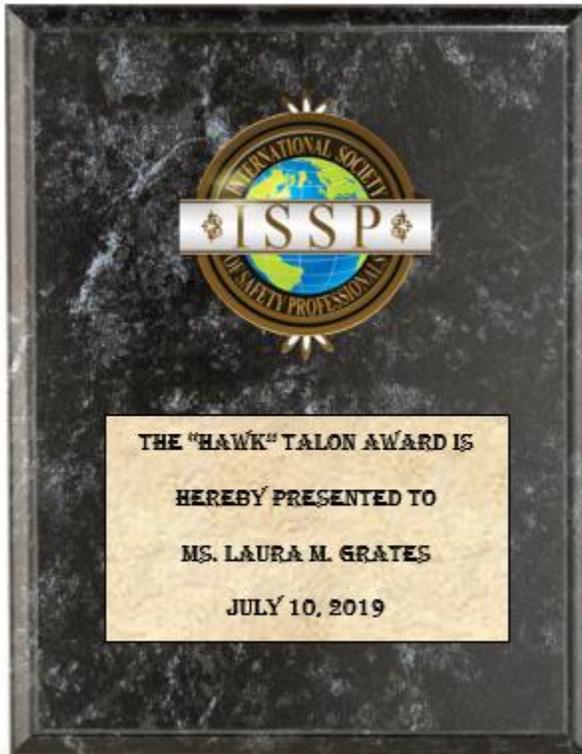
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Example Talon Award Plaque



Example Talon Award Certificate



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